

# "Building Up the Kingdom" Sacraments, Scripture, Stewardship, and Service



*PSR Handbook*

*2010-2011*

## HANDBOOK FOR ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

We welcome all of our new families and all of our families from last year to our 2010-2011 Year! Each year our mission in the Parish School of Religion Program is to bring the Good News of Jesus to our Students by Developing their Faith Knowledge, Experiencing the Sacraments, and Sharing in Stewardship and Service.

We strive to do this by providing formal religious education classes for your child/children/young adult along with your assistance. It is in both of us working together, parish & home, that we can best serve your family members. Each week students have opportunities and events which guide and lead them to continue with their spiritual growth and faith formation. These experiences and events of our Faith enable them to go forth, share, and live out the Good News of Jesus Christ as a Catholic Youth.

Now, as this new school year awaits us we remember that the Gospels proclaim His story that then becomes our story. We'll see how God loves us and how God has kept his promises in the past. We know that we can count on God's promises for the future. Our faith in the past and future years gives us the hope we need to live and carry out the Christian life in the present - to accept and embrace Christ's invitation to live with him. To achieve this we are called by our Baptism to Serve.

This year we are again using our St. Francis Xavier web site for the majority of correspondence to our families ([www.stfrancisxavier.info](http://www.stfrancisxavier.info)) under Parish then Religious Education and under that are the links that pertain to our PSR Programs. We hope you and your family find this convenient. If you haven't given us your e-mail address or if you don't have computer access please call our office.

The theme of our 2010-2011 year is "Building Up the Kingdom". We need to explore and discover all we can about our Catholic Faith and how we can live it out! During the year a focus will also be placed on Stewardship, Scripture, Sacraments, and Service.

This year we will experience the final months of our parish's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. We continue to pray for our Pastor Father Tony Sejba, Father Zachary Kawalec, and Father Bob Lorkowski.

Please know that our PSR Office is available to serve you. Please call us at 722-7700 so we can be of assistance to you.

In Christ's Ministry,  
Susan Rohe-Brooks

# ALL PROGRAMS

## **DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

Susan Rohe-Brooks - 722-7700 extension 110

## **Secretary for Parish School of Religion Programs:**

Donna McEwen - 722-7700 extension 111

## **PROGRAMS AVAILABLE**

**Pre-School** for 3, 4, & 5 year olds. Sundays beginning at 10:00 A.M. and concluding with the dismissal of the Sunday Liturgy.

**Elementary** -Grades 1-5, for children attending Public School or home schooled on Saturday mornings 9:00-10:30 A.M.

**Inclusive Ministry (Special Needs)** - This special program meets during the regular Saturday PSR times.

**The Edge Program** - For student in Grades 6, 7 & 8 on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:30 P.M.

**Life Teen** Grades 9 -12, for those teens attending any High School, either Public or Private or Home Schooled on Sundays, October 4-May 1. Liturgy at 5:30 P.M. Life Night 6:45-8:30 P.M. which includes social time and refreshments. Some Life afternoons (TBA) will proceed Liturgy.

**Sacrament Programs**- Reconciliation and Eucharist for Grade 2 and older students who have not yet received the sacraments.

**Parent Sacramental Workshops** for parents preparing their children for Reconciliation and/or Eucharist.

**The Retreat Programs** for Youth in Grades 8 - 12.

**Vacation Bible School** for children Age 4 through the end of Grade 6.

**The Edge Summer Camp** for students who have completed Grade 7 and Grade 8.

# PRE-SCHOOL

## **CLASS SESSIONS:**

Classes meet on Sunday mornings in the school during the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy. Classes are dismissed after the Liturgy (11:00-11:15 A.M.)

## **MATERIALS:**

This year we be using a new text "Stories of God's Love" by RCL and Benzinger Company along with many supplemental ideas, music sessions and special celebration events for this well-programmed orientation of children ages 3, 4, and 5 into formal religion classes.

## **CLASSES BEGIN:**

Open House: Sunday, October 17. All registered students and their parents should stop in to meet catechists after the 10:00 A.M. Liturgy until 11:45 A.M.

