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- *Jesus Rose from the Dead*
- *Jesus is our Savior*
- *Have you seen God's beauty lately.*

End of the year

I cannot believe this is the last month newsletter for 2022-2023 year. I always state in September that April will take for ever to get here. But 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.

I am so ready for spring. Yes I know, we had a very mild winter

and it could have been worse, but I am ready to be outside after work, I am ready to be in my garden and I want to take walks that take me an hour before I come back home.

I love looking at God's beauty while I am outside and it makes me think of all the gifts God has given us.



How are we growing in God's love?

Prayers



I KNOW I TOLD EVERYONE THAT I WAS GOING TO TEST OUT THE STUDENTS THREE TIMES THIS YEAR ON THEIR PRAYERS, AND I DID. YOU WILL SEE A COPY OF HOW THEY DID THIS YEAR. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE PRACTICING THEIR PRAYERS OVER THE SUMMER BREAK SO THEY DO NOT GET BEHIND. IF I FEEL A STUDENT IS NOT WHERE THEY NEED TO BE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, I MAY LOOK AT KEEPING THEM BACK A GRADE SO THEY KNOW THEIR PRAYERS BY THE TIME THEY ARE TO BE CONFIRMED.

LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS.

2020-2021 Yearly Schedule

~~Sept 14 First night of class~~

~~Sept 21 Class~~

~~Sept 28 Class~~

~~Oct 2 Bazaar~~

~~Oct 5 Class~~

~~Oct 12 Class~~

~~Oct 19 Class~~

~~Oct 26 Class~~

~~Nov 1 Holy Day~~

~~Nov 2 **MASS**~~

~~Nov 9 Class~~

~~Nov 16 Class~~

~~Nov 23 No Class~~

~~HAPPY TURKEY DAY~~

~~Nov 30 **MERCY MEAL**~~

~~Dec 7 Class/Confessions~~

~~Dec 14 Class/Christmas Party~~

~~Dec 21 No Class~~

~~Dec 25 Merry Christmas~~

~~Dec 28 No Class~~

~~Jan 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR~~

~~Jan 4 Class~~

~~Jan 11 Class~~

~~Jan 18 Class~~

~~Jan 25 Class~~

~~Feb 1 Class~~

~~Feb 8 Class~~

~~Feb 15 Class~~

~~Feb 22 Ash Wednesday~~

~~March 1 **Mass/Stations**~~

~~March 8 Class~~

~~March 15 **Mass/activity**~~

~~March 22 Class~~

~~March 29 **Mass/Stations**~~

~~April 5 No Class Easter Break~~

~~April 9 Happy Easter~~

April 12 – Class

April 19 – Class

April 23 – First Communion

April 26 – Class/Last night of class

2nd Grade-First Communion

It is hard to think that PRE had no 2nd Graders this year for First Communion. Little odd. I do wish all the 2nd Graders in our cluster families a blessed day for their special occasion. There is that exciting feeling when you get to receive Jesus for the first time. You practice and practice and it finally happens.

Please pray for all the 2nd Graders that they continue to be excited each and every time they receive Jesus.



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

JC Camp

JC Camp is scheduled for July 27-30. I don't have any 8th Graders either that will be attending this but I do want to let you know that if you have an older child, they are welcome to be a counselor at JC Camp as they are always looking for students that have attended it and want to share with others God's love. If you have a child that would like to attend as a counselor, let me know and I can get them a form to fill out.

I have been an adult counselor several times and it is very rewarding while you are there. Time goes so fast as there are incredible talks and so much planned each day for the kids.



Let your faith bloom so all can see.

EASTER



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

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.

TEACHERS

I will not preach on this a ton, but I will tell you that I have been told that a teacher is not returning next year to help with the PRE program. With that being said, I did not need a 2nd grade teacher as we had no seconders. I taught the Confirmation class. That puts us down three teachers. I am asking each of you to pray on this as I will need help. Some of you will think you can not do it cause you have to very religious or know all there is to know about being a Catholic. That is not true. I have learned so much from the kids as they ask good questions and if I don't know, I am not afraid to tell them I don't know but I will find the answer and let them know next week.

SO I please ask you to think on this and please consider helping out if you have not already done so while your child is attending PRE.



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