

St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin December 14, 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.

Coordinator's Message

It's beginning to look/feel A LOT like Christmas....with all the beautiful lights of Christmas!

Busyness wise, I am no where near ready! Hope you are doing much better than I am!! Let's pray for each other so that the busyness does not get in the way of the true meaning of the Celebration of Christmas!!!

Sunday, December 16 and Wednesday, December 19 will be our last class before our Christmas Break. We are celebrating this break with **PAJAMA DAY**. A flyer went home with every child. [Click here](#) for another copy.

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 11.

We will be on break until January 13 and January 17. There is an At Home Lesson for January 6 and January 9 due on January 20 and January 23. Each 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.

Advent Opportunities

The Third Week of Advent is this weekend. [Click](#) here to explore the many ways you can celebrate this season of waiting and watching.

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

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 community. Your wrapped gift needs to be returned to SFX by noon on Sunday, December 16.

Calling All Bakers

Check the parish bulletin with information about this outreach which is in the eighth year of reaching out to the incarcerated. Baking as a family and passing it on is a great way of bringing some cheer at this time of the year.

Eucharistic Prep Liturgy

Reminder to parents who have a child preparing for First Eucharist that the first prep liturgy is on Sunday, January 13. Please put this date on your calendar now. You can [click here](#) for a flyer regarding a Trunk Show with First Communion Attire.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

CLW happens at the 5:00pm Saturday Mass for children in grades K-4. 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 the Children's Choir will be leading us in prayer and, therefore, the readings will be proclaimed from the Children's Lectionary.

Women's Welcome Retreat Weekend

Moms...please consider putting some time aside for a special retreat for women. [Click here](#) for more information.

School Messenger

Be aware that we have contracted School Messenger to help us reach RE families in case of any emergency or with special reminders and or announcements. We have used School Messenger several times already and it seems to help with our communication with you.

Theme for the Year

BELIEVE! With God All Things Are Possible.....is our theme for the year. We are going to focus on trusting that we are all where we have been called to be and doing what God has in mind for us to do with the gift of each day!

New Parish Instagram and Twitter Accounts

The parish is increasing our social media presence and is now 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 sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org your child's absence prior to the start of class. Thank you!

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!!!

Terri Simeoni

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