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St. Francis PRE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Keep Christ in Christmas
- Jesus is the Reason for the Christmas Season
- Christmas is a time for giving not receiving

Advent

Yes I am a bit behind getting out the December newsletter. My days have been so packed with events that I keep thinking, I will get this done. Well here I am sitting down to write this out. The first half of PRE has really flown by. Again, I want everyone to take this time to find the many gifts that God has given you and to talk with your family about these. I talk with the kids at the end of class before we pray about how very fortunate we are to be able to see, hear, and play with friends. I remind them

that not everyone can say that. Some people have no idea what the color red looks like or what a warm bed is.

May God shower you many Blessings.

Advent is the time for us to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. Jesus is the best gift we could get this season.



Best Christmas gift is the birth of Jesus

Prayers

I know I have told you at the beginning of the year that I would be testing out your child on their prayers three times this year. Well, since I am teaching the 6th and 7th Graders, I could not find an open Wednesday night to test

out the kids. I encourage you to keep working with your child on their prayers as I will find a night to test them out and I want them to be prepared when that night comes.

Thanks again.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

In the past, here at St. Francis at the Children's Mass at 5 PM on Christmas Eve, any child in the grades 2nd through 6th Grade were encouraged and welcome to come and sing in the program.

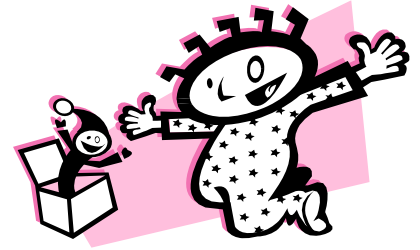
Practices were held right after school. I did talk with the gal that heads this program and she states Fr. Stan has given her the go ahead to have the kids sing at this Mass.

Practice will be after school a couple times a week. Your child does not need to be a good singer, just need to be able to follow simple instructions from the adults there.

I encourage your support on this event. We are seeing less and less PRE kids participating in this wonderful event. This truly is a fun time for the kids. They get to see family members and old preschool friends. We are one parish even though we are from two different schools but that should not stop us from letting our kids participate in a church event.

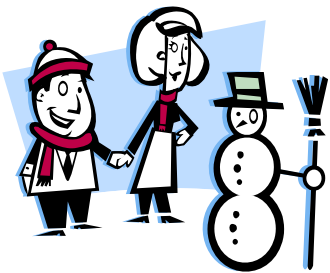
Kids will sit in front of church as Fr Stan has them come up by him for a story.

Practice time were sent home so hopefully a couple nights will work for your child to attend.



Are you excited to see your family, that is how you should be when you go to church, you are seeing Jesus in His house.

Thank God for all the gifts in your life. Not only the tangible items but the items that go unnoticed (our health, our sight, our family, etc)



Christmas Party

We will be having a Christmas Party on December 18. It will consist of movie night, popcorn, juice and fun times. No gifts will be exchanged as we need to remember that Christmas is more than getting gifts. It is a time for us to give to others in need and to make memories for us to remember and talk about for a while. I will provide all the items listed above and cannot wait to see everyone for good memories.

How often you see God's beauty?

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 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

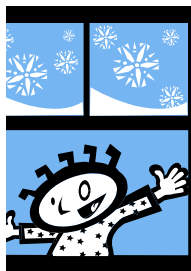
April 16 — Class

April 20 — Easter

April 23 — Mass

April 24 — Class/Last night of class

May 4 — First Communion



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{ Matthew 17:20 - And He *said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. }

