



# ST. FRANCIS PRE

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- *Jesus Rose from the Dead*
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## End of the year

I cannot believe this is the last month newsletter for 2024-2025 year. I always state in September that April will take forever 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 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 many of you noticed that I missed sending out the March Newsletter?

Man, February went so fast that it was about March 10 and then I



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

realized I did not send the newsletter out so I thought I better not forget in April. Here you go!!!! Please forgive me.

## 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 ONCE SO FAR, SO I WILL SEE IF I CAN GET ONE MORE TIME IN. 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.**

## 2024-2025 Yearly Schedule

~~Sept 4 – First night of class~~

~~Sept 11 – Class~~

~~Sept 18 – Class~~

~~Sept 25 – Mass~~

~~Oct 2 – Class~~

~~Oct 6 – Bazaar~~

~~Oct 9 – Class~~

~~Oct 16 – Class~~

~~Oct 23 – Mercy Meal~~

~~Oct 30 – Mass~~

~~Nov 6 – Class~~

~~Nov 13 – Class~~

~~Nov 20 – Class~~

~~Nov 27 – No Class HAPPY TURKEY DAY~~

~~Dec 4 – Class~~

~~Dec 11 – Confessions~~

~~Dec 18 – Class/Christmas Party~~

~~Dec 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS NO CLASS~~

~~Jan 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR NO CLASS~~

~~Jan 8 – Class~~

~~Jan 15 – Class~~

~~Jan 18 – First Reconciliation~~

~~Jan 22 – Class~~

~~Jan 29 – Mass~~

~~Feb 5 – Class~~

~~Feb 12 – Class~~

~~Feb 19 – Class~~

~~Feb 23 – Confirmation Retreat at 12:45pm (8th Graders only)~~

~~Feb 26 – Class~~

~~March 5 – Ash Wednesday Mass~~

~~March 12 – Confessions~~

~~March 19 – Class~~

~~March 23 – Confirmation 2pm @ Humphrey~~

~~March 26 – Class~~

April 2 – Class

April 9 – Class

April 16 – Class

April 20 – Easter

April 23 – Mass

April 24 – Class/Last night of class



## 2nd Grade-First Communion

It is hard to think that our second grader will be making his First Communion in a short five 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.

## CONFIRMATION

St. Francis PRE program had two young adults make their Confirmation this last weekend. Confirmation is the biggest commitment that a young adult takes with the church. As we know, these two have received several Sacraments already. Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion. These three sacraments were encouraged by their parents to be received. Now, Confirmation on the other hand, is where the Candidate has to stand before the Archbishop and God. These two picked a sponsor that stood by them as well as this sponsor is one that the Confirmondi looks up to for a great role model on their Catholic faith.

I will pray that all Confirmation students continue to yearn for Jesus in their life. Going to Mass weekly will allow you to have that connection with Jesus as they receive Jesus' body at each mass.

If the Confirmation Candidate finds that they are falling away from the Church, I do hope they reach out to their sponsor to find that reassurance to come back to the one person who will love them unconditionally, Jesus.



## 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.

If I do not get teachers to help out at PRE, your child will have to be taught at home and then once a month they will come into class to be tested on what was taught to them. This is my only option if no parent helps out as a teacher.



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