

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2017

WE ARE: SOLDIERS OF CHRIST!

Blessings to all,

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 bulletin and parish website, and please respond to all communication sent to you. Thank you for your patience and assistance in this new year.

Family Handbook: Parents who enrolled in the months of June and July did not receive the Family Handbook. Some of you have stopped by the office to pick up your copy. If you don't have this Handbook, please stop by the office to pick up your copy. It is imperative that you have this handbook as it contains information of great importance.

Please pray for all our brothers and sisters in Texas who are victims of the hurricane so that their lives come back to some sort of normalcy in the near future.

In the Spirit of St. Francis Xavier,

Mrs. Miriam Day

RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation Retreat

December 2—Leven Center

All students preparing to receive their First Communion in May 2018 will need to attend a Reconciliation Retreat on December 2 from 9am-noon.

First Reconciliation

December 16, 2017

10:00am in church

Dear parents, your children took home a booklet on First Reconciliation, please make sure to work with your child by reading and helping memorize their prayers.

Prayers: All students receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation on December 2, **MUST** know their prayers. Students will be evaluated on their knowledge of the prayers on the day of the retreat.

Baptismal Certificates

If your child will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist this year, please bring his/her baptismal certificate to the office by October 15.

Eucharist/Confirmation Seminar

Parents of students who are preparing to receive sacraments in April/May 2018 will need to attend a Eucharist/Confirmation Seminar on a Saturday in February or March. Please stop by the office to reserve the date that will work best for your family.

Flocknote: Text messaging system. I will continue this form of communication for short messages regarding canceling of classes due to inclement weather, special requests, invitations to participate in RE or Church activities, etc. Please let us know if your cell phone number changes.

