

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Parish Religious Education



2010 - 2011 Handbook and Calendar
Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love

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A PARENT'S PRAYER

O God, help me to guide my children as they walk life's path to your home.

Let me be understanding by listening patiently and without judgment.
Keep me from interrupting while they are talking.

Make me be as courteous to them as I want them to be to me.
Give me strength to ask their forgiveness when I have done wrong.

Allow me to let them make their own decisions, to think and to choose for themselves.

Help me to channel my feelings to prevent me from nagging or lashing out at them.

Guide me to discipline by teaching rather than punishing, for no child is born into this world knowing what is socially acceptable.

Prevent me from making my love conditional,
I may not like what they do, Lord, but I need to love them for who they are.

May I grant them the freedom of independence by giving them gifts of love,
roots and wings to enable them to survive in the world without me.

Give me the skills necessary to develop my children's self esteem,
to help them feel lovable and worthwhile so they can feel good about themselves and others.

Strengthen me to live a virtuous life.
Let my children imitate me and grow in your grace.



St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education Classes

In order for a child to be in Religious Education classes, they should meet the following criteria:

4K, 5K & 1st Grade – Be Baptized

2nd Grade – Be baptized and have attended 1st Grade religious education classes (and will be prepared for sacraments of 1st Penance and 1st Eucharist in 2nd Grade)

3rd – 7th Grade – Be baptized and have celebrated 1st Penance and 1st Eucharist

8th Grade – Be baptized and have celebrated 1st Penance and 1st Eucharist (and will be prepared for sacrament of Confirmation in 8th Grade)

4, 5, and 6 year olds who have never been baptized and wish to be baptized into the Catholic faith will attend a regular Kindergarten or 1st Grade class. Parents must attend a baptism prep class and the child will then be baptized at a regular baptismal ceremony.

Youth JTC classes are designed for these situations:

Children ages 7 through 12 years who:

- a) are not baptized will be prepared to receive Baptism, Confirmation and 1st Eucharist.
- b) were baptized in another faith will be prepared to receive 1st Penance, Confirmation and 1st Eucharist.

High School JTC classes are designed for these situations:

Students ages 13 or older in grades 9th-12th who:

- a) are not baptized will be prepared to receive Baptism, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation (with 1st Penance celebrated at a later date.)
- b) were baptized in another faith will be prepared to receive 1st Penance, Confirmation and 1st Eucharist.
- c) have been baptized in the Catholic faith but have not received 1st Penance and 1st Eucharist will be prepared to receive 1st Penance, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation.
- d) have been baptized in the Catholic Faith and have received 1st Penance and 1st Eucharist will be prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation.

JTC is not only a “class” process, but a process whereby the children are made to feel part of the parish community. These children must be attending Mass on Sunday in order to prepare fully for the reception of Sacraments.

Parents who are entering the same process attend Adult JTC meetings on Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

If you would like more information or would like to enroll your child or yourself in the JTC class for the coming year, please call Terry Harvey, Director of Religious Education at 901-756-1213 or email at terry.harvey@sfachurch.cdom.org. We would like to welcome all interested people in learning about our Catholic Faith.

To Parents of Children making First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation:

From The Rite of Baptism...

...You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him (her) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor..... You will be the first teachers of your child in the ways of the faith. May you be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what you say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As the primary teachers of your children, it is required by the Diocese of Memphis that parents of children who will be receiving First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and/or Confirmation attend two Parent Sacrament Meetings.

For **First Communion**, parents must attend one meeting for Reconciliation and one meeting for Eucharist, for a total of two meetings. (See Calendar for dates)

For **Confirmation**, parents must attend two meetings on Confirmation. (See Calendar for dates)

Should any child miss a significant number of religion classes and/or parents fail to attend at least two Parent Sacrament Meetings, it could result in the child not receiving the Sacraments. Therefore, attendance at these sessions is mandatory.

Parent Sacrament Meetings are scheduled in October, November, January, February and March and are listed on the calendar pages that follow.

Exemptions: If you have attended sacrament meetings for an older child within the last two years, you are exempt - BUT YOU MUST NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IN WRITING with your older child's name and the date of their sacrament. You may submit your exemption via email at donna.hofer@sfachurch.cdom.org or mail to the Church Office. Also, parents who are attending Adult JTC classes are exempt from the required sacrament meetings for their child.

Please Note: the date for Confirmation is set by the Bishop's Office and will be announced when received from the Diocese.



Please review the important dates on the following pages and mark on your calendar!