Opening Class is Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in the school. Students will receive their class assignments in the mail a week before classes begin.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Music: Times TBA

Blessing of Students and Staff

St. Nicholas Celebration

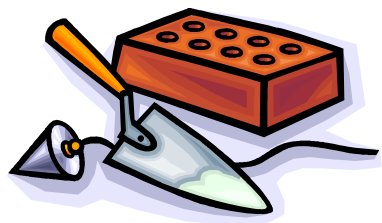
Closing Celebration

October 24th, 2010

December 5, 2010

April 17, 2011





# PRE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010-2011



Sunday, October 17 -	Open House after 10:00 A.M. Mass until 11:45 A.M.
Sunday, October 24 -	Opening Class
Sunday, October 31 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, November 7 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, November 14 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, November 21 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, November 28 -	<b>No Classes - Thanksgiving</b>
Sunday, December 5 -	Classes in Session - St. Nicholas Visit
Sunday, December 12 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, December 19 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, December 26 -	<b>No Classes - Christmas Break</b>
Sunday, January 2 -	<b>No Classes - Christmas Break</b>
Sunday, January 9 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, January 16 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, January 23 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, January 30 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, February 6 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, February 13 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, February 20 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, February 27 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, March 6 -	<b>No Classes in Session - Men's Renewal</b>
Sunday, March 13 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, March 20 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, March 27	<b>No Classes - Spring Break</b>
Sunday, April 3 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, April 10 -	Classes in Session
Sunday, April 17 -	Classes in Session during 12:00 Mass Pre School Closing Palm Sunday

# ELEMENTARY P.S.R.

## **CLASS SESSIONS:**

Classes meet on Saturday mornings in the school from  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

## **CLASSES BEGIN:**

**Saturday, September 11**

**This first class has the student attending with their parent.**

**Attendance will be taken.**

Parents and Students with last names A-K 9:00-10:00 A.M.

Parents and Students with last names L-Z 10:30-11:30 A.M.

## **MATERIALS USED:**

The text for our program is the "Faith First" Legacy Series by Resources for Christian Living. Many other supplementary resources also will be used to assist the catechist, special celebration opportunities of Prayer Services, Liturgy opportunities, Liturgical music and opportunities for celebrations of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

## **PARENT NEWSLETTERS:**

These will be posted on the St. Francis Xavier website [www.stfrancisxavier.info](http://www.stfrancisxavier.info) under Parish, Religious Education, then follow the Elementary link to parent letters. We encourage you to check the web site weekly and also to read the weekly Sunday bulletin at church. Communication to parents also takes place with email letters. Please make sure we have your e-mail address.

# INCLUSIVE MINISTRY (SPECIAL NEEDS)

This is an opportunity for students in Grades 1-8 who are in need of a special class to share and learn about their Faith. Sessions are determined by meeting with the Director of Religious Education and the Coordinator Nancy Sherepita. The Sessions are held on Saturdays beginning in September and are scheduled by the coordinator. Please call the PSR office for more information.

# Elementary PSR Schedule 2010-2011 "Building Up the Kingdom"

Saturday, September 11 -	Opening Class Parents and Students Attend Last Names A-K 9:00-10:00 A.M. Last Names L-Z 10:30-11:30 A.M.
Saturday, September 18 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, September 25 -	Classes in Session
Saturday October 2 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, October 9 -	<b>No Classes - Women's Renewal</b>
Saturday, October 16 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, October 23 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, October 30 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, November 6 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, November 13 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, November 20 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, November 27 -	<b>No Classes - Thanksgiving Break</b>
Saturday, December 4 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, December 11 -	Classes in Session for Grades 1,3,4,5 Reconciliation Retreat: Jesus Day for Grade 2 students 11:00-3:00 in the Church and School
Saturday, December 18 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, December 25 -	<b>No Classes - Christmas Day</b>

Wishing you and your families a Blessed and Joyous Christmas Season!

Saturday, January 1 -	<b>No Classes - New Year's Day</b> A Joyous New Year to all!
Saturday, January 8 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, January 15 -	Classes in Session Reconciliation for A-K 11:00 A.M. in Church
Saturday, January 22 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, January 29 -	Classes in Session?/TBA Reconciliation for L-Z 11:00 A.M. in Church
Saturday, February 5 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, February 12 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, February 19 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, February 26 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, March 5 -	<b>No Classes - Men's Renewal</b>
Saturday, March 12 -	Classes in Session - "Called to Protect"
Saturday, March 19 -	Classes in Session - "Called to Protect"
Saturday, March 26 -	Classes in Session - "Called to Protect"
Saturday, April 2 -	<b>No PSR Classes - Spring Break</b>
Saturday, April 9 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, April 16 -	Classes in Session
Saturday, April 23 -	<b>No PSR Classes - Holy Saturday</b>
Saturday, April 30	Classes in Session Closing Prayer Service 9:20 A.M. in Church Grade 2 First Eucharist Retreat Day - 11:00-3:00 in the Church and School
Saturday, May 7	First Eucharist at 10:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.

