

May 11, 2011

Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s),

The Religious Education school year at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish is quickly coming to its end. With that in mind, I would first like to thank you for your prayers, cooperation, and partnership throughout my first year here. Your support and understanding has made it possible to continue to provide a successful, faith-filled program for your children. I am excited about the possibilities for next year and encourage you to invite/introduce another family to the Religious Education program here at Saint Francis.

In addition, I would like to provide you with some information in order to begin registration for next year's program. Please take the time to complete the entire registration form. It is important that you let us know the following information:

- What school your child/children is attending/will attend
- What grade level they will be in the fall
- If your child has *any allergies or medical conditions we should be aware of*
- If your child has any learning disabilities, so we can best accommodate him/her
- *Your email address, please!*
- If you are new to the parish, or if this is the first time you are registering your child/children, we must have a copy of their baptismal certificate. (If they were baptized here at SFA, simply state that).
- Clearly indicate your preference for day of the week and class time

It is important for you to know that the fees collected at the time of registration will not go up this year. We will hold the expected contribution to the same amounts as collected last year. Please keep in mind that this contribution represents only a portion of the expense to run the program. The program receives a significant contribution that comes from the Parish.

*Your expected base contribution to the Religious Education Program this year, 2011-12:*

	\$95.00	-	one child
	\$140.00	-	two children
	\$165.00	-	three or more children
<i>Additional Fees:</i>			
	\$40.00	-	First Penance/First Communion
	\$50.00	-	Grade 9
	\$60.00	-	Grade 10
	\$20.00 ONLY	-	Grade 11 (Administrative fee)

The class schedule for the fall will be as follows:

Sunday	K-6	10:05-11:05 a.m.
	1-6	11:35-12:35 p.m.
9 & 10 Designated Sunday Evenings		
The once-a-month Sunday night Family/Youth Mass & class will be held <u>5:00-7:00 p.m.</u> Regular class week Sunday(s) will also run <u>5:00 -7:00 p.m.</u>		
Monday	1-6	3:50-4:50 p.m.
Tuesday	7 & 8 same night	6:45-8:15 p.m. Designated Tuesdays

Volunteers will be needed as regular catechists and substitute catechists at all grade levels and to serve the parish program in a variety of other ways. I warmly invite and encourage our young people to consider volunteering as catechists for the early grades or to serve as teacher aides in the classroom with other age groups. Additional help is also needed by adults and/or our young people to assist with the service program, retreats, and special events. Please see the enclosed colored flyer that has information about the different ways that you might contribute your time and talents to the religious education program here at Saint Francis. Training and support will be provided and there are opportunities to grow in and share your own faith.

Our Sunday classes surround the Mass schedule. The *Family Liturgy* is celebrated at 9 a.m.; Liturgy with choir is at 10:30 a.m.; and Liturgy again at 12 noon. The Mass and class schedule is designed to make Mass attendance easy for you and your children. Our faith is strengthened by *weekly participation at Sunday Mass.*

Please be reminded that our sacramental programs follow Archdiocesan guidelines *requiring a two-year preparation.* Children must attend 1<sup>st</sup> grade religious education classes as well as 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to receive First Penance and First Communion. The Confirmation program requires attendance in both 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades as well as participation in service activities and a Confirmation retreat. Students attending parochial high school are required to attend all 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes as well as participate in service activities and the retreat.

Your completed registration form along with your check for tuition and fees can be dropped off at the Religious Education office in the school, sent via US Mail, or left at the parish office with *attention Religious Education* on the outside of the envelope. Don't forget to indicate what class day and times you prefer. There are no guarantees. Class assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. We will make every effort to give you your first choices.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to another year of sharing faith with you and your family.

God Bless You,

Rev. Kevin M. Sepe  
Pastor

(Mrs.) Lynne Jensen  
Director of Religious Education