



# LIONS PRIDE MONTHLY

April 2026

**Living the Lion's Faith from Mrs. Luzzo - The True Easter Meaning: Celebrate Christ's Resurrection and Hope:** After the quiet reflection of Lent and the sorrow of Good Friday, Easter morning breaks forth in radiant light. The stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty, and Christ is risen. *Alleluia!*

Easter is more than a single day on the calendar, it is a season of rebirth, renewal, and overflowing grace. It reminds us that no matter how heavy our burdens or how long our nights, God's light always prevails. And that same light is meant to take root within us.

**What Easter Really Means:** The story of Easter began over 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, freely offered His life for our salvation. After His death on Good Friday, He was laid in a tomb. Three days later, just as He had foretold, He rose from the dead. This miracle, the Resurrection, became the foundation of Christian faith. As early as the second century, believers gathered each spring to celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death, honoring the mystery that changed the world forever.

**The Resurrection: Heart of Christian Faith:** The Resurrection is the heart of Christian faith. It proclaims that love is stronger than death, mercy greater than sin, and hope more enduring than despair. When Jesus rose, He didn't simply transform a moment in history, He transformed *every* human story. Through His Resurrection, Christ opened the gates of Heaven and gave every soul a reason to hope. Our suffering is never the final word. Every cross we carry, every trial we face, can be redeemed through His grace. The Resurrection assures us that God brings life from what seems lifeless, joy from sorrow, and purpose from pain. It calls us to live as people of hope, grounded in the truth that Christ's victory is also our own.

This Easter, remember: Christ's victory is not distant or abstract. It is alive each time we choose faith over fear, compassion over indifference, and love over anything that would dim the light within us. Let His Resurrection transform your heart, so that, through you, His light may touch the world.

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**Lion's Learning Lessons from Mrs. Carman** - April is National Poetry Month, and our literacy blocks are currently filled with the rhythm of verse. Beyond the page. Some of my favorite children's poets are Shel Silverstein, Jack Prelutsky, Robert Louis Stevenson, and Dr. Seuss.

Family Reading Challenge: Now that Spring is here, enjoy some reading time outside. Spend

some time reading outside and send us your pictures!

Earth Day is April 22. Take a walk outside and see how many insects and creatures you can name.

We are also officially beginning rehearsals and preparations for our End of the Year Show which will take place on the last day of school (more information will come as the date approaches). This production is a cornerstone of our school culture, allowing students to have fun and celebrate their achievements from this school year.

- Final Stretch Mindset: With the end of the year in sight, maintaining a consistent routine is key. Ensure students are getting plenty of rest as we enter this high-energy season.

We are so proud of the growth we've seen in our class list this year. Thank you for your continued partnership in making this a season of success!

### **Raising Lions from Mrs. Hines - When Your "No" Doesn't Match Their Friend's "Yes"**

It's common for children to question rules when they see a friend being allowed to do something they are not. While this can be challenging, it's also an important learning moment.

Every family has different expectations, values, routines, and comfort levels. When parents confidently and calmly stick to their "no," even when another child's parents say "yes," it teaches children several valuable lessons:

- Respect for family rules
- Patience and self-control
- Understanding that limits are for safety and well-being

A helpful response might be: *"Their parents make choices that work for their family, and we make choices that work for ours."* This simple approach acknowledges differences without placing blame or creating comparison.

Children may not always agree with our decisions, but consistent boundaries build trust and help them feel secure. Standing firm — even when it's unpopular — sends the message that your decisions are thoughtful, loving, and meant to guide them well.

**The Healthy Roar from Nurse Rene - Personal Hygiene and Growing Independence-** As children grow, learning to care for their own bodies is an important part of becoming confident and independent. April is a wonderful time to encourage simple personal hygiene habits that help students feel comfortable and ready to learn at school. Please help your child practice : washing hands with soap and water especially after using the restroom, using tissues and covering coughs and sneezes, keeping faces and hands clean throughout the day. These small habits help keep our school community healthy.

Encouraging independence builds confidence. Children benefit from practicing: managing buttons, zippers, and snaps, changing clothes if needed after spills and accidents, asking an adult

for help when something doesn't feel right.

Please remind your child: It is okay to ask to use the restroom when needed, and proper wiping and handwashing are important.

Learning to care for our bodies is one way children take responsibility for themselves and show respect for others. These skills support independence and confidence both at school and at home.

Thank you for partnering with us as your child grows in responsibility and self-care.

**MISSION STATEMENT** - Holy Trinity Catholic School, a ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, offers to early childhood and elementary school students of diverse ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds a superior academic program based on Gospel values. Within a family atmosphere, the school strives to develop the spiritual, academic, personal, creative, and physical growth of each student.

**VISION STATEMENT** - Holy Trinity Catholic School students will be fully prepared to transition to middle school possessing critical thinking skills, an ability to work independently as well as collaboratively, and an awareness of what it means to actively live the Gospel values.

