

St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin January 17, 2020

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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!

Hope your family is feeling well and is able to stay healthy during this cold/flu season.

The children of our parish who are preparing to receive their First Communion in May received their crosses at a special liturgy last Sunday. These children are encouraged to wear their cross when they are at mass and will receive a special blessing when coming up at Communion time. Let us encourage these children and support them with our prayers.

Winter and Snowy Days (there is a call for snow/ice this weekend) are always a challenge for drop off and pick up. PLEASE follow the Drop Off and Pick Up Procedure posted in this News Bulletin (attachment section to the left). Remember that children ALWAYS have the right of way. It is also important to be considerate of our neighbors on Waiola and Spring Avenues.

PLEASE NOTE: A Waiola neighbor called to complain that their driveway has been blocked on several Wednesdays (this Wednesday included). They cannot get in or out of their driveway. They have been patient but will call the police the next time the driveway is blocked.

Reminder that our At Home Lesson for January 5/8 is due on January 19/22. Hope you enjoyed this time together.

Fifth Grade Liturgy

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

Our Fifth Graders will participate at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, Feb. 1. We hope to see ALL of our Fifth Graders and their families at that Mass. Fifth Grade families will receive an email with more information next week. Make sure you look out for the email.

Fifth Graders will also be celebrating Reconciliation during class time on Sunday, January 19 and Wednesday, January 22. Our 6th and 7th Graders who come to Religious Ed on Wednesday Evening 6:15 Session will also celebrate the Sacrament during class time on January 22. Class size on Wednesday evening is extremely small and, therefore, we need to get creative with scheduling of priests, since we are down to a one priest parish. We are fortunate to have Fr. Bill Killeen and Fr. Phil Cyscon available to help us with Reconciliation on the dates noted above.

Special Event for ALL Parents

[Click here](#) for a flyer inviting all parents to a free and special presentation. One SFX parent who has already heard the speaker said "Run, do not walk to this presentation!"

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

See You In Church!!!

Terri Simeoni

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