



Principal's Corner

*As I arise today,
may the strength of God pilot
me,
the power of God uphold me,
the wisdom of God guide me.
May the eye of God look before
me,
the ear of God hear me,
the word of God speak for me.
May the hand of God protect me,
the way of God lie before me,
the shield of God defend me,
the host of God save me.
May Christ shield me today.*

*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit,
Christ when I stand,
Christ in the heart of everyone
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears
me.*

Amen

REMINDERS

Friday, March 18: 8:15 a.m. Meditations on the Stations of the Cross.

9:30 a.m. Reconciliation.

Saturday, March 19: Eighth grade Confirmation.

Tuesday, March 22: 7:00 p.m. Football registration in the cafeteria.

****Special lunch**

Thursday, March 24: Seder Meal for grades 6-8.

9:15 a.m. Last Supper Prayer Service.

Friday, March 25: Good Friday, No School



Please keep in your prayers our eighth graders as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday.

May they see in us the works of the Holy Spirit.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of
your love.
Send forth your Spirit and
they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of
the earth.**



SHOP Corner

Don't forget to order SHOP gift cards. It is one of the easiest ways to help reach your fundraising goal and help the school! Please keep in mind that the SHOP Program also accepts donations for the Lemont Food Pantry. When placing an order online, you can select Food Pantry under the Non Manna Scrips drop down menu and any dollar amount is accepted. The SHOP program also offers gift cards to a variety of local businesses, including Gelsosomo's, Chipains, United Cleaners, Lemon Tree, Peppers, Berkots, Tai San and Bottles. Help support local business and purchase gift cards! Place your orders today online at www.mannaorders.net.

Thank you,
Your SHOP Team



Welcome to **CELTICS CORNER** -
Here you will find information regarding our athletics program.

UNIFORM DROP OFF: Please bring in your clean uniform in a zip lock baggie, with your name on it, and return it to the bin by the front office after your team photo has been taken.

Car decals available for sale- Cost— \$3 each. They are available at all home games, at the office, or through the Thursday envelope. Send your payment and order form to Laura Kerfin c/o Sarah (8th).

Openings for the 2016/2017 Athletics Board -WE HAVE ONE FILLED AND TWO MORE TO GO!!! We are looking for people who will help mould the athletic program, want to meet new families, and have fun in the process! It also meets your volunteer requirement!!!

BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2016/2017: It's never too early to start thinking about joining the Athletics Board. Be a part of promoting our wonderful program. Positions open for next year as of now are: **Treasurer and Concessions Coordinators (2 person team)**. Positions need to be filled by April 2016 for transitional purposes. If you have any questions, please contact any board member or email your questions to athletics@stals-stpats.org.



ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please call the office in the morning by 8:30 a.m. and state the reason for the absence. Also upon your child's return, please send a note to the teacher.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Holy Saturday, March 26
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Please join St. Patrick Church in their First Easter Egg Hunt! The hunt will begin at 10:30a.m. **right here at St. Al/St. Pat's School!** There will be activities going on before and after. All are welcome. This event is an open house-style and for ALL AGES. This event will be held rain or shine!

Please bring your baskets.

Limit: 5 eggs per child.

No registration required.

Any questions please contact katesowder9@gmail.com

FSA News! *It's the corner of eThursday where you can keep up with everything going on in our Family School Association.*

Happy Saint Patrick's Day! If you started off the week of our patron saint by having dinner with us at Gelsosomo's Pizza last Monday, thank you! Also, we expect to have final chocolate sale numbers to you very soon. We were so grateful that 40% of our families participated to make our fundraiser so successful.

Dates to note in March/April:

Seder Meal (6th-8th grade): Thursday, March 24 during school

April Board Meeting: April 7th at 7pm at school

April Gelsosomo's Pizza Date: Monday, April 11

Spring Assembly: Legos! Thursday, April 21 during school

2016-2017 FSA Board Opportunities: We have board positions available for next year. Take care of your mandatory volunteer hours having a ton of fun with great parents and students! Please click on the [VolunteerSpot Button](#) on the FSA webpage to sign up. At this time, we are in need of a board secretary. Also, our president and room parent coordinator have reached the end of their current term, and while they are willing to sign on again for next year, we would like to extend these positions to all parents.



Please contact any FSA Board Member with questions or concerns.

Have a blessed week!!

I found this article recently and wanted to share it with you.

HOW CAN I GET MY KIDS TO DO CHORES?

Here are the Top 10 Tips to get your children to do chores and take responsibility:

1. Provide support but don't take over.
2. Give more privileges as they become more responsible.
3. Let them make as many decisions as possible.
4. Teach them what they are supposed to do and how to do it.
5. Praise progress along the way, not just accomplishments.
6. Notice when they're doing what they're supposed to, not just when they aren't.
7. Assign chores that suit their temperament, maturity, and interests.
8. Hold them accountable by setting rules and following through on consequences.
9. Encourage them to find a place where they can and want to give their all.
10. Meet your own responsibilities with a positive attitude.

When children are so busy with school work and extra-curricular activities, you may be reluctant to burden them with household chores. However, research has found that kids who were most successful in school and in life began doing chores at three to four years of age.

At any age chores build a "can-do, want-to-do feeling" that teaches life skills, encourages self-sufficiency, and enables them to contribute to their world.

Through chores, children learn that there are standards they need to live up to and that they will be expected to keep meet their responsibilities.

(Taken from the "Center for Parenting Education.")