



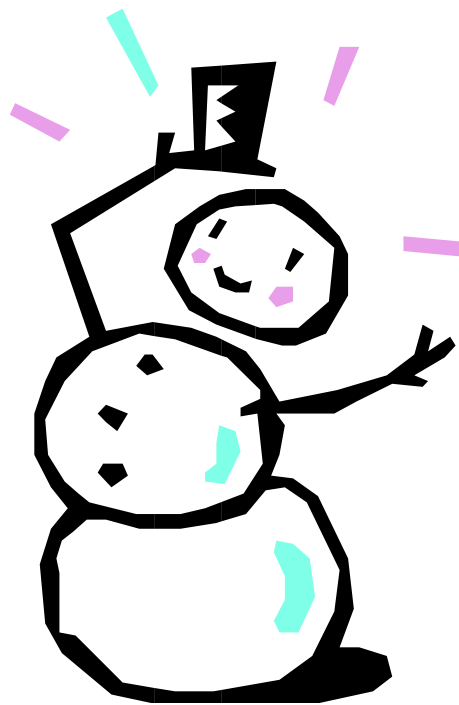
## Jesus' Birth

I hope everyone took time these past couple of weeks to spend with close family. With all the flu illnesses still lurking around us, it is still hard to be with the ones that are close to us due to health concerns. I hope you could spend it with some of your family and make a ton more memories. In times when it does not seem like a time to be thankful, we need to thank God for giving us Jesus. Jesus came on this earth to save us from all evil. Jesus came as a child into the world. Little did he know that he would save us and give us eternal life with God after we leave this earth.

I know I tell my own kids that they need to take time to thank God for the gifts they are given. We all are still

healthy, we still have good jobs, we have friends that we still get to see and the list can go on and on. So just because we did not get to see our extended families like we would have liked, there are still many things to be thankful for. We just need to stop and "see the small things in life that we overlook a lot".

With that being said, please enjoy this time with your family as we are a little less busy with running to every event that we could run to and find out playing board games and card games with household members is what family time is really all about. Memories that no one can take away from you!!!



God's gifts never melt!!

### Special points of interest:

- *Half way through the PRE year*
- *Have you been practicing your prayers*
- *Bring clear water bottle with water in it for kids to have a drink at PRE*
- *Leave toys at home*

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## PRAYERS

*I HOPE EVERYONE HAS BEEN HELPING THE KIDS PRACTICE THEIR PRAYERS. I KNOW I STATED THAT I WOULD TEST THE KIDS OUT THREE TIMES THIS YEAR BUT I HAVE NOT GOTTEN ANY TESTING DONE YET. MY GOAL IS TO DO IT IN JANUARY.*

*I WILL PROVIDE THE LIST OF PRAYERS THAT EACH GRADE SHOULD KNOW. I WANT TO MAKE SURE NO KID IS FALLING BEHIND AS EACH GRADE THERE IS A PRAYER THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT IS NEEDED TO BE KNOWN. FOR EXAMPLE, SECOND GRADE NEEDS TO KNOW THE "ACT OF CONTRITION" FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION. CONFIRMATION NEEDS TO KNOW REQUIRED PRAYERS TO BE CONFIRMED.*

*AS YOU SEE, IT IS EASY TO KEEP UP ON KNOWING YOUR PRAYERS THEN FALLING BEHIND AND THEN NOT BEING ABLE TO CELEBRATE THAT SPECIAL SACREMENT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PREPARING FOR.*

### *Kind-1st Graders:*

- Sign of the Cross*
- Glory Be*
- Our Father*
- Hail Mary*
- Guardian Angel*

### *2nd Grader:*

- Act of Contrition*
- 10 Commandments*
- 7 Sacraments*

### *3rd-4th Graders:*

- Meal Prayers*
- Order of Mass*
- Rosary-Mysteries*
- Stations of the Cross*
- Apostles Creed*

### *5th-6th Graders:*

- Nicene Creed*
- Holy Days of Obligation*
- Hail Holy Queen*

### *Confirmation :*

- Angelus*
- Fatima Prayer*
- 4 Gospels*

*If you need prayer cards, I have a ring of laminated cards with prayers on each one. It is color coded for each grade.*



Together we can go far.



As you look back to October 23, St. Francis PRE program took a trip to Mercy Meals and help packed up meals. PRE's busy students boxed up 15 boxes. Each box holds 36 bags. Each bag contains six meals. Giving a grand total of 3,240 meals that were packed up in a short 1 1/2 hours while we were there.

Seeing this notification on Orphan Grain Trains Facebook post, should make your kids all feel very proud of what they helped do.

Your child is making someone who is less fortunate feel loved and that there is hope in the future for them.



## 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



I want to take this time to CONGRADULATE MacKenzie Kurtenbach for her accomplishments for completing the Pro Life Essay Contest that was assigned to her earlier in 2024. Her essay got chosen as first place in the Omaha Archdiocese for her age group. From there, her essay was sent on to compete with other 7th Graders in the whole state. In November, MacKenzie was chosen as the grand winner. She traveled to Lincoln with her parents and a few other close family members to accept this award. What an honor that is!!! Congratulations MAC!!!



Just as a reminder, if you ever miss place the PRE newsletter, you can always read the latest one on the parish website. This way you will know when meetings are, if we are having mass instead of class or what other questions may come up. This is a very good resource to have.

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Follow the sun, as the sun  
is the Son of Man, Jesus.