

December 2023

St. Francis PRE

Advent

I cannot believe I am gonna wish you a Happy Holiday's. Thanksgiving was just a couple days ago which means Christmas is four weeks away. This 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 talked 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.

Again, have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas. 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

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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

Prayers

With only four weeks left before Christmas break, I am going to try to test out the kids one more time. I have not had a chance to tested out the kids but I will put my thinking hat on and try to get this one. My plan was to get them before now but that did not happen. I will get them tested and get all you where your child is at so you can work with your child on these prayers.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS

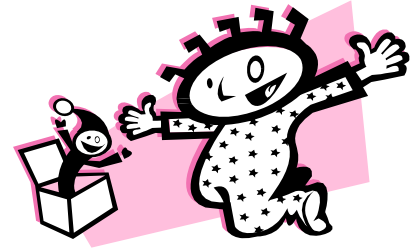
In the past, here at St. Francis at the Children's Mass at 5 PM on Christmas Eve, any child in the grades 2nd through 6th grade were encouraged and welcome to come and sing in the program. Practices were held right after school.

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.

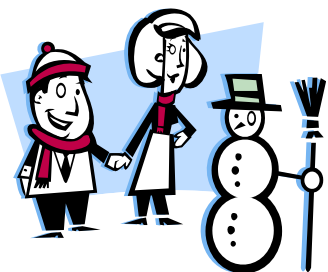
Kids will sit in front of church as Fr Stan has them come up by him for a story.

Practice time will come as soon as I get the schedule.



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.)



How often you see God's beauty?

Christmas Party

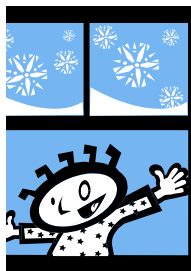
We will be having a Christmas Party on December 20. It will consist of movie night, popcorn, juice and fun times. No gifts will be exchanged as we need to remember that Christmas is more than getting gifts. It is a time for us to give to others in need and to make memories for us to remember and talk about for a while. I will provide all the items listed above and cannot wait to see everyone for good memories.

2023-2023 YEARLY SCHEDULE

Sept 6 — First night of class	Jan 1 — HAPPY NEW YEAR
Sept 10 — Confirmation retreat in Tarnov at Noon	Jan 3 — No Class
Sept 13 — Class	Jan 10 — Class
Sept 20 — Class	Jan 17 — Class
Sept 27 — Class	Jan 20 — First Reconciliation (time to be determined)
Oct 1 — Bazaar	Jan 24 — Class
Oct 4 — Mass	Jan 31 — Class
Oct 11 — Class	Feb 7 — Class/First Communion Parent meeting @7pm in Humphrey
Oct 18 — Class	Feb 14 — Ash Wednesday
Oct 22 — Confirmation	Feb 21 — Class
Oct 25 — Class	Feb 28 — Class
Nov 1 — Holy Day (mass)	March 6 — Class
Nov 8 — Class	March 13 — Class
Nov 15 — Class	March 20 — Class
Nov 22 — No Class HAPPY TURKEY DAY	March 27 — Easter Break – No Class
Nov 29 — Class/First Reconciliation Parent meeting @ 7 PM in Humphrey	March 31 — Easter
Dec 6 — Confessions	April 3 — Class
Dec 9 — First Reconciliation 1 PM	April 10 — Class
Dec 13 — Class	April 14 — Class
Dec 20 — Christmas Party	April 17 — Class
Dec 25 — Merry Christmas	April 21 — First Communion at 1 PM
Dec 27 — No Class	April 24 — Class/Last night of class

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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.* }

