# St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin October 18, 2019

### Quick Links:

SFX Parish Website

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#### **Attachments**

Calendar of dates/events

Arrival and Dismissal Procedure

# Important to Remember

#### **ABSENCES**

Call RE Office prior to the start of class at 708.352.4555 or email sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org

#### SIGN IN PROCEDURE

Please make sure to stop in the RE Office whenever you are in the building to sign in before going to your child's class or to a presentation in Joyce Hall.

#### EARLY DISMISSAL

Parent note required.

Stop in the RE Office to sign your child out.

This is only on an emergency basis.

# Coordinator's Message

Our Theme For The Year

Be the Light!

Autumn has definitely arrived! I am not quite ready for a jacket, etc! However, I am looking forward to the colors of the season. Enjoy!

I am also looking forward to RE sessions to get into a more normal routine. The last several weeks have been a good busy but has not given me enough time to walk thru the building and enjoy watching all the great things that I know are going on in the classrooms. Our volunteer catechists put a lot of time in getting ready for class so that children have a positive experience. Please remind your child(ren) to give a word of thanks to their catechist every so often.

Children in Grades K-4 have been provided with a tote bag (Be the Light). This bag needs to be carried to and from class weekly so that materials can be brought to class and taken home. Students in grades 5-8 have been provided with a folder. They too need to come to class and return home with the folder in hand. Please make sure your child comes to class prepared.

Please refrain from having your child leave Religious Ed early unless absolutely necessary. It is helpful to know early that this may happen. Unless you send in an email which we will keep on file indicating that your child needs to leave early, you will need to come in and sign your child out. None the less, children will not be dismissed unless a parent comes to the door and we know that your child has been picked up by you.

#### PICK UP PROCEDURES

Please do not double park. Children always have the right of way.

Be considerate of our neighbors on Waiola and Spring Avenues.

#### CLASS TIMES

Sunday: 9:00-10:15am Wednesday: 4:00-5:15pm Wednesday: 6:15-7:30pm

Please make sure your child arrives five minutes early so that class can begin on time.

Kindergarten parents ONLY may walk their child into the building.

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon, and 6:00 pm

#### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL FUND RAISER

The TOP family will receive a \$50 gift card to TARGET for selling the most Little Caesars Pizza Kits. Call your family and reach out to your next door neighbor. We really need the support from EVERYONE to reach our goal of \$4000. Our profit to date is \$678. Orders need to be turned in by October 20. Ordering on-line cut off is October 22.

The easiest way to order is by going on line to: PizzaKit.com and enter our fundraiser ID#360221

You can still have your order come to SFX for pick up with no shipping charge. This fundraiser helps us to keep tuition cost down. A donation is always appreciated if pizza is not your thing. Thanks!

Reminder that parents who come into the building for purposes other than stopping in the RE Office are asked to sign in and wear a visitor's badge. Parents of Kindergarten children are allowed to walk their child to the classroom.

You will notice a **Quick Link** box to the top left that gives us all the opportunity to **Donate On-Line** for our weekly contributions to the parish. Stewardship is an attitude that leads to the devotion of time, the sharing of our talents, and the giving from our treasures so that we bring the gospel to life in word and action. We will be hearing more about the stewardship of treasure this month.

#### Third Grade Mass

Parents of third graders are reminded that our third graders are asked to gather for Saturday's 5:00 Mass on October 19 (tomorrow). The third graders will lead us in prayer by taking on some of the liturgical roles at that Mass. Children who are taking on one of these roles need to be in church by 4:15pm. All other third graders are asked to be seated up front and center by 4:50pm for last minute instructions on the song they will be singing together.

#### SFX Men's Club

The Annual Pig Roast is tonight! Hope Dad's were able to register for this event. Enjoy!!!

# St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

The St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry Group is excited to share the following service opportunities for the 2019-2020 school year! SFX families are invited to participate in these service events. The idea behind the Family Ministry is to give families a chance to have fun and work together while serving others in need. Please help to make a difference.

Click here for a flyer with information about these opportunities.

# CROP Hunger Walk

Please show solidarity with people in underdeveloped nations who walk miles each day for access to food and clean water.

Ending Hunger One Step At A Time Sunday, October 27 12:30pm Onsite Registration 1:15pm Walk

First Congregational Church of Western Springs
1106 Chestnut Street

Suggested donation per Walker: Free will monetary offering along with a nonperishable food item.

#### Christmas Cards for Prisoners

It's already time to collect Christmas cards for prisoners. These cards mean so much to those isolated prisoners; the cards let them know they are not forgotten.

- \* Sign only your FIRST name
- \* Write a brief note if you wish
- \* Place stamps in a SEPARATE envelope
- \* No cards with glitter
- \* NO cards about masses or novenas
- \* Do NOT seal the envelopes

Place the cards and stamps in the box in the vestibule by October 27.

# New Parish Instagram and Twitter Accounts

The parish is increasing our social media presence and is on Instagram and Twitter. Like and follow for updates on SFX happenings, upcoming events, and more! @sfxlg\_parish

#### **Absences**

Please remember to phone in (352-4555) or email <u>sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org</u> your child's absence prior to the start of class. Thank you!

# See You In Church!!!

Terri Simeoni Religious Education Coordinator