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St. Francis PRE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Keep Christ in Christmas
- Jesus is the Reason for the Christmas Season
- Christmas is a time for giving not receiving

Advent

I cannot believe I am gonna wish you a Happy Holiday's. Thanksgiving was this last week and that means Christmas is four weeks away. This first half of PRE has really flown by. Again, I want everyone to take this time to find the many gifts that God has given you and to talk with your family about these. I talk with the kids at the end of class before we pray about how very fortunate we are to be able to see, hear, and play with friends. I remind

them that not everyone can say that. Some people have no idea what the color red looks like.

Again, have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas. May God shower you many Blessings.

Advent is the time for us to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. Jesus is the best gift we could get this season.



Best Christmas gift is the birth of Jesus

Confirmation

In last months newsletter I forgot to congratulate the 11 PRE students that made the sacrament of Confirmation. This is the sacrament where the Confirmandies took the oath before God and the Archbishop that they will continue to practice their faith according to the Catholic guidelines.

I could not be more proud of them as they have prepared for two years for this day.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

In the past, here at St. Francis at the Children's Mass at 5:30 PM on Christmas Eve, any child in the grades 2nd through 6th Grade were encouraged and welcome to come and sing in the program. Practices were held right after school.

Now you may wonder what is going to happen this year with Covid still around. I did talk with the gal that heads this program and she is still working on the details. So I will tell you what will happen if she gets the green light to move forward with this.

Like I said, practice is after school a couple times a week. Your child do not need to be a good singer, just need to be able to follow simple instructions from the adults there.

I encourage your support on this event.

We are seeing less and less PRE kids participating in this wonderful event. This truly is a fun time for the kids. They get to see family members and old preschool friends. We are one parish even though we are from two different schools but that should not stop us from letting our kids participate in a church event. If this moves forward, a letter will be sent home with the kids with more

Thank God for all the gifts in your life. Not only the tangible items but the items that go unnoticed (our health, our sight, our family, etc)

information.



How often you see God's beauty?

PRAYERS

Everyone should have gotten a copy of the prayers your child/ren need to work on. I will be trying to find a time to test them out again before we go on Christmas break. Some kids are way ahead of where they need to be, which is amazing to see

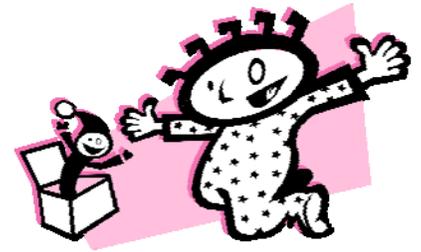
and then there are a few that need to work on a couple prayers so they do not fall behind. I have told the 5th & 6th Graders that all these prayers will need to be recited to Father when it is their time to be Confirmed. It is easier to be a head of schedule then

trying to find ways to learn a lot of prayers in a short amount of time.

Please let me know if you have questions.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

December 8



We have Mass on December 8 for a Holy Day of Obligation, Immaculate Conception. We will first start out at school so drop your child off at school like normal and then I would encourage all families to join us at Mass at 7:00 PM. After Mass you are welcome to pick up your child after Mass. With everyone attending Mass, we will not be going back to school, we will be outside of church for dismissal. Hopefully you will all be at Mass and you will be able to take you child after Mass. Thanks for your understanding to this change.

Are you excited to see your family, that is how you should be when you go to church, you are seeing Jesus in his house.

2020-2021 YEARLY SCHEDULE

~~Sept 8 — First night of class~~~~Sept 15 — Class~~~~Sept 22 — Class~~~~Sept 29 — Class~~~~Oct 6 — Class~~~~Oct 13 — Class~~~~Oct 20 — Class~~~~Oct 27 — Class~~~~Nov 3 — Class~~~~Nov 10 — Class~~~~Nov 17 — Class~~~~Nov 24 — No Class~~~~HAPPY TURKEY DAY~~

Dec 1 — Class/Confessions

Dec 8 — Mass

Dec 15 — Class/Christmas Party

Dec 23 — No Class

Dec 25 — Merry Christmas

Dec 29 — No Class

Jan 1 — HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jan 5 — Class

Jan 12 — Class/First Reconciliation Retreat

Jan 19 — Class

Jan 22 — First Reconciliation

Jan 26 — Class

Feb 2 — Class

Feb 9 — Class

Feb 16 — Class

Feb 23 — Class

March 2 — Ash Wednesday Mass

March 9 — Class

March 16 — Mass/activity

March 23 — Class

March 30 — Class

April 6 — Class

April 13 — Class

April 17 — HAPPY EASTER

April 20 — Class

April 27 — Class/Last night of class/First
Communion Retreat

May 1 — First Communion

Christmas Party

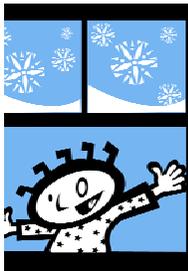
This year's Christmas party will consist of watching a movie with their class and enjoying popcorn and drinks.

For you that are new, we do not do a gift exchange as in the past, presents were left at home and we had hurt feelings for some kids when they did not get a gift. So we just enjoy time away from the books and watch a fun movie.

Archdiocese Coloring Contest

Thank you to every family that helped their child color a picture for the Catholic Voice. I am excited to see if any of St. Francis PRE student gets picked for one of the placements. I saw a lot of good pictures and coloring details were great.

{ Matthew 17:20 - And He *said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. }



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