# "THE EDGE"

## Grades 6, 7, & 8



### **WE WELCOME GRADE 6 TO THIS 2010-2011 YEAR TO THE EDGE!**

**CLASS SESSIONS** for Grades 6, 7, & 8 will take place Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8:30 P.M. This will take place primarily in the School and the Xavier Room.

#### **THE EDGE PROGRAM BEGINS**

Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-8:30 P.M. in the gym for the opening kickoff. **All other nights students will begin in a set location and also use the Xavier Room. Please note the change in time for this year.**

#### **THE EDGE PROGRAM**

A program and approach for our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This Catholic centered night will be aimed at young adolescents who are on "The Edge" of children vs. teen/young adult. It is designed to meet their spiritual, emotional, educational, and social needs. The Edge does the above and creates an environment where the youth are a part of community atmosphere rather than isolated in a classroom.

This process will allow for an easier transition to high school youth ministry and create a solid foundation for their entering Life Teen in high school. We look forward to celebrating our Faith each week with the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### **PARENT NEWSLETTERS:**

Newsletters will be on the St. Francis Xavier web site ([www.stfrancisxavier.info](http://www.stfrancisxavier.info)) to keep our parents informed of events. We also remind everyone to read the church bulletin for important information. Parents will be emailed each week with an attachment of what their youth covered. Please make sure the PSR office has your e-mail address.



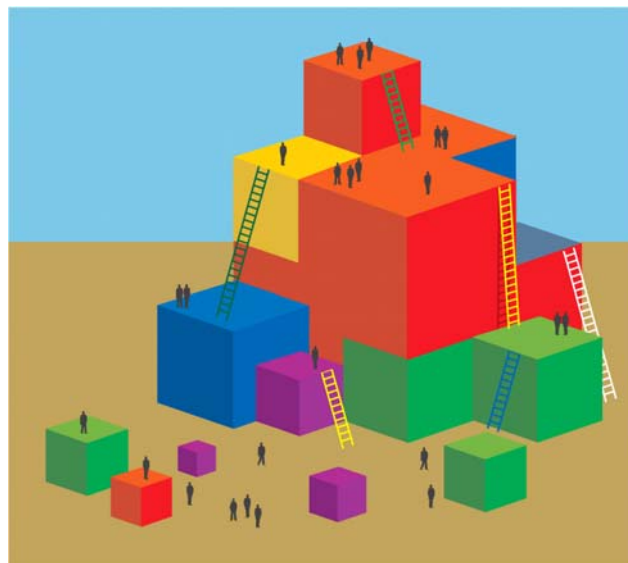
# The Edge (Grades 6, 7 & 8) Schedule 2010-2011



Wednesday, October 13	Opening For Grades 6,7 & 8 in the Gym 6:45-8:30 P.M.
Wednesday, October 20	Classes in Session
Wednesday, October 27	Classes in Session
Wednesday, November 3	Classes in Session
Wednesday, November 10	Classes in Session
Wednesday, November 17	Classes in Session
Wednesday, November 24	<b>No Classes - Thanksgiving Break</b>
Wednesday, December 1	Classes in Session
Wednesday, December 8	Classes in Session
Wednesday, December 15	Classes in Session
Wednesday, December 22	<b>No Classes - Christmas Break</b>
Wednesday, December 29	<b>No Classes - Christmas Break</b>
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Wednesday, January 5	Classes in Session
Wednesday, January 12	Classes in Session
Wednesday, January 19	Classes in Session
Wednesday, January 26-	Classes in Session
	<b>SEMESTER II</b>
Wednesday, February 2	Classes in Session

Wednesday, February 9	Classes in Session
Wednesday, February 16	Classes in Session - "Called to Protect"
Wednesday, February 23	Classes in Session - "Called to Protect"
Wednesday, March 2	Classes in Session - "Called to Protect"
Wednesday, March 9	Classes in Session Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Wednesday, March 16	Classes in Session
Wednesday, March 23	Classes in Session
Wednesday, March 30	<b>No Classes - Spring Break</b>
Wednesday, April 6	Classes in Session
Wednesday, April 13	Classes in Session Closing Liturgy
Wednesday, April 20	Confirmation Class for Grade 8 Students only
Wednesday, April 27	Confirmation Class for Grade 8 Students only

Parents of Edge students will receive a parent update for each nights material through email.





