

# St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin October 25, 2019

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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](mailto: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. **This is only on an emergency basis.**

## Coordinator's Message

### Our Theme For The Year

### Be the Light!

Thank you to parents who have reminded their students to come to RE with their tote bag, folder and Bible. Sunday session had most students walking in and out with tote and folder/Bible in hand. We need to work on Wednesday students coming in prepared. Please take note of the next paragraph which was in last weeks bulletin explaining what students need to bring to class. The only item that was not mentioned is the BIBLE which 6-8 need to bring weekly to class.

\*\*\*\*\* Children in Grades K-4 have been provided with a tote bag **Be the Light**. This bag needs to be carried to and from class weekly so that materials can be brought to class and taken home. Students in grades 5-8 have been provided with a folder. They too need to come to class and return home with the folder in hand. Please make sure your child comes to class prepared.\*\*\*\*\*

We also need to work on behavior in the classroom and building. Please talk to your child(ren) about the importance of proper behavior during Religious Ed time. Together we can continue to make great things happen during class time. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Children will be going home Sunday and next Wednesday with the At Home Lesson for November 3 and November 6. Please ask your child for the lesson (blue sheet). This is an ALL FAMILY LESSON, however, each child needs to turn in their own form by November 17/20.

### 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

Please refrain from having your child leave Religious Ed early unless absolutely necessary. It is helpful to know early that this may happen. Unless you send in an email which we will keep on file indicating that your child needs to leave early, you will need to come in and sign your child out. None the less, children will not be dismissed unless a parent comes to the door and we know that your child has been picked up by you.

### Seventh Grade Food Drive

Religious Ed Students went home with a flyer asking for donations to our Parish Food Pantry. Donations are to be brought to class this Sunday, October 25 next Wednesday, October 30. The donations will then be sorted by our 7th graders. They will then stock the shelves at our Food Pantry. You can [click here](#) for any copy of the flyer. Thank you for helping SFX provide food to the clients who come to the Food Pantry on Tuesday morning.

### Fundraiser Update

We are a bit shy of reaching our goal of \$4000.

The total number of kits sold equals 388 with a profit of \$2328. Donations equal \$1375. All of that totals \$3703. Thank you for your support of purchasing kits and for donations!!!! We are \$297 short of our goal. Please consider making a donation if you have not already done so. Thanks for considering. REMINDER that kits need to be picked up Wednesday, October 30 between 4:00pm-6:00pm. Please enter thru the Waiola doors.

### 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. We will be hearing more about the stewardship of treasure this weekend. The parish bulletin is devoted to the Parish ANNUAL REPORT. Please take some time to read thru the report.

### **Fourth Grade Mass**

Parents of third graders are asked to put November 9 on their calendar. Fourth graders will lead us in some of the liturgical roles at the 5:00 Mass that evening. There will be a practice at 4:15pm (right before Mass). You will receive an email with more detail.

### **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.

### **CROP Hunger Walk**

Please show solidarity with people in underdeveloped nations who walk miles each day for access to food and clean water.

Ending Hunger One Step At A Time

Sunday, October 27

12:30pm Onsite Registration

1:15pm Walk

First Congregational Church of Western Springs

1106 Chestnut Street

Suggested donation per Walker:

Free will monetary offering along with a nonperishable food item.

### **Christmas Cards for Prisoners**

It's already time to collect Christmas cards for prisoners. These cards mean so much to those isolated prisoners; the cards let them know they are not forgotten.

\* Sign only your FIRST name

\* Write a brief note if you wish

\* Place stamps in a SEPARATE envelope

- \* No cards with glitter
- \* NO cards about masses or novenas
- \* Do NOT seal the envelopes

Place the cards and stamps in the box in the vestibule by October 27.

### **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](mailto:sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org) your child's absence prior to the start of class. Thank you!

**See You In Church!!!**

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