

St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin

December 6, 2019

Happy St. Nicholas Day!

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Important to Remember

ABSENCES

Call RE Office prior to the start of class at 708.352.4555 or email sfxreligious@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.

Coordinator's Message

Our Theme For The Year

Be the Light!

I hope you were able to enjoy Thanksgiving with family and friends. The weather made traveling difficult for many. I hope everyone was safe.

Thank you to families for passing on the gift of wonder and sharing to your children with your contribution to the Toy Shower for the children of St. Agatha Parish. Fifteen of us drove to St. Agatha to deliver the toys and stayed for the 10:30 Mass. It was good being there to celebrate together.

Did you put this Parish Event
on your Calendar yet??

Yule Flip and Santa's Workshop
December 15

8:00am - Noon ([click here for flyer](#))

Join friends and family in Joyce Hall for pancakes and sausage AND in the Gym for carolers, crafts, and a visit with Santa.

Help make Christmas cards and blankets for residents of Bethlehem Woods, too!

By the way.....No admission fee for Santa's Workshop so pop into the Gym if you aren't hungry for pancakes!

Christmas Eve Masses

Stop in the RE Office to sign your child out.

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

[Click here](#) for permission form for children to participate in the entrance candle procession for the 3:00 and 5:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. The number of participants for each Mass will be limited to the first 50 who respond. Attendance at the practice on Thursday, December 19 is expected. More details on the attached permission form.

8th Grade Reminder

This is another reminder that the 8th Grade Speaker Event for Sunday was cancelled due to health reasons. Eighth graders are encouraged to use this time away from class on December 8 and December 11 in SERVICE. Service hours are required of all eighth graders. Use this time off wisely.

Advent Opportunities

The Second Week of Advent is upon us. Check the parish bulletin to explore the many ways you can celebrate this season of waiting and watching.

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 own community. Giving Tree tags will be available after all masses this weekend, December 7-8. Wrapped gifts with gift tags attached to them can start to be dropped off on December 14-15. You can also bring them to the Yule Flip! Gifts are due by December 22 BEFORE the 12:00 Noon Mass so that they can be delivered to St. Agatha Parish. The gifts will be distributed to the members of their community that afternoon.

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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