## YOUTH MINISTRY LIFE TEEN

This parish PSR youth ministry movement provides for the youth of our parish (Grades 9-12) opportunities to experience and share in educational, spiritual, emotional, and social growth nights and events for our teens and their friends. The approaches used are efforts to lead teens closer to the Eucharist and Jesus. Many opportunities and events are designed to bring a transformation into their lives and a closer relationship with Jesus. Life Teen is the parish catechesis (youth ministry) for all high school students of St. Francis Xavier Parish whether they go to Private or Public High Schools or are Home Schooled. They are invited to bring their high school friends with them to events and other Life Nights.

### EDUCATIONAL PROCESS:

In an attempt to reach all of our high school youths levels of need we will provide many different Life nights for this 2010-2011 year: As teens (Grades 9 - 12) are given life through God's Word, the Eucharist, Retreats, and fellowship, the impact will be on the entire faith community of our parish as together we experience. . .

### Life . . .

The program will be most Sunday evenings each week (and a few afternoons), October 3-May 1 beginning with the awesome Opening Night experience of a Life Liturgy (5:30 P.M.) and a Eucharistic Procession to Medina square. **Parents and other parishioners** are welcomed and encouraged to attend this celebration. Afterwards each week (6:45-8:30) teens will experience a different high level Life Night which either focuses on Catholic teachings, issues of living our faith in 2010-2011 or a social event. A few times during the year there will be a Life afternoon event followed by the 5:30 P.M. Life Liturgy,

Parent for Life Support Group - Many different areas of help are needed driving, chaperones, Trees & Treasures fund raising, refreshments, etc. Please call the Rectory office to offer your assistance.

Trees and Treasures is Life Teen's only Fund Raiser (Dinner/Auction) for our many programs for Life! On Monday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Patty Cathcart is in the Randel House and can use your help designing, painting, making items etc. We need donations of items for Christmas or for any time of the year (i.e. gift cards, travel vouchers, tickets for sporting events etc.) are all needed to fill up baskets. We also need Parents to attend the Dinner/Auction on Friday, November 19 at Rustic Hills Country Club. Watch the web site for more details

### SUNDAY EVENINGS

5:30 P.M. Liturgy in Church

Life Nights 6:45-8:30 P.M.  
Social Times and Life Afternoons TBA  
Each semester teens will receive a  
schedule of topics for each date.

**October 2010**

October 3 \*\*Life Teen Liturgy and  
Procession to Medina Square,  
10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> (Life Afternoon)

**November 2010**

6<sup>th</sup> (Liturgy only) 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>

**December 2010**

5<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> (Life afternoon)

**January 2011**

2<sup>nd</sup> (Life Afternoon), 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>

**February 2011**

14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

**March 2011**

6<sup>th</sup> (Life Afternoon), 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>  
(Liturgy only)

**April 2011**

3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> (Liturgy only), 17<sup>th</sup> (Liturgy only)

**May 2011**

1<sup>st</sup> (Closing Life Liturgy and Celebration)

Life Teen gives our high school teens an opportunity to come to a greater awareness of Jesus, their Faith, and to experience a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ in their lives. It is in experiencing liturgy, life nights, events, and service that a transformation of heart can take place.

Again, this total approach is to let our high school students know and recognize that they do make a difference. By their presence and witness they complete the Community Life of our St. Francis Xavier Parish and Community.



★ **Sunday, October 3 - All are welcomed for the opening of Life Teen 2010-2011 Mass at 5:30 P.M. followed by a Eucharistic Procession from Church down Route 18 down to Medina Square. We rededicate the Life Teen Program to our Blessed Mother, have Benediction, and Praise and Worship time! Please come and join us! Dismissal will be from the square at 8:15 P.M.**

# POLICIES & GUIDELINES

## **DISCIPLINE:**

Discipline is the companion and result of good religious instruction and guidance. It is a recognition of human dignity and the rights of others. The rules used are aimed to develop in the students an awareness of good learning conditions and the rights of others in a safe environment.

