

St. Francis PRE

Living Stations

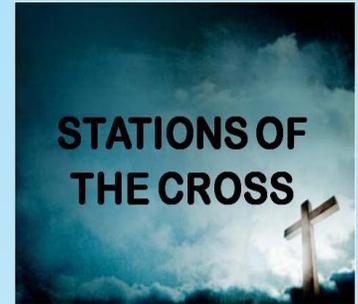
You may ask what is Living Stations? Living Stations is where our student act out the Stations of the Cross in front of the parishioners of St. Francis. The students will be behind a white sheet while one of their classmates read the passage.

We hosted our first one two years ago in the basement of the church and had a good turn out for our first year doing it. Last year we hosted it in church and we had a very good turn out. The teachers and students put a lot of work into this so please come out to watch this.

I think this will be nice as when we pray the Station of the Cross on Friday nights they are said upstairs in church. 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, 8th and 9th graders of the PRE program. I invite all families to come and watch this as it is very amazing. I ask to have your families come and enjoy this as well. 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.

I will update you next month on the date Living Stations will be held.



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STATIONS *of the* CROSS

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is in a short seven months. Still no date yet but I will keep you posted as soon as I have a date. I encourage parents to be talking with their child to make sure that I have the name and address of the sponsor they have chosen. This was due February 1 and I know I am still missing a few. March 1 the report of why you picked your sponsor is due. This report needs to be a couple paragraphs long as I want to know why this person means a lot to you as you picked them to be your sponsor. Everyone should still be working on the hours. Please don't hang on to your forms till the end, turn these in as you go. This way when next year comes you are not stating you did your hours when I don't have record of it.

Prayers

I have seen lots of improvements on the learning of prayers. I want to give a big **THANK YOU** to the parents that are helping the kids learn these. The teachers are trying their best to review the prayers in class but just don't have a ton of time to practice them in class.

If your child happens to be one that is behind on knowing the prayers, I ask that you reach out to me and I will get you prayer cards so you can help your child learn the prayers assigned to them. 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.

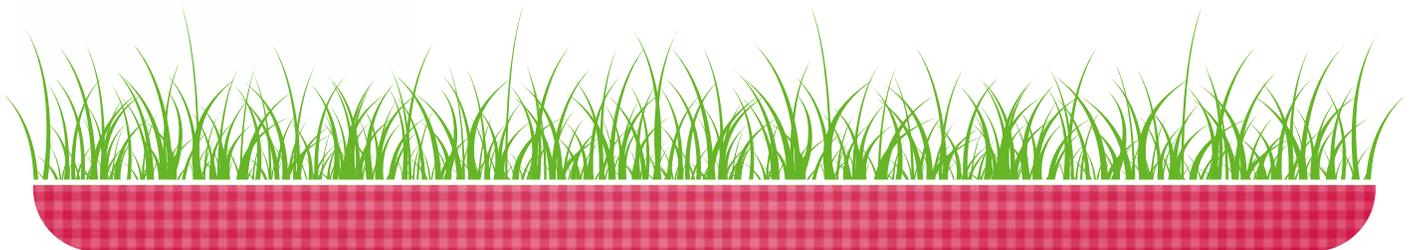
Once I complete the last testing, I will send a copy to parents so they can see where their child is at. This way, as a family, you can practice these prayers over the summer so your child does not go backwards.

Rolls and Coffee

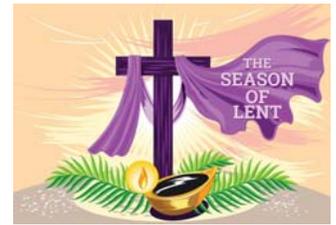
Thank you to all families that helped with rolls and coffee on February 17. The turn out and participation was amazing. I was very proud of everyone pulling together to help. Thank you, thank you very much.

I know this may have had a conflict with some families as there was basketball games and a snow storm but the turn out was still good.

So thank you again and thank you for supporting PRE.

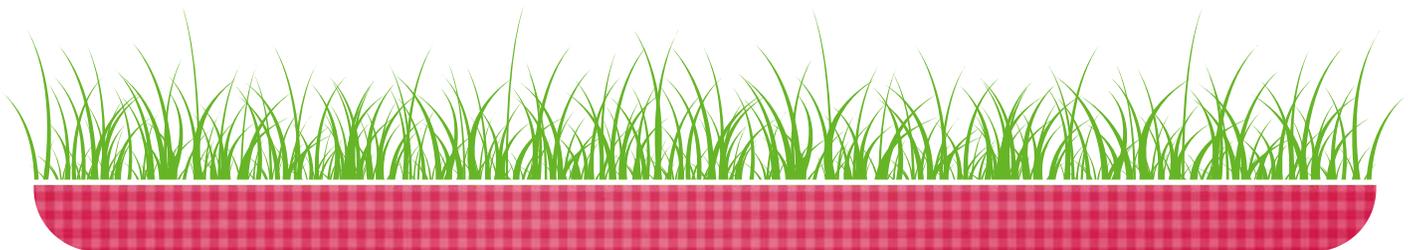


2018-2019 Yearly Schedule



~~Sept 5 1st night of class~~
~~Sept 12 Class~~
~~Sept 16 Rolls and coffee~~
~~Sept 19 Class~~
~~Sept 26 Class~~
~~Oct 3 Mass (come join us)~~
~~Oct 7 Bazaar~~
~~Oct 10 Class~~
~~Oct 17 Class~~
~~Oct 24 Class~~
~~Oct 31 No Class~~
~~Nov 7 Class~~
~~Nov 14 Class~~
~~Nov 21 Happy Thanksgiving~~
~~NO PRE~~
~~Nov 25 Speaker in Norfolk for Grades 8-12~~
~~Nov 28 Class~~
~~Dec 5 Confessions~~
~~Dec 12 Christmas movie~~
~~Dec 19 Class~~
~~Dec 25 Merry Christmas~~
~~Dec 26 NO PRE~~

~~Jan 1 Happy New Year~~
~~Jan 2 No PRE~~
~~Jan 9 Class~~
~~Jan 16 Class~~
~~Jan 23 Class~~
~~Jan 30 Class~~
~~Feb 6 Class~~
~~Feb 13 Class~~
~~Feb 16 First Reconciliation/First Communion Retreat~~
~~Feb 20 Class~~
Feb 27— Class
March 6 — Ash Wednesday
March 13 — Mass
March 20 — Mass
March 23 — First Reconciliation
March 27 — Mass
April 3 — Mass
April 10 — Mass
April 17 — NO PRE
April 21 — Easter
April 24 — Last night of PRE
May 5— First Communion



Mass during Lent

During Lent I ask that you drop off your child 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.



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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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FIRST COMMUNION



First Communion will be May 5, held 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.