St. Francis of Assisi 2010 - 2011 Religious Education Calendar



September

8 th (Wed)	First WEDNESDAY Classes of Religious Education	Grades 6 th - 8 th Youth & High School JTC	7:00 to 8:45 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi School
12 th (Sun)	First SUNDAY Classes of Religious Education	4 Year Old - 5 th grade	10:15 - 11:45 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi School
19 th (Sun)	Catechetical Sunday	Commissioning of Religious Education Teachers	During 12:15 Mass
27 th (Mon)	Teaching Mass for First Communicants	All First Communicants and their Parents (Child Care Provided)	7:00 pm St. Francis Church Sanctuary

October (Month of the Rosary)

2 nd (Sat)	Parent Sacrament Meeting - Eucharist	Parents of First Communicants (Child Care Provided)	10:00 am - 12 Noon Parish Life Center Room 108
5 th (Tue)	Parent Sacrament Meeting - Reconciliation	Parents of First Communicants (Child Care Provided)	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Parish Life Center Room 108
10 th (Sun)	No SUNDAY Religious Education Classes	Oktoberfest Weekend Fall Break	
13 th (Wed)	Religious Education MASS at St. Francis School Chapel	6 th -8 th graders 7:00pm	After Mass, regular class meets until dismissal at 8:45 pm
17 th (Sun)	No SUNDAY Religious Education Classes	Fall Break	
20 th (Wed)	No WEDNESDAY Religious Education Classes	Fall Break	
30 th (Sat)	Parent Sacrament Meeting - Confirmation	Parents of Confirmandi (Child Care Provided)	10:00 am - 12 Noon Parish Life Center, Room 108

November

6 th (Sat)	Parent Sacrament Meeting - Reconciliation	Parents of First Communicants (Child Care Provided)	10:00 am - 12 Noon Parish Life Center Room 108
8 th (Mon)	Parent Sacrament Meeting - Eucharist	Parents of First Communicants (Child Care Provided)	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Parish Life Center Room 108
20 th (Sat)	Parent Sacrament Meeting - Confirmation	Parents of Confirmandi (Child Care Provided)	10:00 am - 12 Noon Parish Life Center, Room 108
24 th (Wed)	No WEDNESDAY Religious Education Classes	Thanksgiving Holiday	Have a blessed Thanksgiving!
28 th (Sun)	No SUNDAY Religious Education Classes	Thanksgiving Holiday	Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

December

3 rd (Fri)	Christmas and Appreciation Dinner for SFA Religious Education Teachers	Teachers, Assistants, Volunteers and their spouse/guest (Child Care Provided)	6:30 pm Parish Life Center Room 108
8 th (Wed)	No WEDNESDAY Religious Education Classes	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	7:00 pm St. Francis Church Sanctuary
19 th & 26 th (Sun)	No SUNDAY Religious Education Classes	Christmas Break	Merry Christmas!
22 nd & 29 th (Wed)	No WEDNESDAY Religious Education Classes	Christmas Break	Merry Christmas!

January

2 nd (Sun)	No SUNDAY Religious Education Classes	Christmas Break	Happy New Year!
5 th (Wed)	First Day of 2 nd Semester for WEDNESDAY Classes	Grades 6 th - 8 th Youth & High School JTC	7:00 to 8:45 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi School
9 th (Sun)	First Day of 2 nd Semester for SUNDAY Classes	4 Year Old - 5 th grade	10:15 - 11:45 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi School
10 th (Mon)	Parent Sacrament Meeting - Confirmation	Parents of Confirmandi (Child Care Provided)	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Parish Life Center, Room 108
16 th (Sun)	No SUNDAY Religious Education Classes	Martin Luther King Holiday Weekend	
22 nd (Sat)	Parent Sacrament Meeting - Eucharist	Parents of First Communicants (Child Care Provided)	10:00 am - 12 Noon Parish Life Center Room 108

February

8 th (Tue)	Parent Sacrament Meeting - Reconciliation	Parents of First Communicants (Child Care Provided)	10:00 am - 12 Noon Parish Life Center Room 108
20 th (Sun)	No SUNDAY Religious Education Classes	President's Day Weekend	

March

5 th (Sat)	Parent Sacrament Meeting - Reconciliation	Parents of First Communicants (Child Care Provided)	10:00 am – 12 Noon Parish Life Center Room 108
8 th (Tue)	Parent Sacrament Meeting - Eucharist	Parents of First Communicants (Child Care Provided)	10:00 am – 12 Noon Parish Life Center Room 108
9 th (Wed)	No WEDNESDAY Religious Education Classes	Ash Wednesday Service - Beginning of LENT. Please plan to attend with family.	7:00pm St. Francis Church Sanctuary
13 th & 20 th (Sun)	No SUNDAY Religious Education Classes	Spring Break	Have a fun Spring Break!
16 th (Wed)	No WEDNESDAY Religious Education Classes	Spring Break	Have a fun Spring Break!
22 nd (Tue)	Parent Sacrament Meeting - Confirmation	Parents of Confirmandi (Child Care Provided)	10:00 am – 12 Noon Parish Life Center, Room 108
26 th (Sat)	Celebration of FIRST RECONCILIATION	All First Communicants & Their Families (Child Care Provided)	10:00 am St. Francis Church Sanctuary

