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End of the year

I cannot believe this is the last month newsletter for 2020-2021 year. I always state in September that April will take forever to get here. But then I know once Christmas break hits, the year goes fast after that, and it has.

We have so much to cover yet before the last Wednesday in April so hold on to your hats and I will update you on what needs to happen for a bunch of our classes.



How are we growing in God's love?

Special points of interest:

- *How is your Lenten sacrifice going?*
- *Holy Week*
- *Jesus Rose from the Dead*

Prayers

I KNOW I TOLD EVERYONE THAT I WAS GOING TO TEST OUT THE STUDENTS THREE TIMES THIS YEAR ON THEIR PRAYERS, BUT WITH ME BEING SHORT ONE TEACHER, WHICH THAT MEANS I AM THE ONE TEACHING THAT

CLASS, I WAS UNABLE TO TEST THE KIDS. I AM HOPING THAT NEXT YEAR WHEN I TEST OUT THE KIDS, I DO NOT SEE KIDS THAT ARE NOT WHERE THEY NEED TO BE WITH THEIR PRAYERS.

PLEASE BE WORKING WITH YOUR CHILD/REN AT HOME WITH THE PRAYERS. IF YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT PRAYERS THEY NEED TO KNOW, PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME AND I WILL HELP YOU.

2020-2021 Yearly Schedule

~~Sept 9 – First night of class~~

~~Sept 16 – Class~~

~~Sept 23 – Mass~~

~~Sept 30 – Class/Confirmation Parent meeting~~

~~Oct 7 – Class~~

~~Oct 14 – Class~~

~~Oct 21 – Class~~

~~Oct 28 – Class~~

~~Nov 4 – Mass~~

~~Nov 11 – Class~~

~~Nov 18 – Class~~

~~Nov 25 – No Class HAPPY TURKEY DAY~~

~~Dec 2 – Class/Confessions~~

~~Dec 9 – Christmas Party~~

~~Dec 16 – Class~~

~~Dec 23 – No Class~~

~~Dec 25 – Merry Christmas~~

~~Dec 30 – No Class~~

~~Jan 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR~~

~~Jan 6 – Class~~

~~Jan 13 – Class~~

~~Jan 20 – Class~~

~~Jan 25 – First Reconciliation and First Communion Parent meeting~~

~~@6pm at Church basement~~

~~Jan 27 – Class~~

~~Feb 3 – Class~~

~~Feb 10 – Class~~

~~Feb 13 – First Reconciliation @10am~~

~~Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday~~

~~Feb 24 – Class~~

~~March 3 – Mass/activity~~

~~March 10 – Class~~

~~March 17 – Mass/activity~~

March 24 – Class

March 31 – No Class/Easter Week

April 4 – HAPPY EASTER

April 7 – Class

April 14 – Class

April 18 – First Communion at 1PM

April 21 – Class

April 28 – Class

2nd Grade-First Communion

First Communion is scheduled for April 18 at 1 PM. Reminder the only places that are saved in church are the pews for the First Communicants and their parents. All other pews are for family and friends and are on a first come first get basis.

Girls attire: White dresses, white shoes. Tights are optional. Veils are optional as well. Please no gloves.

Boys attire: White long sleeve shirts, black or dark pants, dress shoes and tie.

Confirmation

Confirmation Students: Still do not have a date set but as soon as I get one I will pass it along.

Remember the next deadline that is coming up. Sponsor's paper that states they are an active parishioner of their parish needs to be turned into St. Francis Parish. Even if the sponsor is a Parishioner of St. Francis, St. Michael's, Lindsay Holy Family or St. Mary's, the sponsor still needs to have the form filled out by Fr. Olsen stating they are a practicing Catholic in that parish.

Pictures will be after Mass so please do not leave until the group picture is done. Attached in this letter is the order form for pictures. Please return these forms to me at PRE with payments and order forms and I will get them to Pfeifer's.

The group picture is with every student that made their First Communion. The individual picture is when your child is receiving the Body of Jesus for the first time.

I have seen a decrease in the papers for hours being turned in. I can tell you it is easier to get the hours turned in while we see each other during the school year. Once summer gets here, it will be each student's responsibility to get me the paperwork within a couple weeks of when the hours were done. I do not want them all in September as it will be hard for me to randomly call on any hours that are turned in. I also will not help anyone find hours one week before all hours are to be completed. I have been

Parents and 2nd Graders will meet in the church basement and then we will process upstairs when Mass starts, so please be to church by 12:45 PM.

If your child has any item that you want blessed that is received as a gift, please bring it to class on April 21 and I will have Fr. bless it.

Any other questions, please let me know.

telling the students periodically to come and ask for items to do and many items have been suggested for the students so they could get hours completed.

If you are unsure where your student is at for hours, please contact me and I will be happy to help.

HOLY WEEK:

I will ask for one additional paper on the gospel reading aside from Easter Sunday. Meaning I will need a paper from Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday Mass.



If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much more. Just like Jesus did for us.



JC Camp is scheduled for July 29 - August 1. Students will need to find their ride there and ride home.

I encourage families to car pool down there but I highly encourage parents to pick up your child on Sunday.

If those days do not work, in the paperwork there will be alternating dates for other area town's camps.

Confirmation students must attend a JC camp to be Confirmed.



Let your faith bloom so all can see.

EASTER

I hope this year on Easter morning you had a chance to experience the joy of seeing Jesus' Resurrection first hand. I know you are thinking right now, that is kind of weird. Now let's stop and think about this. Jesus died because of our sins. He was not afraid to die, Jesus knew that He was called by God, for each one of us. With His Resurrection it is a new beginning in our life. Try and start a new by forgiving someone that you have not seen or talked to for a while. Before judging someone, put yourself in their shoes and maybe the reason why they do things they do makes sense to them. Take ten minutes out every day to thank God for your good health, for your family,

a safe travel to and from work, the food that you are able to provide for your family and the list could go on and on. Without God in our lives, none of this is possible. Take the time to realize that all our gifts, whether big or small, are gifts from God.

When you see flowers blooming, trees budding, grass turning green, baby animals being born, robins singing in trees—think of Jesus coming into our lives new. So let us start this part of our lives anew.

It's never to late to start fresh with God. Remember that Jesus told His followers it is never to late to turn back to God, open your hearts and hear the work of God.



**Have you prayed
to Jesus lately?
He's been waiting**



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