

St. Francis of Assisi
Preschool



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Dear Preschool Families,

Many Easter greetings to you! Although we are still learning how to navigate through a very difficult and stressful time, I am trying to not lose sight of the message of Easter and the hopeful promise that it brings. As you are probably aware, the Easter Season only begins on Easter Sunday; it actually lasts through Pentecost. Now more than ever, I think it is critical that we maintain the hope of Easter, not just until Pentecost, but beyond as well. Keeping that hope and joy alive allows us to remember that God is always with us, even in our suffering.

Part of hope is being present for each other. Know that the teachers, staff, and I will continue to do our best to support you and your family in whatever way we can. Teachers will keep connecting with you and sharing ideas and resources. I would also like to stay in touch by inviting you to a Zoom meeting on **Monday, 4/27, at 3:00 pm**. It will be an open forum in which we can have a conversation about COVID-19 and the preschool. It will be a recorded session so that if the date/time is not convenient, you will be able to listen later. An invitation will be included in the upcoming Mini Bits. Of course, as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any other time!

As the days which we are apart go by, I would encourage you to not only reach out to others in your class, but also to those in our community. In my monthly newsletter, in the bulletin this past week, and on the parish website there is information on how to sign up to send a card/artwork to senior/elderly parishioners. In addition, **Fr. Steve Kluge** is celebrating his **25th Jubilee** of his profession of vows. As you can imagine, the official parish celebration (originally scheduled for last weekend) is indefinitely on hold. When Fr. Jim celebrated his, our preschool classes all made cards for him. Wouldn't it be nice, especially now, to share our 'preschool happy' to congratulate Fr. Steve?! If your child is up for making a card or small art design, please mail it to Fr. Steve K. at the church.

Please don't forget to take a look at the **preschool website** for our updated COVID-19 section. It not only contains my past communications, the teacher photo message, and online child resources, but also a collection of videos! These videos include some teachers as well as other parish staff. They are so fun and creative!

As we carry on in these next few weeks, I promise to continue to keep you updated on plans and new information. At this time, I do not have any new timelines for our preschool year. I hope that we do not have to cancel the **remaining year** or our upcoming **summer camps**. Unfortunately, however, this remains a very real possibility. I continue to pray each day that it doesn't come to this and that we can all be together again soon!

Please be safe and well! You are all in my thoughts and heart!

With Joy,

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