April

10 th (Sun)	FIRST COMMUNION Retreat	All First Communicant Children	8:30 am – 11:45 am Parish Life Center, Room 108
16 th (Sat)	Confirmation Retreat	All Confirmation Candidates	10:00 am – 4:30 pm Check-in begins at 9:30 am Parish Life Center
Holy Week	Please plan to attend Holy Week Services		
18 th (Mon)	Parish Penance Service	Please plan to attend as a Family.	7:00 pm St. Francis Church Sanctuary
20 th (Wed)	<u>Easter Vigil Practice</u>	For Youth & High School JTC Students & Adults coming into the church	7:00 pm Parish Life Center Room 108
21 st (Thur)	Holy Thursday	MASS	7:00 pm St. Francis Church Sanctuary
22 nd (Fri)	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross Good Friday Service	Noon 7:00 pm St. Francis Church Sanctuary
23 rd (Sat)	Holy Saturday EASTER VIGIL	Youth & High School JTC Students & Adults coming into the Church	Easter Vigil 7:00 pm St. Francis Church Sanctuary
24 th (Sun)	EASTER SUNDAY No Religious Education Classes	Easter Services	See Bulletin for Mass times Happy Easter!

May

4 th (Wed)	Practice for First Eucharist - Section I	<u>Religious Ed Classes:</u> Mrs. Deidra Harrell & Mr. Chad Harrell <u>SFA School Classes:</u> Mrs. Dea Taylor, Mrs. Linda Hultman	7:00 pm St. Francis Church Sanctuary ** Children and Parents must be present at practice **
7 th (Sat)	First Eucharist - Section I	<u>Religious Ed Classes:</u> Mrs. Deidra Harrell & Mr. Chad Harrell <u>SFA School Classes:</u> Mrs. Dea Taylor, Mrs. Linda Hultman (Child Care Provided)	10:00 am St. Francis Church Sanctuary ** Children must be in the St. Francis/St. Clare Room by 9:30 am **
8 th (Sun)	No Sunday Religious Education Classes	Mother's Day	Happy Mother's Day!
11 th (Wed)	Practice for First Eucharist - Section II	<u>Religious Ed Classes:</u> Mrs. Robyn Orr & Mrs. Patricia Knight <u>SFA School Classes:</u> Mrs. Sara Clark & Mrs. Marirose Hutchison	7:00 pm St. Francis Church Sanctuary ** Children and Parents must be present at practice **
14 th (Sat)	First Eucharist - Section II	<u>Religious Ed Classes:</u> Mrs. Robyn Orr & Mrs. Patricia Knight <u>SFA School Classes:</u> Mrs. Sara Clark & Mrs. Marirose Hutchison (Child Care Provided)	10:00 am St. Francis Church Sanctuary ** Children must be in the St. Francis/St. Clare Room by 9:30 am **
15 th (Sun)	Last SUNDAY Class for Religious Education		
18 th (Wed)	Last WEDNESDAY Class for Religious Education		

Have a Blessed and Safe Summer!



St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education Mission Statement



The Office of Religious Education of Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church commits to proclaim the good news of God's justice, mercy and love to the children, youth, parents and our faith community of our parish. Together, we live our Catholic faith by following the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church. We are faithful to the Pope and make a lifelong commitment to the Eucharist.

Religious Education Objectives and Goals

1. That through catechesis, both the community of faith and individual members of our parish family, will have the opportunity to continue in the life-long process of conversion and maturing of faith. We will make available a variety of opportunities and experiences at all age levels to allow for times of spiritual enrichment.

GOALS:

- ~ To present catechetical opportunities for all children of the Parish through formal classes, prayer, and retreat experiences.
- ~ To offer a variety of adult opportunities for catechesis. Some of these experiences may result from, or, be integral to the child's experiences (e.g. Sacramental preparation). Other opportunities would develop from expressed or observed needs of the adult Parish community.

2. We will approach the educational and faith formation ministries through these three dimensions:

WORD, and the message that comes from the Word - that which embodies not only intellectual understandings of Scripture, Tradition and Doctrine, but also becomes a lived experience.

COMMUNITY - A joining with others through life in the Spirit, and Christian hospitality which embodies friendship, trust, and love.

SERVICE - Recognizing mankind's enduring spiritual need, and the unique capacity to meet that need, through Christian works of charity.

GOALS:

- ~ To share the Word and message in the formal instructional periods.
- ~ To invite among children and adults a greater awareness of being a Community of faith. Opportunities to grow together in friendship will be emphasized. The sharing and living of the Eucharist will be stressed as the central element - - the source and summit - - of our Catholic life together.

Rules, Guidelines & General Information

Religious Education Class DOES NOT take the place of attending MASS. All children by First Grade should be attending Mass weekly with their parents. This is based on the Commandments and is a precept of the Church. Attending Religious Education classes is also a requirement for receiving First Communion and Confirmation.

Please have your child in class before the START of their class and pick them up promptly at the DISMISSAL time. This is showing consideration and respect for our teachers, staff and Security who locks the building.

- ⇒ Sunday classes START at 10:15 a.m. and DISMISS at 11:45 a.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday classes START at 7:00 p.m. and DISMISS at 8:45 p.m.



