

St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin December 13, 2019

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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.

Coordinator's Message

Our Theme For The Year

Be the Light!

It's beginning to look/feel A LOT like Christmas....with all the beautiful lights of Christmas! Let's pray for each other so that the busyness of the days ahead of us does not get in the way of the true meaning of the Celebration of Christmas!!!

Sunday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 18 will be our last class before our Christmas Break. We are celebrating this break with **PAJAMA DAY/FUN ATTIRE DAY**. We **ATTEMPTED** several times to email a flyer to every family without much success. Hopefully you did receive it. [Click here](#) for another copy just in case you didn't receive it. We also did a ROBO call to make sure everyone knows about this **OPTIONAL** fun event to help start Christmas Break!

Check the Parish Bulletin for the Christmas Mass Schedule. You can also find the schedule on our parish website (click above in the left column). The schedule has also been mailed out to every family in the parish.

This will be my last News Bulletin until January 10.

We will be on break until January 12 and January 15. There is an At Home Lesson for January 5 and January 8 due on January 19 and January 22. Each

This is only on an emergency basis.

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

child will be going home with a copy on Sunday and next Wednesday AND needs to return their own copy to their catechist. [Click here](#) for an electronic copy.

Did you put this Parish Event on your Calendar yet??

Yule Flip and Santa's Workshop

December 15

8:00am - Noon ([click here for flyer](#))

Join friends and family in Joyce Hall for pancakes and sausage AND in the Gym for carolers, crafts, and a visit with Santa.

Help make Christmas cards and blankets for residents of Bethlehem Woods, too!

By the way.....No admission fee for Santa's Workshop so pop into the Gym if you aren't hungry for pancakes!

Christmas Eve Masses

[Click here](#) for permission form for children to participate in the entrance candle procession for the 3:00 and 5:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. The number of participants for each Mass will be limited to the first 50 who respond. Attendance at the practice on Thursday, December 19 is expected. More details on the attached permission form. **Form is due Sunday, December 15. We are looking for children to process in at the 5:00 Mass. Please consider 5:00 Mass over the 3:00 Mass if it works for your family!!!! Thank you!**

Advent Opportunities

The Third Week of Advent is upon us. Check the parish bulletin to explore the many ways you can celebrate this season of waiting and watching.

Giving Tree

Please help make Christmas a special time of year for families supported by our sharing parish, St. Agatha, on the west side of Chicago as well as some outreach organizations in our own community. Your wrapped gift with gift tags attached to them can start to be dropped off on December 14-15. You can also bring them to the Yule Flip! Gifts are due by December 22

BEFORE the 12:00 Noon Mass so that they can be delivered to St. Agatha Parish. The gifts will be distributed to the members of their community that afternoon.

Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Reminder to parents who have a child preparing for First Eucharist that the first prep liturgy is on Sunday, January 12 at 1:30pm in church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

Check the church bulletin for the schedule as to when children will be invited to participate in their own reflection of the readings or when there is a Religious Ed Grade Level Mass OR when the Children's Choir will be leading us in prayer thru song and therefore, the readings will be taken from the Children's Lectionary.

WELCOME Women's Retreat

[Click here](#) for the flyer with information about this event that women of the parish are invited. Women of the parish are invited to give yourself a treat by attending.

Stewardship

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.

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.

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 sfxreligiused@sfxlg.org your child's absence prior to the start of class. Thank you!

See You In Church!!!

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