**Respect is stressed of persons and property.**



## **DRESS:**

We ask if possible that students come dressed as they would for regular day classes. Please make sure that t-shirt sayings are appropriate. Please no flip flops. Chewing gum is not permitted.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

This is very important on a regular basis, so the concepts and experiences can flow without interruption. If a student will be missing classes on a regular basis, the Catechist & DRE's office should be notified immediately. They in turn will keep you posted on what students should be doing at home to keep up-to-date.

It is impossible that an hour to an hour and a half once a week can develop and implant all a student needs. So, Pre- School parents are asked to look over and read take home pages. Parents of Elementary students are asked to read over the parent pages in their books and assist with homework pages. The Edge parents can check their weekly e-mail and encourage their young teen to share their weekly experience and look over their file folder weekly.

## **ARRIVAL:**

**Elementary Students** will enter through the main doors of the school. Parents of Students in Grades 1 & 2 need to bring their students to their classroom on September 11, and 18. Starting on September 25 the students should be dropped off at the door. Please follow the unloading directions from our traffic staff. This will be a great help to avoid confusion in the parking lot. **The Edge students** (Grade 6, 7, & 8) enter the building through the main doors and go to their assigned areas. Students are to arrive on time Saturday students at 9:00 a.m. and the Edge Students at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

If an Elementary or Edge student arrives **10 minutes after class begins**, they are to come **first** to the **PSR Office** (main hallway in the school) to **Check in** and then will be taken to their classroom or assigned area.

Our Sunday morning Pre School students should enter the main doors off the parking lot. Pre School begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends after the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy. Safety is our main concern so doors will be locked at 10:15 A.M. until Mass ends.

## **EARLY DISMISSAL:**

If for one reason or another, a student has to leave early, a **Note** must be given to the Catechist. **Parents must come to the entrance table (in the main hallway of the school) and sign their child out.** The student will be brought from the classroom, by a helper, to meet the parent in the hallway. We ask that when the students are participating in a liturgy, prayer service, etc. that they are not leaving early as this is very disturbing to all.

## **DISMISSAL:**

### **Parents of Elementary 1st & 2nd Graders:**

These students will be dismissed first at 10:25 A.M. out the front doors of the school. Please do not pull your child out of line (This is for their safety). Catechists need to know you have picked them up. Catechists will bring their students each week to their designated spot. Please do not pull up and have your child enter the car. We need you to park your car and come up to the catechist. This way the catechists knows whose picking up the student. Again, safety is our greatest concern.

### **Parents of Elementary Students Grades 3-5**

These students will be dismissed at 10:30 A.M. out the East doors by the gym.

### **Parents of Pre School Students:**

Parents of ages 3, 4, & 5 students must pick their young child up in the classrooms. Please do not send your Elementary students to pick up brothers/sisters. A safety feature is the doors will be locked from 10:20-11:00. Please use the front doors of the school and ring the bell if you need to get in during the above times. Classes end at the end of the 10:00 A.M. Liturgy. If a student needs to be picked up earlier before the end of mass bring a note and give it to Mrs. Bangs.

### **Parents of Edge Students (Grade 6, 7, & 8)**

On Wednesday evening please drop off and pick up your student by the front doors of the school. Please park your cars in the front lot by the Church and front doors of the school.

## **THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN:**

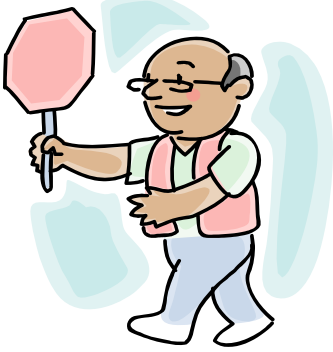
Parents of all grade levels: Please follow the directives of our parents wearing the orange vests. They are giving their time for **your** children. A few minutes of waiting is a small request for avoiding an injury to a child! If the directives are followed on Saturday the lot is cleared by 10:42 A.M.

**Help is needed!** If each family could take one arrival and dismissal that would be great. Please speak to the men in the orange vests about volunteering. Thank you!



