

WE ARE: SOLDIERS OF CHRIST!

From the desk of the Director of Religious Education

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for your commitment to the spiritual formation of your child by sending him/her every week to religious education. It gives me great pleasure to see the children come week after week to learn about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You, the parents, are the most influential person in the Christian life of your child. The religious education program at St. Francis Xavier provides a faith-filled atmosphere which supports the Christian values taught at your home. St. Francis Xavier Catechists are faith-filled people dedicated to spreading Christ's message. They are volunteers to help each child experience God's love. Please express your gratitude each time you see them.

The purpose of religious education is to teach students to know, love, and serve God by introducing the person of Jesus and to teach His message, by developing authentic lives of prayer and worship, and to foster a spirit of service to others within the Christian community and beyond.

Likewise, we ask parents to take on your own responsibilities: model your faith daily, share prayer at home and attend Mass each week with your child, provide your child with opportunities to learn and practice their faith at home and within our parish community, and have prompt attendance at all religious education classes and activities.

Please read every correspondence that comes to you via your child. Keep yourself informed through our parish website:

www.stfrancisenid.com/religiouseducaton and Facebook, and please respond to all communication sent to you.

Thank you for your patience and assistance in this new year.

In the Spirit of St. Francis Xavier,

Mrs. Miriam Rios Day

First Reconciliation

December 17, 2016
10:00am in Church

All students in the second grade, and attending their second year of religious education, will be preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in the classroom. Older students, in their second year of religious education, will receive the preparation packet which needs to be completed at home with his/her parents. In addition, all students preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation need to memorize the prayers attached to this newsletter. Your child may learn to pray these prayers in English or Spanish. They will be asked to recite them in the classroom in either language. Parents, it is your responsibility that your children know these prayers by November 29th. Please make sure you pray these prayers at home daily. Prayer should be part of your daily ritual. It is through prayer that God answers our petitions.



Baptismal Certificates

All students receiving sacraments this year:

First Reconciliation,

First Communion, and Confirmation. Please bring baptismal certificates to the parish office by October 1st, 2016

Confirmation Students: turn in your Saint's name and Sponsor's name by October 1st 2016

Safe Environment



Thank you parents for following instructions and staying out of the hallways in the main floor and second floor of the building. This is done for the safety of your children in case of a fire, a storm, or an intruder: **Safety First!**

Eucharistic Seminar

Parents of students who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion in May 2017, will need to attend a **mandatory Eucharistic Seminar** on one of the following dates:

February 11, 2017 in Spanish

February 18, 2017 in Spanish

February 25, 2017 in Spanish

March 4, 2017 in English

March 11, 2017 in English



The purpose of this Eucharistic Seminar is to better prepare parents to tell their child the importance of the Eucharist.

When you drop off your child for religious education, please stop by the office to register and choose the date that is more convenient for you and your spouse to attend. This seminar will be from 9:00am to 3:00pm in the Leven Center. **No childcare** will be provided for this seminar.



All School Rosary schedule:

October 11 at 5:00pm-FR

October 11 at 6:45pm—gym

October 12 at 6:45pm—Church Confirmation II will lead.

October 16 at 10:20am—gym Eighth grade class will lead.

**October 18-23
Fall Break/No class**