



March Youth News Page

**Happy
St. Patrick's Day!**


Announcements:

- ❖ Sat. March 18 ~ Bowling at Start & Strikes ~ 2-4 p.m.
Grades PK-Grade 5. R.S.V.P. by Wed. March 8
- ❖ Every Friday in March and April 7: Lent Supper 5-6:30 p.m.
- ❖ Every Friday in March: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

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## God's Super Hero: St. Patrick/Feast Day March 17

Patrick was born in Scotland in the year 387 and was the son of a Roman military officer. At the age of sixteen Patrick was captured by pirates and sold as a slave to a chief in Ireland. For six years he worked as a shepherd, suffering from cold and hunger as well as his loss of freedom. He finally turned to God, his only hope, as he looked for a way to return home. Eventually, with God's help, Patrick escaped but before returning home, he went to Rome, where he became a priest. He begged the Pope to let him return to Ireland as Ireland was a country of pagan people. The Pope made him a bishop and then sent him as a missionary to Ireland, to a place where no one had ever preached the Gospel before. The people of Ireland lived in tribes and clans and worshiped pagan gods, they were kept away from any other religious influence. Patrick started with the most powerful clan. The clan chief respected Patrick and was converted. However, there were plots against Patrick's life and he was arrested by one of the pagan kings. When the king saw the miracles worked by Patrick, he said, "Tell me about your God, the one who has given you great power." "There is but one God," answered Patrick, "in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." Picking up a green shamrock he said, "Even as there are three leaves on this one stem, so there are three Persons in one God." After that, Patrick was allowed to preach the new Faith everywhere in Ireland. His missionaries later brought the Christian faith to many parts of Europe.





## ASH WEDNESDAY

The ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday are usually obtained by burning palm branches that are left over from Palm Sunday of the previous year. When the priest applies ashes to our forehead, we hear the words,

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

The ashes on our forehead remind us of the Lenten call for penance and conversion.

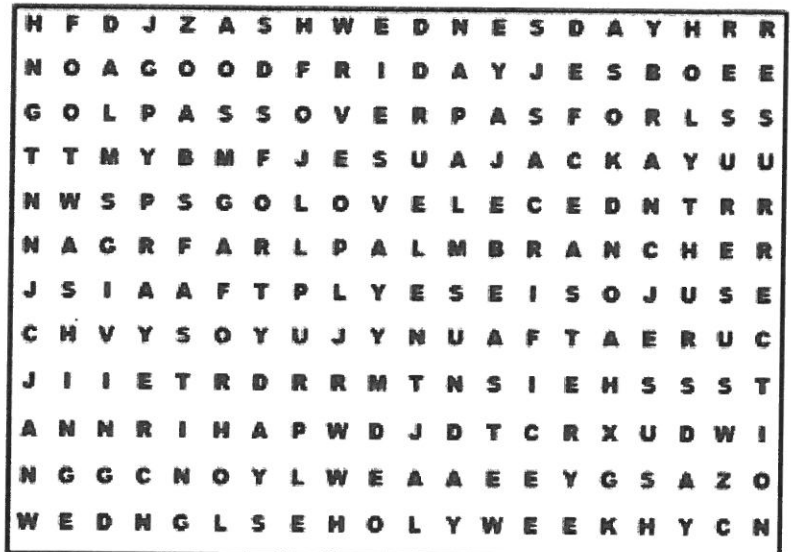


### The Work of Lent

We participate in the work of Lent through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. All three practices encourage us to open our eyes and hearts to the darkness of sin and grace and to ask for forgiveness of sins and personal faults. These practices also make us better disciples because they remind us to get back to the basics and to carefully consider what is important. In other words, Lent is a time for reprioritizing what is going on in our lives.

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| Ash        | Holy Week     | Palm Branch  |
| Wednesday  | Holy Thursday | Forty Days   |
| Sacrifice  | Good Friday   | Jesus        |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover     |
| Prayer     | Easter        | Foot Washing |
| Fasting    | Palm Sunday   | Resurrection |
| Lent       | Purple        | Love         |



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March 17th  
Saint  
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The **shamrock** is a symbol of the Holy Trinity.



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