## **PARKING:**

Because of the large number of students attending our Saturday and Wednesday programs, we are asking **All parents to enter** the parking lot from **E. Smith Road.** Carefully park bumper to bumper. Parents of Grade 1 & 2 students should try to use the front parking lot by the Church. **Use great caution when leaving the lot. Parking Lot Supervisors are there for the safety of your child/children which is our main concern.** Cars need to follow the direction of the traffic supervisors wearing the orange vests. **Again, Please remember they are doing us a big service.**



## **Pre School on Sundays**

Come early and park so you won't be blocking anyone else in. Never park in the driveways or in an incorrect position as it could be safety hazards in case of fire. In all situations, **safety** and the **protection** of your child is our main concern.

## **VISITS TO THE CLASSROOM:**

Drop in visits are discouraged unless previous arrangements have been made with the Director of Religious Education. We don't want to interrupt the learning environment going on in the classrooms, but if needed a visit can be scheduled by contacting the Director for arrangements.

## **CURRICULUM:**

In an effort to provide the most current available material, we are using the "Faith First" Legacy series by Resources for Christian Living for Grades 1- 5. The "Edge Program" in Grades 6, 7, & 8 uses the approved curriculum of the Edge Program with added supplements and resources. Pre School students use the "Stories of God's Love" series by RCL and Benzinger Company. Life Teen, Grades 9 - 12, uses a structure of educational issues and social components provided by Life Teen Inc. Many other tools and aids are also used for your child/children/young adult, which provides a complete program.

Music/Liturgy is a part of your students well-rounded program of learning during the year. Liturgies are prepared and attended by students in Grades 1 - 12. The opportunity for Prayer Services, Adoration and weekly Liturgies are also available for the Life Teen students.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

We encourage parents to help us in different areas.

**Classrooms** At different times catechists may need help with a special project or event. Please call the PSR office to help.

**Parking Lot** - Help is always needed for our Elementary and Edge Programs to ensure the safety of our students. Please take time to volunteer for one weekend per family.



# Prayer Service Reconciliation Liturgy Schedule

## ELEMENTARY LITURGY/PRAYER SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Grades 1-5	Blessing of Students	Sat. Sept. 18
Grades 1-5	Lenten Liturgy	Sat. Mar. 19
Grades 1-5	Closing Prayer Service	Sat. April 30

## ELEMENTARY RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Grade 3	Sat. Oct. 30
Grade 4 and 5	Sat. Nov. 13

## THE EDGE (GRADES 7 & 8) PRAYER SERVICE/LITURGY SCHEDULE

October 24	Blessing of Students & Books
December 8	Liturgy - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
March 9	Liturgy - Ash Wednesday
April 28	Grades 6-8 Closing Liturgy

## THE EDGE RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Grade 6, 7, & 8 December 1, 2010



## FEES:

In order for our programs to provide the best we can for the Learning and Spiritual Growth of your student, we have a fee of **\$65.00 per student** in Grades 1,3,4,5,6,7 and 8. This helps to meet our budget which includes text books, consumable supplies, videos, films, AV equipment, teacher stipends, guest speakers, postage, mailings, lights, phones, etc. Your dollars are combined with a **large** subsidy from the Parish to meet the program's needs in the Parish School of Religion Programs. A fee of **\$80.00 per student** will be charged to Grade 2 Sacrament Students to cover the costs of the additional texts, workshops, celebrations, etc. To meet our needs we are encouraging you to pay the first month of class.

Life Teen has no set fees for the year. Certain social Life Nights may have an entrance fee. Fund Raising supports the program's various areas of cost. To name a few areas . . . items for the weekly program, extra events, refreshments, speakers, and added retreat costs, music needs, etc. Our one Fund-Raiser for Life Teen is "Trees & Treasures" which is on November 19 at Rustic Hills Country Club.

This years Pre School fees are \$40. 00 for one child, \$65.00 for two children, and \$80.00 for three children.

**If there is a problem or questions please call the Director of Religious Education.**

### **BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES:**

If your child was Baptized at a church **OTHER THAN ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**, we will need to see the Baptismal Certificate or a copy. We will return it by mail or you can pick it up at the Rectory office. Copies can be made in the Rectory for you.

### **WEATHER:**

We will advise you of class cancellations due to unfavorable weather on Wed., Sat., or Sun. through I-Alert. You can log into [www.wkyc.com](http://www.wkyc.com) and click into I-Alert and you will receive a text message when classes are cancelled. Please, **DO NOT CALL** the Rectory on Saturday mornings. In some cases the classroom catechists will phone the children, but parents are expected to look to the I-Alert on Channel 3. It is understood that if SFX Day School is closed due to weather conditions PSR classes will not be in session.