ATTENDANCE (Preschool - Eighth Grade)

- We have a limited number of hours a year to meet our requirements and understand that illness or exceptional circumstances can prevent perfect attendance.
- When absence is unavoidable, please request a “make-up” lesson from your child’s catechist to complete at home; this will aid in the continuity of curriculum for the child.
- In order to receive credit for completion of the Religious Education School year, your child may not miss more than 5 classes a year.
- If an absence is known in advance, i.e. a vacation, please notify the teacher in writing before the date, so arrangements can be made for makeup work.

EARLY RELEASE FROM CLASS

- Parents requiring their child be released before the end of the class time are required to write a note and turn it in to the Religious Education Administrator as you enter the building before class begins.
- The note must contain the following: Child’s name, grade, date, requested release time, name of individual picking up the child and LEGIBLE signature of requesting parent/guardian
- Notes will NOT be accepted from a child.
- The administrator will notify the teacher and will bring the child to the person picking up the child at the time requested. No other person or persons will take the child from the classroom. All notes will be kept on file by the Religious Education Staff.

WEATHER

Any time that City or County Schools are closed because of weather, ALL Religious Education classes and/or activities for the day or evening will be canceled. It is impossible to contact each student, please use good judgment concerning the weather.

FIRE DRILLS

SFA Religious Education is required to have 4 UNANNOUNCED Fire Drills during our Religious Education school year (this includes a practice).

Rules, Guidelines & General Information (Continued)

DISCIPLINE

- Life as a Christian is a commitment to live by the example of Jesus Christ. This commitment includes the acceptance by students of their responsibility to respect the rights of others.
- Students are expected to attend class regularly, participate in discussions and activities, and respect their catechist and fellow students.
- Normal discipline problems will be handled by the catechist. If a problem becomes persistent, the student is sent to the office.
- A continuing problem may necessitate a phone call to the parents and a conference with the parent and child may be requested by the Director, catechist or another staff member.
- Dismissal from the program could result if issues are unresolved.
- Disciplinary infractions include, but are not limited to: abusive language, fighting, vandalism, disrespect to the catechist or other students, disruptive behavior, talking out in class, stealing, or leaving the school building without permission.
- If a child has a specific behavioral problem, we will try to work with the parents to adjust to the situation. However, if we feel that the situation cannot be resolved then it is not fair for the good of the entire class to be compromised and we will ask that the child be home schooled. We will make every effort to assist parents with special circumstances.

SAFETY

- REMINDER: DO NOT USE the side or back doors of the school to ENTER or EXIT.
- Preschool - Grade 3
 - The safety of our children is very important to us! To insure their safety we ask that these children be escorted by their parents to the classroom no more than ten minutes before class and picked up inside their classroom when class is dismissed.
 - To insure safety in a high traffic parking lot, we must insist that you park your vehicle (please observe the reserved and handicapped signs) and accompany your children into and out of the school building.
 - NO child will be permitted to leave their classroom without an adult, therefore they must be picked up IN their classroom.
- Grades 4 and 5: You may pick your student up at their classroom.
- Grades 6 through 8 and ALL JTC Students: These students are to enter and exit St. John Neumann Hall at the main "Two Story" Entrance - (as marked on the Map on the following page). This allows our volunteers at the Religious Education desk to monitor the children as they are dropped off and picked up.
 - You MUST pick up your child promptly at 8:45 pm! This is showing consideration and respect for the teachers, staff and is critical for the SAFETY of ALL concerned.
 - NO CHILD can be left ALONE after class.

The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School parking lot on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings is VERY BUSY. The lighting at the school on Wednesday night is limited.

*Please caution your child to be very careful,
and as a DRIVER please use EXTRA caution.*



Rules, Guidelines & General Information (Continued)

CELL PHONES & BACKPACKS

Cell phones and backpacks should be labeled with the child's name and must be left at the teacher's desk during class. They may be taken by the student when class is dismissed. If a student uses their phone during class (texting, etc.) it will be confiscated by the teacher and returned at the end of class.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please contact us and together we can evaluate the best way to meet your child's needs.

HOME SCHOOLING

- The Diocese of Memphis has written guidelines for its partnership with families who choose to home school. Please call the Parish Office, Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 756-1213, to request a copy of these guidelines.
- Home school families must be registered members of their parish and make the Pastor aware of their intent to home school.
- The full name, address, date of birth and current grade level of each child being home schooled must be submitted to the Parish Director of Religious Education and the Home School Form must be completed to be on file in the Religious Education office.

VIRTUS TRAINING

Protecting God's Children is mandated by the United States Bishops and thus the Diocese of Memphis. Anyone having regular contact with youth must attend the Virtus Training Program and agree to a background check. All of our Teachers and Assistants have attended the training and agreed to the background check as required.

