

St. Francis Xavier Religious Ed News Bulletin March 1, 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

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

There are FOUR Religious Ed Classes left

Sunday, March 3

Wednesday, March 6

Sunday, March 10

Wednesday, March 13

Sunday, April 7

Wednesday, April 10

Sunday, April 14

Wednesday, April 17

before our Religious Ed Fair on April 22!!!!

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.

Please remember to mark Sunday, April 28, 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 to make this annual event even better than last year!! Families are asked to come to Joyce Hall anytime between 8:45am-10:15am to see what great things have been happening in RE this year.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6, is Ash Wednesday. Children

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

who attend the 4:00 and 6:15 Sessions on

Wednesdays will receive ashes at a prayer service during class time on that day. Sunday morning students are welcome to come to the afternoon service which will be at 4:15 in church. Sunday students need to be accompanied by an adult to that service.

The parish bulletin has information about all of the opportunities offered to parishioners this Lent. Make sure you pick up a bulletin after Mass this weekend.

Rice Bowls (CRS)

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 spent on the meal in the Rice Bowl. Children are also encouraged to put in the Rice Bowl whatever would be spent on a candy bar, ice cream treat or pot if any of those are being given up for lent.

7th GRADE Run For Your Life Refugee Simulation

Seventh Graders will NOT meet at their regular class time on Sunday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 6.

Rather, they will participate in the Refugee Simulation Event on Sunday, March 3. Registration for this event was necessary.

Eight Grade Info

Our Eight Graders are winding down their days in our RE Program. Sunday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 13 is their last day of class with Graduation on Sunday, April 7 at the Noon Mass in church. PLEASE remember to mark this date on your calendar along with their practice date of Saturday, April 6.

First Communion Choir

Children in Grades 1, and 3-8 who are not currently singing in a SFX Parish Children's Choir are invited to join for the up-coming First Communion Masses, which will be held on Saturday, May 4. More information can be found in the parish bulletin.

Catechist Appreciation Fund

Our annual mailing for donations to our Teacher Appreciation Fund was sent out by U.S. mail. Several donations have already come in. Thank you!

Our catechists are strictly volunteers and this is our opportunity to recognize their ministry to our children.

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 is going home with a list of items that are being collected you can get another copy of the flyer by [clicking here](#).

Good Friday Men's Choir

Gentlemen...we need your voices. Share your gift of singing with the parish on Good Friday, April 19. Check out the parish bulletin for more information.

Small Faith Groups

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

Knight of Columbus Event

The Knight of Columbus La Grange Council would like you to join them on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00pm in Joyce Hall for a very powerful and inspirational evening. More information can be found in the parish bulletin.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

CLW happens at the 5:00pm Saturday Mass for children in grades K-4. 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 the Children's Choir will be leading us in prayer and, therefore, the readings will be proclaimed from the Children's Lectionary.

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. We have used School Messenger several times already and it seems to help with our communication with you.

Theme for the Year

BELIEVE! With God All Things Are Possible.....is our theme for the year. We are going to focus on trusting that we are all where we have been called to be and doing what God has in mind for us to do with the gift of each day!

New Parish Instagram and Twitter Accounts

The parish is increasing our social media presence and is now 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!

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!!!

Terri Simeoni

Religious Education Coordinator