

St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin December 1, 2017

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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

I hope you were able to enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

It warmed my heart when a grandmother shared a story of a happening with her Kindergarten grandson who is in our RE Program. She asked him what he was grateful for this Thanksgiving. He immediately responded with ".....I'm thankful that I was able to share the toys I brought to class for the children at St. Agatha....I hope they like them.....do you think they will Grandma?"

Thank you families for passing on the gift of wonder to your children and for helping them to understand that giving is as important as receiving at this time of the year.

Toys from our annual Toy Shower for the children of St. Agatha Parish were delivered on Sunday, November 19. Thank you to all families and sixth graders who helped deliver the toys and participated in the 10:30 Mass at St. Agatha. We were 40 strong in number of participants!!!

Advent Opportunities

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

Feast of St. Francis Xavier

It is our Parish Feast Day this weekend (December 3). Let's gather together at one of our weekend Masses and celebrate who we are together.

Giving Tree

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

Remember to stop after Mass to get a tag from the Giving Tree. All gifts need to be returned to CHURCH BEFORE NOON on December 10.

SFX Family Ministry

Join the SFX Family Outreach Ministry Committee on Sunday, December 10 from 1:00-3:00pm when they will travel to Helping Hand Center's residential homes for adults with disabilities and sing Christmas Carols. Interested? Contact Rachel Peterson by email at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net

Calling All Bakers

Check the bulletin with information about this outreach which is in the seventh 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.

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.

Women's CRHP

Please consider putting some time aside for a special retreat for women. [Click here](#) for 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.

Families did not take advantage of the new Wednesday AFTERNOON pick up procedure which we tested for the four weeks prior to the time change (which will have us dismissing in darkness) so we are suspending that procedure. Please continue to park your vehicle elsewhere and let's continue to keep Waiola Avenue less congested for the safety of our children and for our neighbors to be able to get in and out of their driveway with ease.

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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