### **THE CHURCH BULLETIN:**

We strive to keep you, the parent/guardian, informed with updates on all our PSR programs. **Please read the Parish Bulletin weekly.** If you missed Mass at St. Francis Xavier, bulletins are available during the week in the rectory or on the parish website.

### **PARENT LETTERS:**

This year parent letters will be on the internet at the [www.stfrancisxavier.info](http://www.stfrancisxavier.info) website. If you do not have a computer please call the PSR office and we will mail you a copy. Any questions that may arise, feel free to call the PSR Office at 722-7700 or 725-4968 and leave a voice mail message.

### **SACRAMENT PROGRAMS: RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST**

Reconciliation & Eucharist are prepared for and received usually during the second grade year. However, many times students who are older may need preparation due to moving, etc. If you have a student Grade 3 and up, who needs to receive either Reconciliation and/or Eucharist, please notify the D.R.E. and the office immediately to make arrangements.

**Parish Policy: All children wanting to receive Sacraments in Grade 2 need to attend regularly and complete an entire Grade 1 PSR year before being enrolled in Grade 2.**

Our programs strive to provide a good foundation and community spirit for the knowledge, appreciation and love of the Sacraments. Parents and Parish work together to achieve our goal. Each Sacrament has one required Parent Workshop with speakers and our added text materials and suggestions. Each Sacrament has a special Retreat Day for the student.

**Parent Workshop Evenings:**

Parents of students receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist are required to attend an evening workshop for each sacrament. Reconciliation - Monday evening Oct. 18, 2010 from 7:00 - 9:30 P.M. in the Church and Church basement. Eucharist - Monday, February 14, 2011 from 7:00 - 8:45 p.m. in the Xavier Room in the School. Only one parent needs to attend the parent meeting.

Student Retreat Days:           Reconciliation - December 11, 2010 -11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.  
  Eucharist - April 30, 2011 - 11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

**DUE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS YEAR FOR SACRAMENT STUDENTS, THEY ARE REQUIRED NOT TO MISS ANY MORE THAN 2 CLASSES PER SACRAMENT PREPARATION SEPTEMBER THROUGH JANUARY FOR RECONCILIATION AND FEBRUARY THROUGH THE FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY FOR EUCHARIST. CLASSES WILL BE HELD FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE MISSED MORE THAN TWO SESSIONS. IF THERE IS A SPECIAL NEED, PLEASE CALL THE PSR OFFICE.** Ceremonies for these sacraments are a family and community celebration by the Day School, PSR and Home Schooled children.

**CEREMONIES:**

Reconciliation, will be celebrated on  
Saturday, January 15, 2011 for last names A-K and on  
Saturday, January 29, 2011 for last names L-Z  
at 11:00 A.M. in the Church.

\*\*Eucharist, will be celebrated on  
Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.

\*\* The Eucharist celebration time for your son/daughter will not be given out until the Parent Workshop on February 14, 2011.



## **RETREATS:**

Retreats are a wonderful opportunity for those attending to experience the presence of Jesus in their lives and those of their friends. These spiritual opportunities will be facilitated by the priests, deacon, and the DRE/youth minister. Helping out also will be College/High School Counselors, adult facilitators, and adult Life Teen Core members.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Grade 8: To Be Announced

Life Teen will offer two retreats. The Winter Retreat will be held Saturday-Sunday, November 6-7, 2010 at Camp Cheerful in Strongsville, Ohio. The Cardboard City Service Retreat will be held April 9-10, 2011 at St. Francis Xavier.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

A special week, June 20-24, 2011 that provides for children and students ages 4 through Grade 6. The summer program brings youth into an awareness of the Good News of Jesus through certain scripture passages, activities, crafts, and music.

## **THE EDGE SUMMER CAMP:**

This summer camp experience will be held July 11-15, 2011 for students completing Grades 7 or 8 in 2010-2011. This is an opportunity for Service to others, fellowship, and fun.

## **CLOSING THOUGHTS:**

We come together home & parish during this 2010-2011 year to prepare your child/children/young adult with the best formal opportunities to begin and continue on their spiritual journey which began at Baptism. We hope to help you this year as together we work to bring them the Good News!

We are here to assist you in any way we can so please call on us when needed at the PSR office 722-7700 or ext. 110 and 111.

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