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## Special points of interest:

- November 1 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 to your kids that you want them to follow?

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## First Month Down

I am so excited that we got one month down at Religion. I am not kidding, every day I hope that I do not get the news that school is closing. It must mean we are doing very good with washing your hands and wearing our mask while we are out and about.

I am having a hard time not going to a ton of events but I think to myself that as long as I can stay healthy the better off I am.

I heard today at work that Nebraska is now in an Orange status which means our cases are going up and we have lots of people in the hospital with it virus. We need to

continue to pray that the people who are effected by this virus recover to a 100%.



would send them till we get the call to come and get them as they no longer can push through the "not feeling well" feeling.

Kids are doing an excellent job with bringing their mask every Wednesday Night and are figuring out that they have to have temps taken before they can enter school.

Also reminder, you can send a clear water bottle to PRE with your child as the water fountains are not on at school so there is no way for them to get a drink if they are thirsty. Again the bottle needs to be clear to go into the classroom, if it is not clear, I will keep it with me.

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

I also want to thank you parents for not sending your child/ren if they have been complaining of not feeling well. Normally we

## 2nd Graders

I just heard that First Reconciliation is set for February 13, 2021. I don't know the time yet. It will be either at 10 AM or 1 PM. Once I hear of the time I will get that out to you right away.

I have been teaching the second graders and we have been going over what a sin is. So 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. We did look at the

confessional so they know what it looks like.

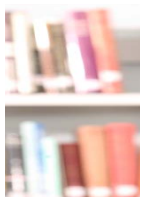
We have practiced how to enter church and the pews. We are practicing how our hands should be folded while we are in church.

## 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?**



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

I hope all Confirmation students are working on their reports and hours that are due. October 2021 will be here before you know it. And with all the years I have been directing PRE, when summer comes, homework is the last thing the kids want to do over summer break.

I know no report is due for a couple months yet but again I will take them anytime.

There are a couple students that are not parishioners of St. Francis so I will need those letters from your parish Priest giving us permission to allow your child to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Francis. Even if you are a parishioner of St. Michael's in Tarnov or St. Mary's in Leigh. You still need to talk to Fr. Olsen so he acknowledges that you are sending your child to St. Francis.

On Wednesday night, I did hand out the two prayers that I thought I did not know, the Fatima Prayer and The Angelus. I confirmed with Fr. Olsen that yes he does want the kids to know both of these prayers. These two prayers are prayers that are not on our list to learn.

But I did find out that I do

know the Fatima Prayer. It is said while we say the Rosary.

Also the kids were giving a clarification on the Homework that was listed in Fr. Olsen's letter. I asked him to give me more information on what is expected. So I will outline what he had given me, just in case your Confirmation Student does not relay this to you.

Going to Mass is an indispensable part of living out your Catholic faith. If you are not attending Mass every week, you are not prepared to receive Confirmation. Of course, mere attendance is not enough. If you want to feel like you get something out of Mass, you have to put something into it. In other words, we have to train ourselves to pay attention. This is the purpose of this assignment.

Therefore, you are to write a brief summary of your experience at weekend Mass. Your summary should include three paragraphs of at least five complete sentences each.

- 1) Paragraph one should summarize the gospel reading that was read.
- 2) Paragraph two should

summarize what the priest said in the homily.

- 3) Paragraph three should summarize your thoughts about the gospel, homily or anything else that happened at mass.
- 4) Summaries need to be handwritten or typed. (Lori has asked for them to be typed).
- 5) Assignments must be discussed with and signed by a parent or guardian.

Summaries are to be turned in at Confirmation Class only. They will not be accepted at any other time or place. If even one assignment is not turned in, or if even one assignment is not done satisfactorily, that alone will be grounds for postponing confirmation for two years.

I have asked that these be turned in the following Wednesday after the weekend Mass.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. Olsen or myself.

## Bazaar

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 that was a great way to complete two hours of your Church hours that are required.

## 2020-2021 Yearly Schedule

<del>Sept 9 — First night of class</del>	Jan 1 — HAPPY NEW YEAR
<del>Sept 16 — Class</del>	Jan 6 — Class
<del>Sept 23 — Mass</del>	Jan 13 — Class
<del>Sept 30 — Class/Confirmation Parent meeting</del>	Jan 20 — Class
<del>Oct 7 — Class</del>	Jan 27 — Class
Oct 14 — Class	Feb 3 — Class
Oct 21 — Class	Feb 10 — Class
Oct 28 — Class	Feb 13 — First Reconciliation
Nov 4 — Mass	Feb 17 — Ash Wednesday
Nov 11 — Class	Feb 24 — Class
Nov 18 — Class	March 3 — Mass/activity
Nov 25 — No Class	March 10 — Class
HAPPY TURKEY DAY	March 17 — Mass/activity
Dec 2 — Class/Mass/Confessions	March 24 — Class
Dec 9 — Class/Christmas Party	March 31 — No Class/Easter Week
Dec 16 — Class/Mass/Confessions	April 4 — HAPPY EASTER
Dec 23 — No Class	April 7 — Class
Dec 25 — Merry Christmas	April 14 — Class
Dec 30 — No Class	April 18 — First Communion
	April 21 — Class

### Circle of Grace

On September 23 after Mass, we discussed Circle of Grace. 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, Fr. Olsen or Fr. Wayne 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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