



# ST. FRANCIS PRE

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## Special points of interest:

- *Jesus Rose from the Dead*
- *Jesus is our Savior*
- *Have you seen God's beauty lately.*

## End of the year

I cannot believe this is the last month newsletter for 2023-2024 year. I always state in September that April will take for ever to get here. But once Christmas break hits, the year goes fast after that, and it has. We have so much to cover yet before the last Wednesday in April so hold on to your hats and I will update you on what needs to happen for a bunch of our classes. I am so ready for spring. Yes I know, we had a very mild winter

and it could have been worse, but I am ready to be outside after work, I am ready to be in my garden and I want to take walks that take me an hour before I come back home. I love looking at God's beauty while I am outside and it makes me think of all the gifts God has given us.



**How are we growing in God's love?**

## Prayers

**I KNOW I TOLD EVERYONE THAT I WAS GOING TO TEST OUT THE STUDENTS THREE TIMES THIS YEAR ON THEIR PRAYERS, OOPS I DID TEST THEM OUT TWICE. YOU WILL SEE A COPY OF HOW THEY DID THIS YEAR.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE PRACTICING THEIR PRAYERS OVER THE SUMMER BREAK SO THEY DO NOT GET BEHIND. IF I FEEL A STUDENT IS NOT WHERE THEY NEED TO BE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, I MAY LOOK AT**

**KEEPING THEM BACK A GRADE SO THEY KNOW THEIR PRAYERS BY THE TIME THEY ARE TO BE CONFIRMED.**

**LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS.**

## 2023-2024 Yearly Schedule

~~Sept 6 – First night of class~~

~~Sept 10 – Confirmation retreat in Tarnov at Noon~~

~~Sept 13 – Class~~

~~Sept 20 – Class~~

~~Sept 27 – Class~~

~~Oct 1 – Bazaar~~

~~Oct 4 – Mass~~

~~Oct 11 – Class~~

~~Oct 18 – Class~~

~~Oct 22 – Confirmation~~

~~Oct 25 – Class~~

~~Nov 1 – Holy Day (Mass)~~

~~Nov 8 – Class~~

~~Nov 15 – Class~~

~~Nov 22 – No Class HAPPY TURKEY DAY~~

~~Nov 29 – Class/First Reconciliation Parent meeting @  
7PM in Humphrey~~

~~Dec 6 – Confessions~~

~~Dec 9 – First Reconciliation 1PM~~

~~Dec 13 – Class~~

~~Dec 20 – Christmas Party~~

~~Dec 25 – Merry Christmas~~

~~Dec 27 – No Class~~

~~Jan 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR~~

~~Jan 3 – No Class~~

~~Jan 10 – Class~~

~~Jan 17 – Class~~

~~Jan 20 – First Reconciliation (time to be deter-  
mined)~~

~~Jan 24 – Class~~

~~Jan 31 – Class~~

~~Feb 7 – Class~~

~~Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday~~

~~Feb 21 – Class~~

~~Feb 28 – Class~~

~~March 6 – Class~~

~~March 13 – Stations of the Cross~~

~~March 20 – Stations of the Cross~~

March 27 – Easter Break - No Class

March 31 - Easter

April 3 – Class

April 10 – Mass

April 17 – Class

April 21–First Communion at 1PM

April 24–Class

## 2nd Grade-First Communion

It is hard to think that our Second Grader will be making his First Communion in a short three weeks.

Please pray for all the 2nd Graders that they continue to be excited each and every time they receive Jesus.

Receiving Jesus for the

first time can be very scary. Remember back to when you got to receive Jesus for the first time, some of our knees were shaking, our tummies were turning, and some of us got a little light headed. But now that we have gotten to receive Jesus several times, it is still exciting to go and

welcome Jesus into us.

Make sure if you see any Second Graders, take time to Congratulate them.



**If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much more. Just like Jesus did for us.**



## CONFIRMATION

If you have a child that is in the Confirmation class, make sure you are doing your service hours as soon as you can. Over the summer, the hours will need to be turned in your papers to me no later than two weeks after they are done.

Reach out to your parish office if you are looking for church hours. They are always looking for help with projects that can be done.

If you are looking for community hours, look at events in our community like the Red Cross, Knights of Columbus trash pick up, helping out at the local food bank and the options are endless.

Last item that is due on April 24 is picking out a Saint and writing a report on that Saint. What does that Saint have in common with you? What made you like this Saint? When did the Saint live? How did the Saint die?

The report needs to be a full paper on all these topics. Your likes on this Saint is helpful too.

If you are looking for the attire they are wear over the summer months, I will go over a couple items. Girls are to wear a dress or a shirt and skirt. The dress/shirt/skirt cannot have anything revealing. Dress/skirt needs to half way to the knee or past the knee.

Boys are to wear dress pants. Dress shirt with a tie. Dress shoes or good boots. No Dudes.

If you have other questions. Let me know.



**Let your faith bloom so all can see.**

## EASTER

I hope this year on Easter morning you have the chance to experience the joy of seeing Jesus' Resurrection first hand. I know you are thinking right now, that is kind of weird. Now let's stop and think about this. Jesus died because of our sins. He was not afraid to die, Jesus knew that He was called by God, for each one of us. With His Resurrection it is a new beginning in our life. Try and start a new by forgiving someone that you have not seen or talked to for

a while. Before judging someone, put yourself in their shoes and maybe the reason why they do things they do makes sense to them. Take ten minutes out every day to thank God for your good health, for your family, a safe travel to and from work, the food that you are able to provide for your family and the list could go on and on. Without God in our lives, none of this is possible. Take the time to realize that all our gifts, whether big or small, are

gifts from God.

When you see flowers blooming, trees budding, grass turning green, baby animals being born, robins singing in trees—think of Jesus coming into our lives new. So let us start this part of our lives anew.

It's never to late to start fresh with God. Remember that Jesus told His followers it is never to late to turn back to God, open your hearts and hear the work of God.



**Have you prayed to Jesus lately? He's been waiting**



## TEACHERS

I will not preach on this a ton, but I will tell you that I have a couple teacher that are not returning next year to help with the PRE program. With that being said, I am asking each of you to pray on this as I will need help. Some of you will think you can not do it cause you have to very religious or know all there is to know about being a Catholic. That is not true. I have learned so much from the kids as they ask good questions and if I don't know, I am not afraid to tell them I don't know but I will find the answer and let them know next week.

SO I please ask you to think on this and please consider helping out if you have not already done so while your child is attending PRE.



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