

# November 2024

## Halloween

Halloween to many is a night where you dress your child/ren up and you go around to familiar homes to collect candy or goodies. The outfits you pick up out for your child/ren are usually what is most popular or what is cute on them. A few nights are spent to find out what you want each child to wear or how to locate that outfit that they kids want to be.

Most of us might forget about how Halloween actually came about. Halloween means Hallow's Eve. This is the night before All Saints Day and All Saints Day is one of the Holy Days of Obligations so we need to make sure we are attending Mass.

When we baptized our children, we pledged before God that we would bring them up in the Catholic Faith. That starts with attending Mass every weekend and all Holy Days.

I would ask you this, does Jesus state He does not have time for you? Does Jesus state that He has to go to this volleyball game to watch over a child of a mom that prays everyday vs listening to your needs? Does Jesus state He cannot listen to your prayers cause He has to clean His house or He just does not feel like it tonight?

No, Jesus does not put anything above us. We are the reason He

exist. He is waiting for us to talk or pray to Him, He would never tell anyone that something is more important than us. So how come we can put items ahead of attending Mass. Jesus has invited us to His house to celebrate with Him.

## Thanksgiving

With Thanksgiving right around the corner we need to remember the true meaning of Thanksgiving. This is the time we get together with family to eat and make memories. Yes make memories with the people that mean the most to us. If you don't get together with family, then think of why you get together with your friends. Are these the people you

consider your family? Are these people that you are happy being around?

The first settlers had a meal to give thanks for all their blessings. Are you doing that? Are you taking time to thank God for the blessings he has given you? Are you thanking Him for your health, your family, your safe travels and the list could go on and on.

I believe sometimes we take our health and wealth for granted but this is all gifts from God. None of us are millionaires but none of us are in poverty state either (meaning you do not have a roof over your head or meals to eat). Jesus has given us all the items and we need to give Him thanks. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

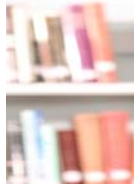
### Special points of interest:

- > Have you looked outside to see God's beauty?
- > When was the last time you forgave an enemy?
- > Are you setting an example you want your kids to follow?

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What was the last book you read? Try listening to a couple stories on the Bible.



Would a stranger know you are a Christian by your Love?



Don't think of Jesus as old and outdated, but look at him as the best in Technology.

## Prayers

I know I stated in my opening newsletter that I would be testing the kids on their prayers three times a year. I will start testing in November with the help of some helpers.

I will give you the break out of the prayers that are needed to know per class. If you need the prayer cards, let me know, I have a few extras.

Kind-1st Grade:

Glory Be

Our Father

Hail Mary

Guardian Angel

2nd Grade:

Act of Contrition

10 Commandments

7 Sacraments

3rd -4th Grade:

Meal Prayers

Order of Mass

Rosary/Mysteries

Stations of the Cross

Apostles Creed

5th-6th Grade:

Nicene Creed

Holy Days of Obligation

Hail Holy Queen

Confirmation:

They have the list

night so why not take an extra two minutes to say your prayer. If that does not work, I would suggest to say it while they are brushing their teeth. There are several opportunities that you can find during your day that will allow you and/or your child to say their prayers and learn them. If you are traveling to a game, say it on the way there and/or the way home. The times you can study your child's prayer are endless.

One thing I will recommend is that you find a time to have your child say the prayer that they are struggling with. I heard when my kids were younger that the best time to say the prayer your child does not know is before bedtime. We all go to bed every

## Servers

If you have a 6th Grader, they may have told you that they are serving at our PRE Masses.

Fr Dan is so patient with the kids as they learn this new function they are learning. They are all doing so well.

I would encourage you to attend Mass (which is listed on the next page) so you can see the good

job these kids are doing. From never doing this to only watching one time, they are all catching on well.

Your child will not have to serve on Saturday night or Sunday mornings, unless you want them to. Then I can get them on the list with the parish office but for now your child will just serve at PRE.

## 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 8 – 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 20 – Class/Christmas Party

Dec 25 – MERRY CHRISTMAS NO CLASS

Jan 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR NO CLASS

Jan 8 – Class

Jan 15 – Class

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



Make a meeting with Jesus.

**If you forget where  
you miss placed the  
PRE Newsletter, find  
it on the St. Francis  
website.**





# MERCY MEAL

**Do you have an appointment with Jesus. It might be time.**

On Oct 23, PRE program took a trip to Norfolk to Mercy Meals. I hope your child told you all about what they got to do there. I feel they were so excited to go there and package all those meals. We were only there for 1 1/2 hours but we sure did do a good job at packaging meals. In that short amount of time, we filled 15 boxes to be shipped where ever the need is. In those 15 boxes, each box holds 36 bags. Each bag contains 6 meals. If you are doing the math, we made up 3,240 meals. The kids did a fantastic job and worked so well and listened to all the directions that were given by the staff. Here are some pics of that night.



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