

St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin March 16, 2018

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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.

PICK UP PROCEDURES

Please do not double park.

Coordinator's Message

**This is my last News Bulletin until April 6
Children report back to Religious Ed
Sunday, April 8
Wednesday, April 11**

We have March 18 and March 21 scheduled as an At Home Lesson (children do NOT report to St. Francis Xavier when there is an At Home Lesson.) The lesson covers St. Patrick, St. Joseph, and Holy Week. Each child will go home with a copy DUE APRIL 8/11. You can get another copy by [Clicking Here.](#)

**Enjoy Spring/ Easter Break
Sunday, March 25
Wednesday, March 28**

**Easter Sunday, April 1
Easter Wednesday, April 4**

Holy Week/Easter

The **At Home Lesson** has information about Holy Week along with Easter Mass Schedule.

Please take time to review what is happening during Holy Week and the times for Easter Masses

Registration packets for next school year went

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

home Sunday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 7 with the youngest/only family member. Please make sure you are current with this year's payment. This year we are happy to offer another way of paying your tuition. You can pay by credit card and on line for a small service charge. [Click here](#) for the link that will lead you directly to the page. You can also get on the page thru our parish website. Directions are in your registration packet, but the link above makes it very convenient. **PLEASE NOTE, HOWEVER**, that all paper work still needs to be turned in to the office. You will not be able to submit your forms electronically unless you scan and send. We are hoping this additional way of payment will make it more convenient for you. There is also a flyer in the packet explaining how contributions help with budget costs of Religious Ed Program. Please take some time to review the graph on the flyer.

PLEASE REMEMBER to mark Sunday, April 22 on your calendar. This will be the **LAST DAY** of **RELIGIOUS ED** for **ALL THREE SESSIONS**. Catechists, Grade Level Leaders, Advisory Board, and Office Staff are working on making this annual event even better than last year! Families are asked to come to Joyce Hall anytime between 8:45 am and 10:15 am to see what great things have been happening in RE this year.

First Communion Banner Kits

Children went home with their First Communion Banner Kit March 4 and March 7, the day they celebration Reconciliation. Have fun working on the banner which is due **NO LATER** than Sunday, April 29 (First Communion Practice Day).

Eight Grade Info

Eight Grade Graduation is Sunday, April 8 at the Noon Mass in church. **PLEASE** remember to mark this date on your calendar, if you haven't already done so, along with their practice date of Saturday, April 7. **An email was sent home with specifics. There was also information regarding**

the Men's Club Service Scholarship. Applications are due March 30. You can get another copy of the application by [clicking here](#).

Catechist Appreciation Fund

Our annual mailing for donations to our Teacher Appreciation Request was sent out by U.S. mail. Thank you to all who have already contributed!

Our catechists are strictly volunteers and this is our opportunity to recognize their ministry to our children. Our goal is to raise \$7000 to cover the cost of a monetary gift to our approximately 130 catechists/aides/volunteers.

Hand painted Porcelain Crosses

Delicately hand painted crosses for Communion and Baptisms can become a lasting remembrance. Artist Nancy Semeral has over 30 years of experience. Each cross is individually designed in soft pastel colors featuring small flowers, leaves and vines surrounding a child's name and their special celebration date. The reverse side of each piece can be inscribed with the name of the gift giver. [Click here](#) for a copy of the order form along with more information.

Weekly News Bulletins

We continue to remind you that whomever in your family is receiving this News Bulletin needs to forward it to others in your family whom you requested to receive information. **My News Bulletins are also on the parish Website under the Religious Education tab.**

Visitors During RE

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 visitors' badge. Kindergarten children are allowed to be walked to their class by a parent.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Please read the **Arrival and Dismissal Procedures**

which also includes drop off and pick up practices. **Class dates and other important dates** can also be found in the same attachment section.

Look With Kindness And See Goodness

Look With Kindness and See Goodness is our theme for the year. We are going to focus on looking at the WHOLE person as a son and daughter of God and treating each other with respect and kindness. We can and will discover the goodness in each other when we do just that!

Absences

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

Family Ministry Opportunities

Being of service to others is one of the ways of living out of our baptismal call. Family Ministries provides opportunities for families to being of service to others. [Click here](#) for information on various ways you can reach out to others and have some fun while doing it.

Important Dates and Handbook

The Religious Ed Important Dates Sheet and Handbook can be found on the Parish Website. You can click on the **Attachment Section and Website** found on the top left hand corner of each Religious Ed News Bulletin.

See You In Church!!!

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Religious Education Coordinator