VOLUNTEERS

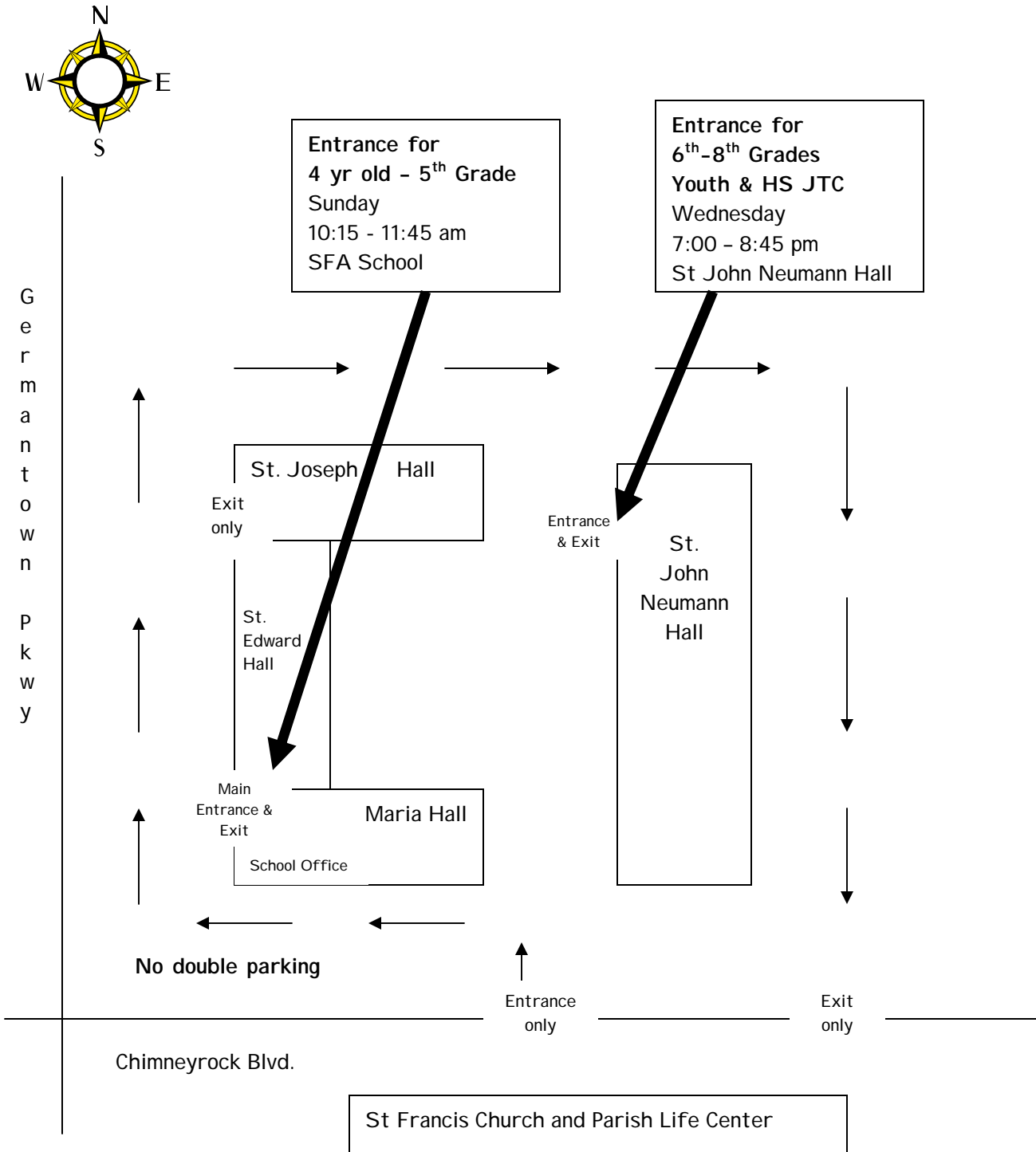
We strive to work together to raise our children in the awareness of God's many blessings. You are the most important model to your children of Christian service in a Christ-like life. Our many talents and efforts come together to form our children and youth and we invite each family to prayerfully commit themselves to at least one hour of volunteer service over the course of the year. Please discuss with your child's catechist ways in which you can volunteer. If you are able to share 2 hours a week with the Religious Ed Program please call Tony Neri at 937-1454 (H).

PRAYERS

Our Catholic tradition is rich with many forms of prayer and all that we do is oriented toward prayer. Children are able to understand from their preschool years that prayer is talking and listening to God. Our ministry as parents and catechists is to lead our children to a deeper relationship with God, and prayer is essential to this goal. Prayers are included for each grade in our program and we ask for your help in passing them on to your children.

High School Religious Education - 9th through 12th Grade is through our YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM - Life Teen. Please contact the Youth Minister at the Church Office at 756-1213 for dates and times.

For Sunday and Wednesday Religion Classes at the school,
please observe the traffic flow map.



St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education Curriculum

4 year olds

Stories of God's Love by RCL Benziger is the first new preschool program following the guidelines for preschool materials developed by the subcommittee of the USCCB. **Stories of God's Love** was written by a team of respected preschool specialists.

- **Scripture-based** -Presents the Bible as the source for learning about God and God's Son, Jesus
- **Family Focused** - Helps preschoolers and their families live Christian values day by day
- **Online Support** - Provides online support for teachers, children and parents
- **Story Leaflets**- Age-appropriate Bible stories from the Old and New Testaments proclaim God's love. Each is followed the next week with a contemporary story - related to the previous lesson's Bible story - connecting God's love to everyday life.
- **Engaging Activities** - A variety of activities capture the children's interest and imagination and integrate what they have learned.
- **Seasonal Leaflets** - Eight themes per age level introduce and explore seasons, holy days and holidays.
- **Family Page** - Bring God's love into the home each week by helping families share, nurture, live, pray and reflect as a family.

