

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

It is with great joy that we begin the year 2017 at St. Francis Xavier! We have many projects for the children and for you in the weeks and months ahead, and your help will be needed with these projects. Please make sure to read the newsletter and keep it on the refrigerator or in a place where you can see it daily. All project dates and information are to the right of this column.

To the parents of students who will be receiving First Communion: please make sure to sign up for the mandatory Eucharistic Seminar coming up in February. You can sign up when you drop off your child or stop by the parish office to add your name and the list. Both parents will need to attend this seminar. Sign up now to get the date you want.

To the parents of students in Confirmation II: please know that you and the sponsor of your child are to attend a Confirmation Showcase/Confirmation Dinner on March 4th at 6:00pm in the Leven Center.

Parents: please make sure that your children attend classes regularly and come to class on time. The students are in class for such a short amount of time that any distractions—including students coming to class tardy—take away from their learning. In today's world it is crucial that you give your children the tools needed to face the moral, social, political, and religious issues of our day and in the future. It is expected, therefore, that you practice the faith and celebrate it with your family by actively participating at Mass each week. How can we have a relationship with the Lord Jesus unless we spend time with Him in prayer and in worship?

Every time you have an opportunity, please thank your child's catechist. As I mentioned before, your child's catechist comes week after week to teach your child everything he/she needs to know about our Catholic faith. The catechist is the person that keeps our Catholic faith alive! These faith-filled persons deserve our admiration and thanks.

Thank you to all the parents and students who participated in *Project Mercy*. Lots of gloves, scarves, socks, blankets, and toiletries were collected for the poor and the needy. Everything was taken to Forgotten Ministries to be used by local people. God bless you for your generosity.

The Department of Religious Education and the Youth Department of St. Francis, St. Gregory, and St. Michael need to raise funds for Totus Tuus and Steubenville this summer. Next week you will receive more information regarding these two programs and what is planned to raise \$15,000.

Thank you for bringing your child to religious education each week. It's the best gift you can give your child—the gift of your Catholic Faith.

God bless you and your family in 2017. In the Spirit of St. Francis Xavier!

Mrs. Miriam Day, Director of Religious Education



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Note: All students in year one or two who are receiving sacramental preparation cannot have more than three absences in the entire year. If your child is sick or your family is in some type of emergency, please call the office so your child is not counted absent. Thank you.

Coming up...

January 28—St. Francis, St. Gregory, St. Michael Fundraising Dinner. All parents will receive information regarding this dinner and tickets to sell.

February 11, 18, 25(in Spanish)—Eucharistic Seminar in Spanish. Please make sure to sign up for this mandatory seminar.

February 25—St. Francis, St. Gregory, St. Michael Fundraising Dinner

March 4 & 11(in English)—Eucharist Seminar. Please make sure to sign up for this mandatory seminar.

March 4th—6pm—Confirmation II Showcase/Confirmation Dinner. Parents and sponsors of students who will receive confirmation this year need to attend. (If your child's sponsor does not live in Oklahoma he/she does not need to attend this dinner)

FLOCKNOTE: For the past three months you have been receiving short messages through flocknote.

Only 130 characters can be typed through flocknote, so the messages are concise and to the point. There is a way to write a longer message but a longer message doesn't come up on your screen, you will need to tap your screen to view the entire message. I will continue using this form of communication for short messages regarding canceling of classes due to inclement weather or another type of emergency, special requests, invitations to participate in RE or Church activities, etc. If your telephone service is through Pioneer, you will not be able to receive these messages. Please contact the parish office, check the website, and/or local radio and television stations for cancellation of classes due to inclement weather. **Please let us know if you changed your telephone number, otherwise this form of communication is useless.**

Going to Mass

Check the church bulletin

For Mass schedule

There are four Masses every weekend. Choose the best time for you and your family to attend!