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St. Francis PRE

Special points of interest:

- November 1 - All Saints Day 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 Night of Class

When you receive this newsletter the first night of class has already happened. It was exciting to see new faces and familiar faces. I hope the kids are excited for a new year to learn about the love GOD has for each and everyone of us. We will learn how lucky we are to have Jesus in our lives where He gave His life for each of us.



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

We are thankful for the teachers who have give many years of service to PRE that now have decided to step down and the new teacher who has listened to the call and volunteered to help

teach. I want to thank Jenny Baumgart for her years of service to the kids in the program. I welcome Bruce Masteller who has

volunteered to help teach.

I am still down one teacher so I do ask for each of you to see if you help out with what Jesus has asked each of

us to do. Give of your time, talent and treasure. You would be helping with giving of your time.

I say this all the time, you do not need to be know everything there is about your faith, you just have to be willing to show the kids the love that Jesus has for us and teach them to be disciples of Jesus.

If you think this is something you can help out with, please let me know.

Prayers

I will be working on testing out your child by next month. I will send home where each child is at. I ask that you work with your child at home to help them learn their prayers.

I always say, it is easier to learn one prayer at a time versus learning all the prayers at one time in order to make our First Communion or to be Confirmed.

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?

Mandatory parent and student meeting is set for September 28 at 6:30 PM at St. Francis High School.

Confirmation is set for October of 2023. The time and place is not decided yet. All of those details will come later down the line, but as soon as we know it, I will pass it along.

During the meeting we will be going over all the requirements that will be expected from your child. I will go over when items are due and how important it is to work on these as you go along and not wait till the deadline is close. We all know we are busy so we need to keep that in mind when we are putting off doing the items.

If at any time, you are more then welcome to text me or call me with questions.

BAZAAR

The Bazaar is set for October 2. If you have a child in the 6th grade to a senior, their name was give to the parish to have them work a job at the bazaar. If your child cannot work the time that is assigned to them, please make sure they are switching with someone. It takes everyone to make the bazaar a success.

I do walk around and look at the work schedules to make sure all PRE kids have shown up for their jobs. The shifts are usually no longer than 1 1/2 hour and the time does honestly go by fast.

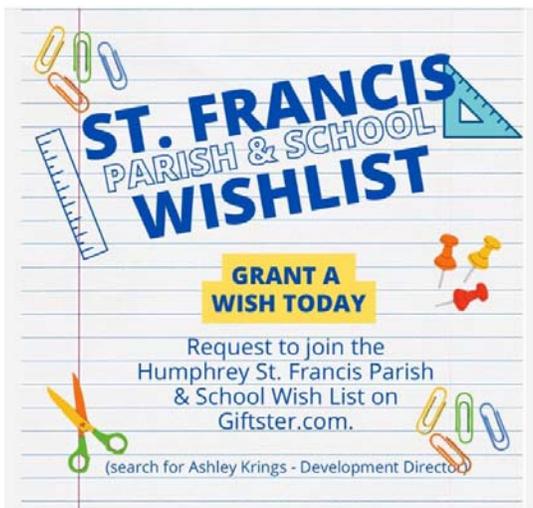
The full list of the bazaar jobs were published in the September 18 bulletin. Please make sure you stop by church to pick that up so everyone in your family knows when they work.

GIFTSTER

You may ask me what is Giftster? This is a new site that has been created by the parish for all areas of the school, parish, daycare and PRE program to list items that they are looking for their area.

Listed on this site are items that each teacher or person within the parish. You can go on there to see if you want to purchase anything.

Here are the step by step instructions on how to access the site. [Microsoft Word - Donor Instructions \(humphreystfrancis.com\)](#)



2022-2023 Yearly Schedule

September 14 — First night of class	January 1 — HAPPY NEW YEAR
September 21 — Class	January 4 — Class
September 28 — Class	January 18 — Class
October 2 — Bazaar	January 25 — Class
October 5 — Class	February 1 — Class
October 12 — Class	February 8 — Class
October 19 — Class	February 15 — Class
October 26 — Class	February 22 — Ash Wednesday
November 1 — Holy Day	March 1 — Class
November 2 — Class	March 8 — Class
November 9 — Class	March 15 — Mass/activity
November 16 — Class	March 22 — Class
November 23 — No Class	March 29 — Class
HAPPY TURKEY DAY	April 5 — Class
November 30 — Class	April 9 — Happy Easter
December 7 — Class/Confessions	April 12 — Class
December 14 — Class/Christmas Party	April 19 — Class
December 21 — No Class	April 23 — First Communion
December 25 — Merry Christmas	April 26 — Class/Last night of
December 28 — No Class	class

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

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