Prayers for 4 year olds

Sign of the Cross

Grace before and after meals

Guardian Angel

Our Father



St. Francis of Assisi
Religious Education Curriculum

Kindergarten through
5th Grades

"Blest Are We" - Based on the Four Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Creed – Sacraments – Morality – Prayer"

These Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church are taught at every grade level along with

- Catholic Faith Tradition
- Scripture
- Liturgical Music
- Adult Faith Formation and Evangelization

Every unit in every book contains lessons based on:

- What Catholics Believe
- How Catholics Worship
- How Catholics Live
- How Catholics Pray

Catechesis is more than instruction. It is an apprenticeship in the Christian life. Every chapter of the text books contain a depth of information regarding our Scripture and Tradition while leading to and encouraging a lived faith.

Many of the features of Family Time encourage families to read and reflect on Scripture as well as prepare for participation in the Sunday Liturgy.

Traditions and Saints are presented in a clear and engaging way. Every chapter concludes with a Prayer Celebration.

The publisher for this program is RCL Benziger and is on the approved list of publishers of the U.S.C.C.B, (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C.)

Information for Kindergarten

God's Love Creates the Universe - As the creation story gradually unfolds, the children are challenged to see and to recognize the wonders of creation that surround them.

God's Love Makes Me Who I Am - Based on the goodness of Creation, Christians believe that the human body is a lovely creation of a loving God.

God's Love Gives Me People to Love - Children come to the realization that God gives them many people to love - families, friends, teachers, neighbors, and community members.

God's Love Gives Me Jesus - God gives children Jesus, who teaches them to love God, themselves, and others.

God's Love Teaches Me to Love - Children realize that they can show their love for God, themselves, and Jesus.

Prayers for Kindergarten

Sign of the Cross
Grace before and after meals
Guardian Angel
Our Father



Glory Be
Hail Mary
Stations of the Cross

Information for 1st Grade

The first-grade program of “Blest Are We” helps children to explore the Sunday worship experience and learn the meaning of the signs and events they may witness.

- Basic orientation toward liturgy and prayer, as well as a sense of community, are part of unit 1 objectives.
- God the Father, as presented by Jesus in the Gospels, is at the center of unit 2. The Father’s love and goodness are highlighted.
- In unit 3 they will learn that Jesus is God’s greatest gift to us. He is God’s Son and our brother, divine and human. Jesus Christ is present to us in the Eucharist. We learn about God’s forgiveness in the Gospels.
- Unit 4 contains Scripture stories about the promise of the Holy Spirit and the action of the Spirit is presented. These stories show the relationship of the Holy Spirit to the Father and the Son, as well as the role the Spirit plays in the life of the Church and every person.
- Unit 5 teaches about the beginnings of the Church which Jesus founded through Scripture stories and liturgical passages. Emphasis is placed on the concept of Church as the center of action for those who are dedicated to living the Gospel.

Prayers for First Graders

Sign of the Cross

Grace before and after meals

Guardian Angel

Our Father

Glory Be

Hail Mary



Stations of the Cross

Act of Contrition

Fatima Prayer

Morning Offering

Mysteries of the Rosary

Prayer of St. Francis

Information for 2nd Grade

Sacramental Preparation

Second grade students and their parents participate in the Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. The preparation program offers special family meetings throughout the year. These two Sacraments are at the core of our Catholicity. Special focus on preparation and experience is regarded by the Church as very important in the religious formation of the children in our Parish Family.

We are welcomed into the Church community of believers - Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we become members of the Church and try to follow the example of Jesus, Mary, and the saints. As part of the Church community we offer to God prayers of thanks and of praise.

We Ask God's Forgiveness - Through the Church we can acquire a sense of morality and virtue. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can celebrate God's forgiveness and learn to reestablish our relationships with others, God, and the Church community.

We Celebrate the Word of God - At Mass we listen to the word of God in the Scripture readings and learn from the homily. We are also encouraged to renew our beliefs and express our concerns for those who are in need.

We Celebrate the Gift of Eucharist - The Mass is the celebration of the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus, in which Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.

We Go in Peace - Through the Holy Spirit, the Church works for justice and peace in the community and in the world.

If your child has not yet celebrated these sacraments and is in a higher grade, please contact the Parish Office (756-1213) as soon as possible, to have your child included in the preparation process for the appropriate sacrament.

