

St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin March 2, 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

There are **FOUR** Religious Ed Classes left

Sunday, March 4

Wednesday, March 7

Sunday, March 11

Wednesday, March 14

Sunday, April 8

Wednesday, April 11

Sunday, April 15

Wednesday, April 18

before our Religious Ed Fair on April 22

Please make sure your child's schedule includes their RE Class. The busyness of our lives have us needing to juggle things around more often than not. Thanks for helping your child(ren) learn that fitting everything in works when we plan ahead.

Registration packets for next school year are going home Sunday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 7 with the youngest/only family member. Please make sure your 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

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

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.

As stated above, 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.

Second Grade Reconciliation

Children who are preparing to receive their First Communion in May, will be celebrating their first experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during class on Sunday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 7. Children will be going home with their First Communion Banner Kit on that day. Have fun working on the banner which is due NO LATER than Sunday, April 29 (First Communion Practice Day).

Third Grade Reconciliation

The Third Graders in our program will be taking time during class on Sunday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 7 to write a personal letter to God in anticipation of their experience with the Sacrament on March 11/14. Parents have received an email letter explaining this second year of celebrating this sacrament.

Fourth Grade Reconciliation

Our fourth graders will be spending time with me in class on Sunday and Wednesday role playing their experience with Fourth Grade Reconciliation on March 11/12. A reminder letter of the weekend will be sent to parents via email early next week.

Franciscan Outreach Drive

Our annual collection for Franciscan Outreach Ministry is here! Personal hygiene items will be collected to send to Franciscan Outreach. A flyer went going home with youngest/only of each family with a list of items that are being collected. You can get another copy of the flyer by [clicking here](#). This is a service project that the Fifth Graders of our program work on. Let's give them LOTS of items to sort.

Rice Bowls (CRS)

The Seventh Graders in Religious Ed will visit each classroom on Sunday and Wednesday and will talk to students about the importance of "filling up their Rice Bowl". Rice bowls are asked to be returned by March 11/14 to the Religious Ed Office.

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. One way to put this into practice is by giving to the Catholic Relief Services. Students and their families are encouraged to do with a little less for one meal a week and put what would be spend on the meal in the Rice Bowl. Children are also encouraged to put in the Rice Bowl whatever would be spend on a candy bar, ice cream treat or pop if any of those are being given up for lent!

Thank you for all the ways you model and encourage your child(ren) to do with a little less during this Season of Lent.

Eight Grade Info

Our Eight Graders are winding down their days in our RE Program. Sunday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 14 is their last day of class with Graduation on 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.

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 Seneral 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.

Small Faith Groups

Consider joining a Small Faith Group this lent. Information can be found in the parish bulletin.

Good Friday Men's Choir

Gentlemen.....we need your voices. Share your gift of singing with the parish on Good Friday. Check out the parish bulletin for more information.

SFX Youth Ministry Summer Service Trip

Parents who have a teen currently in high school or know of a family who has a teen in high school are encouraged to talk to your teen about participating in this year's Summer Service Trip. Space is limited. This is always an event that has everyone participating feeling that they received more than the individuals/group that they will be serving. More info can be found in the parish bulletin or on the parish website www.sfxlg.org. You can also contact Olivia Hollman, our Youth Ministry Coordinator at 708-352-0168 x338 or ohollman@sfxlg.org
Adult chaperones are also needed.

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 sfxreligioused@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