

# Corpus Christi School Early Childhood Center March 2008 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The ECC classes are carefully watching the weather, and studying those changes in the earth, which signal the beginning of Spring. We are also studying the changes in our hearts that show us the difference between the sorrows of the Lenten season and the joy of Easter. All of the teachers are using the Lenten season to build the children's anticipation of Easter. We have had to make a few adjustments, with Easter falling so early this year.

## March's Upcoming Events:

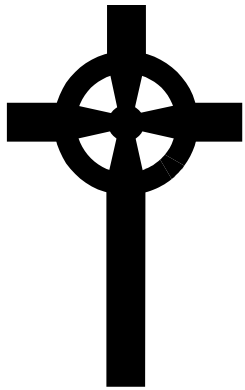
- 3     **Kindergarten Early Dismissal 1:15pm.** Afternoon class remains 3:10 pm.
- 4     Spring Pictures for all classes in session on Tuesday, including afternoon
- 5     Spring Pictures for Mrs. Ruiz's 3-day 4-year-old class only
- 7     **School and Extended Day Closed for Teacher In-service Training**  
Daycare is open
- 9     Daylight Savings Time- Clocks spring forward!
- 12    Lenten Prayer Service 9:45 am
- 17    Happy St. Patrick's Day
- 20    **Early Dismissal at 11:15 am; No afternoon class! Daycare Open.**
- 21    **Easter Break Begins- Good Friday School is Closed- NO Daycare**
- 23    Happy Easter!
- 24    Easter Break- School is closed until the 31<sup>st</sup>. Easter Camp begins.
- 28    Last day of Easter Camp
- 31    Classes Resume

*Please make special note of the fact that school is closed on March 7<sup>th</sup> for teacher training. We will close early on Holy Thursday- at 11:15 with no afternoon class. Thank you.*

**Re-registration is underway!** There are approximately 60 families currently at the ECC who neglected to return the re-registration form that we sent home the last week of January. On the form there was a place to indicate if you do not intend to enroll of the fall. We have now passed the February 29<sup>th</sup> deadline for guaranteeing your child a spot as a returning student. Please let the office staff know what your intentions for your child's fall enrollment are right away. You can email your plans to Mrs. Fry at: [afry@corpuschristischool.org](mailto:afry@corpuschristischool.org). Thank you!

**Book-It! Beginners starts today!** Please take a few minutes to read the pink page also coming home today explaining the annual Book-It! Program sponsored by Pizza Hut. The program is designed to encourage parents of Preschool students to read to their child every day. Keep track of what you read at home and help us help your child to love reading! This program does not include Kindergarten.

**Rice Bowl reminder:** Please remember to return the Operation Rice Bowl carton to your child's teacher prior to the Prayer Service on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The coins collected will be donated along with the other campus to support the charitable works of Catholic Relief Services worldwide. Please write your child's name somewhere on the container before you send it in.



## Saint of the Month: Patrick, Bishop (385-461)

Ireland is the only country in Western Europe where the Church was established without martyrdom, due largely to the grace and love of St. Patrick. While there are probably legends surrounding the miracles performed by this holy man, we do know many factual details of his life thanks to the survival of his autobiographical *Confessio*. We know that he was 16 years old when he was kidnapped from his Roman family in Britain and sold into slavery in Ireland, where he suffered for six years. The voice of God guided him to freedom, and a vision in a dream urged him to return to Ireland to convert the pagans there. We as parents and teachers are lucky to have the legend of the Shamrock, and how Patrick used its three parts to teach children about the Mystery of the Trinity.

*“Christ shield me this day: 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 arise, Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me”.*

*(from “The Breastplate of Saint Patrick”)*