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## St. Francis PRE

### Special points of interest:

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

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### First Month Down

Here is to one month down and seven more to go. We have a good start to the year even if we were dealt some obstacles. I was waiting to send out this letter till I heard if there was a priest that was going to fill in for Fr. Steve. But I have not heard of a priest to fill in so that means I do not have a priest to have Masses for us. So with that being said, I will write this letter and not list any Masses and then will add Masses to our schedule when we find out who the priest will be.

I want take this time to thank all you parents for taking this pandemic very

seriously. Thank you for understanding to keep you child at home when they are not feeling the best. Sometimes you want to send your child so they learn to be strong through



**Which direction does the Lord want us to go? His direction!!**

their tummy ache but with so much unknown about the pandemic, keeping them home is the best.

Remember to give me a call or a text if you have any questions on what you should do.

Also remember to always text me before 6 PM if your child is not going to make it to PRE. This way I will be able to let the teacher know when they get to school and start prepping for class.

### 2nd Graders

I just heard that First Reconciliation is set for January 22, 2022 at 10 AM. Reconciliation Retreat will be January 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the church basement.

With Reconciliation coming up soon, as a parent, you

can have this discussion with your child as well so they understand what can be a sin while they are at home. They will tour the confessional soon so they know what it looks like.

First Communion is set for May 1 at 1:00 PM.

First Communion Retreat will be April 27 at 6:30 PM in the church basement.

Please mark your calendars for both these events.

If you have any questions, let me know.

## Confirmation



**You should love your God with all your heart., with all your soul and all your mind.**

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

Just to go over a few things before that most important day is here.

Make sure everyone follows the dress code.

Girls: Dresses/shirt and skirt. No spaghetti strap or shoulders showing. Length of dresses or skirts need to be at least to the tips of your fingers when your arm is hanging to your child's side.

Boys: Dress shirts and dress pants. Would like a tie but not mandatory. Dress shoes. Please make sure your shirts are tucked in.

Please make sure the Confirmondies are at church 30 mins before time of ceremony. Sponsors do not need to be there till ten minutes before the ceremony.

Confirmondies need to be there 30 minutes before so pictures can be taken before the ceremony.

Everyone should meet in the church basement after the pictures are taken.

Pews will be saved for the Confirmondies and their sponsor but the other pews will be on a first come first

get basis.

Please plan accordingly if you are asking for family members to come to this joyous occasion.

If you are wanting pictures and have not turn in your form yet, please do so, sooner than later. No picture taking will be allowed during the ceremony.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. If I do not know the answer, I will find the answer for you.

## Bazaar



**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

Thank you to all the parents and students that helped to make this Bazaar an success for our parish. I always have said, one person cannot put on a Bazaar. It takes all of us to make it a success.

So thank you to all who did their part.

For the Confirmation students, I was very happy when I talked to the leaders in the gym to hear how you all stepped up and were great

workers and did anything that was asked.

You have no idea how that makes you look. You are looked at as great members of the church community.

I know the students don't read this newsletter, so please parents, have the kids read this part so they know how they represented not only themselves but the PRE program.

## 2021-2022 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 — Class/Christmas Party

Dec 15 — Class/Confessions

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

### Circle of Grace

Normally we do Circle of Grace after one of our first Masses but with me not knowing when we will be having a Mass, I will be going around to each class to go over this.

Now you might ask what Circle of Grace is. Well I make it very basic for anyone from Kindergarten to Confirmation kids will understand. What we talked about is that we are not to keep secrets if an adult person told us not to tell mom or dad or anyone. The only time we could keep a secret is if it was for a

surprise birthday party.

I told them that we need to listen to our tummies and if our tummies give us a sad face or a scared face then it is not a good thing.

Students were told they can come to us teachers or Fr. Olsen or any adult they see. Even if it was outside of PRE we would listen.

Circle of Grace just wants kids aware that if someone is touching you or asking you to do something that is not morally right, they are to come tell someone. That is

where they need to listen to their tummies.

I also told them that people should not get in our bubble. Our bubble space is the space when we outstretch our arms and turn around and as far above our head our finger tips reach, that is our bubble circle. People should only enter if we allow them to.

If they happen to say something that is what it was. The Archdiocese requires that we teach it to our students.



**What was the last book you read. Have you thought about the Bible? It has lots of good short stories.**

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



**I hope you would invite Jesus in for a cup of tea.**

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