Prayers for Second Graders

Sign of the Cross
Grace before and after meals
Guardian Angel
Our Father
Glory Be
Hail Mary
Stations of the Cross



Act of Contrition
Fatima Prayer
Morning Offering
Mysteries of the Rosary
Prayer of St. Francis
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Nicene Creed

Information for 2nd Grade (cont'd)

Congratulations, you have a child receiving the Sacrament of First Communion! Please read the following important information and mark the dates on your calendar.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation is distinct from the celebration of First Eucharist and is celebrated before First Eucharist. Children should wear Sunday clothes and parents may wish to have a celebration or activity in honor of this special day. After their First Reconciliation, children should be encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly with their families, especially during the Liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent. (See calendar for date)

First Eucharist

Our children celebrate First Reconciliation followed shortly by First Eucharist. Because of the unique character of these sacraments and the sacredness of the season, the Diocesan Norms encourage First Eucharist to be celebrated during the Easter Season. We have two celebrations of First Eucharist- Section I and II. (See calendar for dates)

Candidate Requirements

According to Sacramental Norms of the Diocese of Memphis and guidelines of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, the following are required of 1st Communicants:

Grade Requirement - Be at least in the second grade

Registration

- Complete Registration Form for 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion
- Certificate of Baptism - A copy of the child's baptism certificate is required with registration (even if your child was baptized at St. Francis).
- Parish Registration Required - If a family is not registered at St. Francis, but are registered members of another parish, you must provide a letter from your pastor stating that your son or daughter has permission to make First Reconciliation and First Communion with St. Francis of Assisi Parish.
- Administrative Fee - \$25.00 payable at Registration

Religious Education Classes - Child must be attending a Catholic school or be enrolled in Parish Religious Education classes for at least the year prior to the sacramental year.

Mass Attendance - All children are expected to attend Sunday Mass weekly in order to connect religious education, sacramental preparation and prayer, to the Liturgy of the Mass. When out of town, please check www.masstimes.org or call (410)676-6000 about church locations and Mass times.

Attend Teaching Mass -

- Monday, September 27 7:00pm St. Francis Sanctuary

Student and one parent must attend the Teaching Mass for 1st Communicants, wherein the priest explains the signs, symbols and the different parts of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. (Child care is provided in the Nursery.)

Parent Sacrament Meetings -

The Diocese of Memphis requires parents to attend two meetings, one on Reconciliation and one on Eucharist. All meetings are held at **St. Francis Church in Room 108 of the Parish Life Center** and parents have a choice of meeting dates. Child care is provided in the Nursery.

Attend one meeting on Eucharist:

<u>Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010</u>	<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00 Noon</u>
<u>Monday, Nov. 8, 2010</u>	<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>7:00-9:00pm</u>
<u>Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011</u>	<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00 Noon</u>
<u>Tuesday, March 8, 2011</u>	<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00 Noon</u>

Attend one meeting on Reconciliation:

<u>Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010</u>	<u>Reconciliation</u>	<u>7:00-9:00pm</u>
<u>Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010</u>	<u>Reconciliation</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00 Noon</u>
<u>Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011</u>	<u>Reconciliation</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00 Noon</u>
<u>Saturday, March 5, 2011</u>	<u>Reconciliation</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00 Noon</u>

Exemptions: If you have attended sacrament meetings for an older child within the last two years, you are exempt - **BUT YOU MUST NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IN WRITING** with your older child's name and the date of their sacrament. You may submit your exemption via email at donna.hofer@sfachurch.cdom.org or mail to the Church Office. Also, parents who are attending Adult JTC classes are exempt from the required sacrament meetings for their child.

First Reconciliation -

- Saturday, March 26, 2011 10:00am St. Francis Sanctuary

First Reconciliation is distinct from the celebration of First Eucharist and is celebrated before First Eucharist. Children should wear Sunday clothes and parents may wish to have a celebration or activity in honor of this special day. After their First Reconciliation, children should be encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly with their families, especially during Advent and Lent.

First Communion Retreat -

- Sunday, April 10, 2011 8:30-11:45am PLC (Rm. 108)

This retreat is a parish requirement no matter where your child is being prepared for 1st Communion. During retreat, the children will have the opportunity to practice the gestures and movements of Communion and actually taste the un-consecrated host and wine. Our retreat gives them the opportunity to form community with each other even though they may come from various schools and parishes.

First Eucharist - Dates for Practice and Celebration

Our children celebrate First Reconciliation followed shortly by First Eucharist. Because of the unique character of these sacraments and the sacredness of the season, the Diocesan Norms encourage First Eucharist to be celebrated during the Easter Season.

Section I	"PRACTICE"	Wednesday, May 4, 2011	7:00pm	Sanctuary
Section I	First Eucharist	Saturday, May 7, 2011	10:00am	Sanctuary

Section II	"PRACTICE"	Wednesday, May 11, 2011	7:00pm	Sanctuary
Section II	First Eucharist	Saturday, May 14, 2011	10:00am	Sanctuary

Attire for First Communicants at First Eucharist:

Girls:

- Simple white dress must be at or near the knee or no longer than the ankle in length. Dresses that are sleeveless or have spaghetti straps must have a white jacket or sweater over the dress. Low necklines are not appropriate.
- White Veil (not to hang below the waist) should be worn. Flowers must be white and miniature in size if incorporated with the veil.
- White tights or white socks with appropriate white dress shoes

Boys:

- Navy Blue Sport Coat
- Tan/khaki pants
- White shirt with dark tie or white Communion tie
- Dark socks and dark dress shoes

If you have any difficulties fulfilling requirements please contact TERRY HARVEY, Director of Religious Education, as soon as possible, at the Church Office 756-1213 to discuss the situation.

