

St. Francis PRE

Living Stations

You may ask what is Living Stations? Living Stations is where our student act out the Stations of the Cross in front of the parishioners of St. Francis. The students will be behind a white sheet while one of their classmates read the passage.

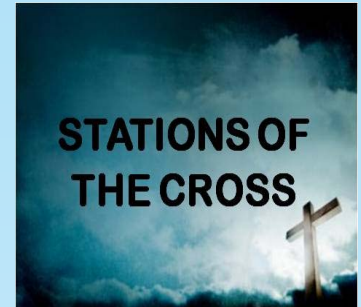
We hosted this last year in the basement of the church and had a good turn out for our first year doing it. This year Fr. Pat has asked us to move it upstairs to church.

I think this will be nice as when we Pray the Station of the Cross on Friday nights they are said upstairs in church. So what better way to show our involvement with the church then to present the Living Stations to the parishioners in church.

The Living Stations will be presented by the 7th and 8th Graders of the PRE program. I invite all families to come and watch this and it was very amazing last year. I ask to have your families come and enjoy this. Please invite other family members to this, PRE students grandparents, aunts and uncles or close family friends. I believe all who come to watch will enjoy.

Living Stations will be held on Wednesday, March 21 at 7 PM in Church.

Students will still need to be at PRE at 6:30 PM and we will part at 8 PM like normal.



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STATIONS *of the* CROSS



Fish Fry

I have heard from a few families on which Friday night during Lent works for them to help out at the Fish Fry's. Please look over the Friday nights and see which night works best for you. If each family helps out, we all have fun and it helps lessen the load on the amount of work that is left for the community members that head this event. The Fish Fry Committee members in the past have been very happy that PRE families have come to help out. The people that come to eat like to see the younger kid involvement. Here again we are doing what Jesus has asked us to do, give of your time, talent and treasure. Here we can give back to Jesus some time. He has given us soooooo much, we should not hesitate to give back to him a little bit of our time.

This Fish Fry is put on by the Lutheran Church, St Francis Catholic Church and the Community Center. So it take the WHOLE Humphrey Community to make this a success not just a few people.

It was told to me that even with two basketball games played out of town last Friday night, our Fish Fry is so well known that they still served over 800 people. This is the main reason I asked to have each family to pick one Friday night to help out. If each of us give one night we will set an example for other parishioners and this sets a great example for our children to show them that volunteering is ok.

Prayers

Easter is April 1 (no joke). With that in mind, there will only be three weeks left for me to test out all students one last time on their prayers. I ask you parents to help your child say their prayers.

I am hoping all students are saying a prayer they need help with every day. I have said it before, I don't care when they say their prayer, if it is while they eat breakfast before they go to school, maybe it is the car ride to school where one can be said or if it is said right before they go to bed that works for me too.

Once I complete the last testing, I will send a copy to parents so they can see where they child is at. This way, as a family, you can practice these prayers over the summer so your child does not go backwards.

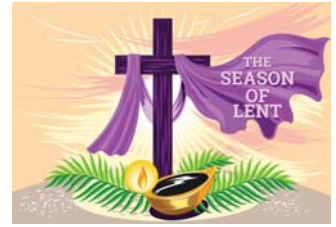
Rolls and Coffee

Thank you to all families that helped with rolls and coffee on February 25. The turn out and participation was amazing. I was very proud of everyone pulling together to help. Thank you, thank you very much.

Just a reminder, if you were not down this time to serve, PRE's the next rolls and coffee will be April 22.



2017-2018 Yearly Schedule



~~Sept 13 — First Night of PRE~~

~~Sept 20 — Class~~

~~Sept 27 — Class~~

~~Oct — Bazaar~~

~~Oct 4 — Class~~

~~Oct 11 — Class~~

~~Oct 18 — Class~~

~~Oct 22 — Confirmation~~

~~Oct 25 — Class~~

~~Nov 1 — Mass~~

~~Nov 8 — Class~~

~~Nov 15 — Class~~

~~Nov 22 — Happy Thanksgiving~~

~~NO PRE~~

~~Nov 29 — Class~~

~~Dec 6 — Class~~

~~Dec 13 — Confessions~~

~~Dec 20 — Christmas party~~

~~Dec 25 — Merry Christmas~~

~~Dec 27 — NO PRE~~

~~Jan 1 — Happy New Year~~

~~Jan 3 — NO PRE~~

~~Jan 10 — Class~~

~~Jan 17 — Class~~

~~Jan 24 — Class~~

~~Jan 31 — Class~~

~~Feb 3 — First Reconciliation and First Communion Retreat~~

~~Feb 7 — Class~~

~~Feb 14 — Ash Wednesday~~

~~Feb 17 — First Reconciliation 10am~~

~~Feb 21 — Mass~~

~~Feb 25 — Rolls and Coffee~~

Feb 28 — Mass

March 7 — Mass with Reconciliation to follow Mass

March 14 — Mass

March 21 — Living Stations at 7PM

March 28 — NO PRE

April 1 — Easter

April 4 — Class

April 11 — Class

April 15 — First Communion

April 18 — Class

April 22 — Rolls and Coffee

April 25 — Last night of PRE





Mass during Lent

During Lent I ask that you drop off your child off at Church as we will be attending Mass each Wednesday night. After Mass we will go to the parish hall for class time. Classes will dismiss like normal at 8 PM so plan on picking the children up at St. Francis Church.

I encourage all families to join us for Mass on Wednesday night as this is a great way to get yourself prepared for the death of Christ. He sacrificed his life for us so that we may live.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will be April 15 at the 10 AM Mass.

I ask that your child be there at 9:20 AM as group pictures will be taken at 9:30 AM and we want all First Communicants to be in the picture.

DRESS CODE

- ◆ Girls are to wear a white dress with white shoes. They can wear either white socks or white tights. *NO gloves*. Girls can wear a head veil.
- ◆ Boys are to wear black pants with a long sleeve white shirt with a tie and dark shoes.

Pews in church will only be saved for parents and First Communicants. Other family members it is a first come first to get a place to sit.

Servers

Fr. Pat has trained two new servers for PRE. I am very happy they have accepted the call to help their parish by being servers. With this in mind, if your child is still on the serving schedule, and they do not show up to serve at Mass, please contact the rectory to have them removed. Now I don't just want you to remove them just because I say to, but please talk with the student/child and ask them why they don't want to serve anymore. Be respectful and make sure this is truly what is best for all involved.

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*Jesus, dear Savior,
during these days of Lent,
I want to fast,
to repent and to pray.
Above all else I want
to stay in the circle
of Your love.
Walk with me and
surround me with
Your light; lead me and
guide me in Your footsteps.
During this season of Lent
help me to follow You
and imitate Your love.
May this cross remind me today
and throughout Lent of
Your great love for me.*

Amen.

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