



Jesus' Birth

I hope everyone took time to spend with close family. This Covid has us all staying close to home and with our family members within our homes. It does not seem like a time to be thankful but we need to thank God for giving us Jesus.

Jesus came on this earth to save us from all evil. Jesus came as a child to a world. Little did He know that He would save us and give us eternal life with God after we leave this earth.

I know I tell my own kids that they need to take time to thank God for the gifts they are given. We all are still healthy,

we still have good jobs, we have friends that we still get to see and the list can go on and on. So just because we

did not get to see our extended families like we would have liked, there are still many things to be thankful for. We just need to stop and "see the small things in life that we overlook a lot".

With that being said, please enjoy this time with your family as we are a little less busy with running to every event that we could run to and find out playing board games and card games with household members is what family time is really all about. Memories that no one can take away from you!!!



God's gifts never melt!!

Special points of interest:

- *Half way through the PRE year*
- *Have you been practicing your prayers*
- *Bring clear water bottle with water in it for kids to have a drink at PRE*
- *Leave toys at home*

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PRAYERS

I HOPE EVERYONE HAS BEEN HELPING THE KIDS PRACTICE THEIR PRAYERS. I KNOW I STATED THAT I WOULD TEST THE KIDS OUT THREE TIMES THIS YEAR BUT WITH ME HAVING TO TEACH 2ND GRADE, IT MAKES IT VERY HARD TO FIND TIME TO SQUEEZE IN TIME TO TEST. I JUST DON'T WANT THE KIDS TO FALL BEHIND COME NEXT YEAR WHEN I DO TEST THEM .

I WILL PROVIDE THE LIST OF PRAYERS THAT EACH GRADE SHOULD KNOW. I WANT TO MAKE SURE NO KID IS FALLING BEHIND AS EACH GRADE THERE IS A PRAYER THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT IS NEEDED TO BE KNOWN. FOR EXAMPLE, SECOND GRADE NEEDS TO KNOW THE "ACT OF CONTRITION" FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION. CONFIRMATION NEEDS TO KNOW REQUIRED PRAYERS TO BE CONFIRMED. AS YOU SEE, IT IS EASY TO KEEP UP ON KNOWING YOUR PRAYERS THEN FALLING BEHIND AND THEN NOT BEING ABLE TO CELEBRATE THAT SPECIAL SACREMENT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PREPAIRING FOR.

Kindergarten-1st Graders:

*Sign of the Cross
Glory Be
Our Father
Hail Mary
Guardian Angel*

2nd Grader:

*Act of Contrition
10 Commandments
7 Sacraments*

3rd-4th Graders:

*Meal Prayers
Order of Mass
Rosary-Mysteries
Stations of the Cross
Apostles Creed*

5th-6th Graders:

*Nicene Creed
Holy Days of Obligation
Hail Holy Queen*

Confirmation :

*Angelus
Fatima Prayer
4 Gospels*

If you need prayer cards, I have a ring of laminated cards with prayers on each one. It is color coded for each grade.



Together we can go far.

2nd Grade

Well we are getting closer to the day when we get to say to Fr. our sins for the very first time. In class we have been going over all the types of sins there can be. We are now focusing on what sins we have done. Some sins we do daily and some are only done once and a while. Some sins some of us make more often

then others.

With that in mind, there will be a parent meeting that will be mandatory for at least on parent to attend on January 25 at 6 PM in the church basement.



Bloom where you are planted.

We will have First Reconciliation on February 13 at 10 AM. Both parents are required to attend. Please come in church attire (meaning no holes in jeans and shirts with graphic designs on them).



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 @ 6 PM in the
Parish Hall/Church basement

Jan 27 – Class

Feb 3 – Class

Feb 10 – Class

Feb 13 – First Reconciliation @ 10 AM

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

April 21 – Class



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FREE THROW CONTEST**

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I made a phone call to see what has been decided on the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. The Knights will be having a meeting this week so they were going to let me know more when they made a decision. When the decision is made, I will generate a letter to send out to all students that would participate.

One thing to keep in mind, this event is free, a parent must accomplish them so bring the paperwork and please attend with them.

Your child does not have to be the best, they just need to come with a good attitude and you never know what the outcome might be. If someone who is very good could have an off day and your child could be the one going on to the next level. Now you don't have to go on to the next level, you would just let the Knights of Columbus Knight know and the runner up will get to go instead. It is really a good time for the kids so think about supporting this as the Knights of Columbus do a lot for our parish.

Just as a reminder, if you ever miss place the PRE newsletter, you can always read the latest one on the parish website. This way you will know when meetings are, if we are having Mass instead of class or what other questions may come up. This is a very good resource to have.



Follow the sun, as the sun
is the Son of Man, Jesus.