

# November 2020

## Halloween

Halloween to many is a night where you dress your child/ren up and you go around to familiar homes to collect candy or goodies. The outfits you pick up out for your child/ren are usually what is most popular or what is cute on them. A few nights are spent to find out what you want each child to wear or how to locate that outfit that they kids want to be.

Most of might forget out Halloween actually came about. Halloween is the night before All Saints Day and All Saints Day is one of the Holy Days of Obligations so we need to make

sure we are attending Mass. When we baptized our children, we pledged before God that we would bring them up in the Catholic Faith. That starts with attending Mass every weekend and all Holy Days. I know, you have tons to do every night and you just can't find time to attend Mass.

I would ask you this, does Jesus state He does not have time for you? Does Jesus state that He has to go to this volleyball game to watch over a child of a mom that prays everyday vs listening to your needs? Does Jesus state He cannot listen to

your prayers cause He has to clean His house or He just does not feel like it tonight?

No, Jesus does not put anything above us. We are the reason He exist. He is waiting for us to talk or pray to Him, He would never tell anyone that something is more important then us. So how come we can put items ahead of attending Mass. Jesus has invited us to His house to celebrate with Him.

I ask you to rethink about finding excuses on why you don't want to attend Mass. Jesus wants to see you and your family.

## Thanksgiving

With Thanksgiving right around the corner we need to remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving. This is the time we get together with family to eat and make memories.

Yes make memories with the people that mean the most to us. If you don't get together with family, then think of why you get together with your friends. Are these the

people you consider your family? Are these people that you are happy being around?



The first settlers had a meal to give thanks for all their blessings. Are you doing that? Are you taking time to thank God for the blessings he has given you? Are you

thanking Him for your health, your family, your safe travels and the list could go on and on.

I believe sometimes we take our health and wealth for granted but this is all gifts from God. None of us are millionaires but none of us are in poverty state either. Jesus has given us all the items we need to give him thanks.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

### Special points of interest:

- > November 1 is a holy day.
- > Have you looked outside to see God's beauty?
- > When was the last time you forgave an enemy?
- > Are you setting an example you want your kids to follow?

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**What was the last book you read? Try listening to a couple stories on the Bible.**



**Would a stranger know you are a Christian by your Love?**



**Don't think of Jesus as old and outdated, but look at him as the best in Technology.**

## Prayers

I know I stated in my opening newsletter that I would be testing the kids on their prayers three times a year. Well since I have had to teach 2nd Grade due to the shortage of teachers, I have not had a chance to test out on prayers yet. I will schedule to get these done before Christmas break.

I will give you the break out of the prayers that are needed to know per class. If you need the prayer cards, let me know, I have a few extras.

Kindergarten-1st Grade:

Glory Be

Our Father

Hail Mary

Guardian Angel

2nd Grade:

Act of Contrition

10 Commandments

7 Sacraments

3rd -4th Grade:

Meal Prayers

Order of Mass

Rosary/Mysteries

Stations of the Cross

Apostles Creed

5th-6th Grade:

Nicene Creed

Holy Days of Obligation

Hail Holy Queen

Confirmation:

They have the list

One thing I will recommend is that you find a time to have your child say the prayer that they are struggling with. I heard when my kids were younger that the best time to say the prayer your child does not know is before bedtime. We all go to bed every

night so why not take an extra two minutes to say your prayer. If that does not work, I would suggest to say it while they are brushing their teeth. There are several opportunities that you can find during your day that will allow you and/or your child to say their prayers and learn them.

## Servers

I have included a paper to any parent that has a child in grades 4th to 7th. If you would or would not like your child to serve, please return this to the next night of PRE. This will give me an idea to let Fr. Olsen know how many kids are interested in serving. This will give Fr. Olsen a better understanding when he could do the training on what day and what time.

Even if you do not want your child to serve, please return it, this way I know everyone has responded and I did not miss anyone.

## 2020-2021 Yearly Schedule

~~September 8 – First night of class~~

~~September 16 – Class~~

~~September 23 – Mass~~

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

~~October 7 – Class~~

~~October 14 – Class~~

~~October 21 – Class~~

~~October 28 – Class~~

November 4 – Mass

November 11 – Class

November 18 – Class

November 25 – No Class

HAPPY TURKEY DAY

December 2 – Class/Mass/Confessions

December 9 – Class/Christmas Party

December 16 – Class/Mass/Confessions

December 23 – No Class

December 25 – Merry Christmas

December 30 – No Class

January 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 6 – Class

January 13 – Class

January 20 – Class

January 27 – Class

February 3 – Class

February 10 – Class

February 13 – First Reconciliation

February 17 – Ash Wednesday

February 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



Make a meeting with Jesus.

**If you forget where  
you miss placed the  
PRE Newsletter, find  
it on the St. Francis  
website.**



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**Do you have an  
appointment with  
Jesus.  
It might be time.**

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**What is Jesus trying to say  
to us?? Let's read about it.**