

# St. Francis PRE

## Lent

I have discussed with a couple classes what the meaning of Lent is. Lent is a time where we focus on what we can do to prepare us for Jesus' death. The death on the cross. Jesus prayed and fasted in the desert for forty days. I could not imagine myself in a desert for forty days. Let alone with no food.

So I ask the kids what can they do for the next forty days. It does not need to be giving something up. Maybe we should look at doing something above and beyond what we normally do. Do we make our parents make the supper, maybe we could help prepare the meal. Maybe we could set the table without being asked. Maybe we want to give up something, like pop, or talking bad about students in our school that we may not get along with or we can give up time on our gaming machine or surfing on social media.

I have been told in the past, if you fail with what you state you will do, it is ok. Just try again to do what you are trying to do. Just like riding a bike, if you fall off, you get back up and you try again.

Jesus died on the cross cause he loved each and everyone of us. I look at it as Jesus did that for me, I can change my life for forty days for Him. I know as a mother, I love my mom and if my mom sacrificed anything for me I would repay her the favor ten times over. I use this in the same aspect of Lent. Jesus died for me so I will sacrifice for forty days to repay my love to Him.



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## 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 you 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 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

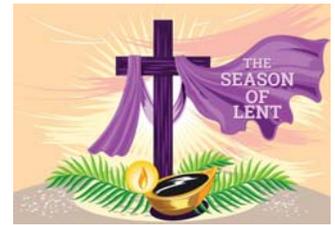
Just a reminder that the next rolls and coffee is scheduled for March 29. All the families that are scheduled to bring 2 dozen rolls and/or donuts were listed in last months newsletter.

As a reminder, there is only one Mass so it is very helpful to have the rolls and/or donuts there by 10am so all the to go boxes are made up by the time church is over.

All families are asked to help serve the rolls and the students in PRE are asked to help sell the rolls to go to the families that do not stop down.

It takes all of us to make this event successful.

## 2019-2020 Yearly Schedule



~~Sept 4 1st night of class~~  
~~Sept 11 Class~~  
~~Sept 15 Rolls and coffee~~  
~~Sept 18 Class~~  
~~Sept 25 Mercy Meals~~  
~~Oct 2 Class~~  
~~Oct 6 Bazaar~~  
~~Oct 9 Class~~  
~~Oct 13 Confirmation~~  
~~Oct 16 Class~~  
~~Oct 23 Mass~~  
~~Oct 30 Class~~  
~~Nov 6 Class~~  
~~Nov 13 Class~~  
~~Nov 20 Class~~  
~~Nov 27 Happy Thanksgiving NO PRE~~  
~~Dec 4 Class/Possible Confessions~~  
~~Dec 11 Class/Confessions~~  
~~Dec 18 Class/Confessions~~  
~~Dec 25 Merry Christmas NO PRE~~

~~Jan 1 Happy New Year NO PRE~~  
~~Jan 8 Mass~~  
~~Jan 15 Class~~  
~~Jan 22 Class 2nd grade parent meeting at 7:00pm~~  
~~Jan 29 Class~~  
~~Feb 5 Class~~  
~~Feb 12 Class~~  
~~Feb 15 First Reconciliation at 10am~~  
~~Feb 19 Class~~  
~~Feb 26 Ash Wednesday~~  
March 4 — Mass/possible confessions  
March 11 — class  
March 18 — Mass/possible confessions  
March 25 — class  
March 29 — Rolls and Coffee  
April 1 — Mass/possible confessions  
April 8 — NO PRE  
April 12 — Easter  
April 15 — Class  
April 22 — Class  
**April 26 — First Communion**  
April 29 — 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 on some Wednesday nights. Please watch the newsletter to know what Wednesday nights we have Mass. 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 those 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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## FIRST COMMUNION



First Communion will be April 26 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.