Information for 3rd Grade

The Church is One. The Church is presented as united in our belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Sacramental encounter with grace, and our commitment to charity.

The Church Is Holy. The teaching of the Gospels develops the idea of holiness in the Church and for individuals. The sacrament of Reconciliation is highlighted as part of the Church's holiness.

The Church is Catholic. Membership in the Church is not conditioned on race, nationality, gender, or status in society, nor is the Church's mission of service restricted to members.

The Church is Apostolic. The Church is committed to being faithful to the teaching of the Apostles. This fidelity is related to the ideals of vocation and ministry as expressed in the Sacraments at First Communion.

The Church Has a Mission to the World. Basic concepts of social justice are introduced. The Church is presented as both a Sacramental Community and a servant community.

Prayers for Third Graders

Sign of the Cross

Grace before and after meals

Guardian Angel

Our Father

Glory Be

Hail Mary

Stations of the Cross

Act of Contrition

Fatima Prayer



Morning Offering

Mysteries of the Rosary

Prayer of St. Francis

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Nicene Creed

Angelus

Apostles Creed

Hail Holy Queen

Information for 4th Grade

The Goodness of God. All of our moral teaching stems from the fact that we learn goodness from God who is the perfect good. God is revealed through creation, and through the people of God in the Old and new Testaments.

Jesus Is the Son of God. Jesus Christ is the perfect image of God, sent to show us divine goodness and human potential for good.

The Holy Spirit. Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to be our guide and our source of strength as we keep our eye on the Kingdom of God and our responsibility to proclaim it to all.

The Church. Our moral lives are lived primarily through the Christian community, where we are both inspired and supported. Our relationship with God is strengthened through the Sacraments.

Social Justice. Morality in its fullest sense extends to our responsibilities in a wider context than our own lives and families. God's justice is advanced through a caring community.

Prayers for Fourth Graders

Sign of the Cross
Grace before and after meals
Guardian Angel
Our Father
Glory Be
Hail Mary
Stations of the Cross
Act of Contrition
Fatima Prayer



Morning Offering
Mysteries of the Rosary
Prayer of St. Francis
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Nicene Creed
Angelus
Apostles Creed
Hail Holy Queen
Memorare

Information for 5th Grade

God's Gifts of Life. This first unit introduces the children to the concepts necessary for understanding Sacraments in the Church.

Baptism and Confirmation. Through Baptism and Confirmation we are welcomed into the Church and strengthened in our faith.

The Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we celebrate what we as a community believe. Through the Eucharist, our faith is strengthened and the bonds of community are renewed.

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are Sacraments of healing which are meant to be celebrated primarily in community.

Holy Orders and Matrimony. Matrimony is presented in the context of the family as "domestic church." Holy Orders is a Sacrament of leadership and ministry.

Prayers for Fifth Graders

Sign of the Cross

Grace before and after meals

Guardian Angel

Our Father

Glory Be

Hail Mary

Stations of the Cross

Act of Contrition

Fatima Prayer

Morning Offering

Mysteries of the Rosary



Prayer of St. Francis

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Nicene Creed

Angelus

Apostles Creed

Hail Holy Queen

Memorare

Eternal Rest

Books of the New Testament

Information for 6th Grade

The Sixth Grade program is devoted to the study of God's saving love as it is revealed in Sacred Scripture, particularly the Old Testament. *God Calls A People* is designed to help the students increase their knowledge of salvation history so that they may respond to God with ever-deepening love and gratitude.

God Reveals a Plan of Love The students will grow in love for God through a deeper understanding of God's plan of salvation. They will come to appreciate the Old Testament.

God Forms a Family of Faith The students will understand how God's plan of salvation unfolded in the lives of the patriarchs.

God Guides the Chosen People The students will view the Exodus as God's greatest act of saving love in the Old Testament. They will come to appreciate the commandments as a gift to deepen their covenant relationship with God.

God Leads the Chosen People The students will appreciate the roles and contributions of the judges and the first three Israelite kings.

Prophets Prepare the Lord's Way The students will appreciate the messages of God delivered through the prophets. They will desire to work for justice.

Prayers for Sixth Graders

Sign of the Cross
Grace before and after meals
Guardian Angel
Our Father
Glory Be
Hail Mary
Stations of the Cross
Act of Contrition
Fatima Prayer
Morning Offering
Mysteries of the Rosary
Prayer of St. Francis



Divine Mercy Chaplet
Nicene Creed
Angelus
Apostles Creed
Hail Holy Queen
Memorare
Eternal Rest
Books of the New Testament
Books of the Old Testament
Act of Faith
Act of Hope
Act of Love

Information for 7th Grade

Students will:

- Grow in knowledge and love of Jesus through prayer and studying the Gospels
- Appreciate that the sacraments enable them to respond to the call to follow Jesus, live by his teachings and proclaim God's kingdom in word, worship, witness and service.

Jesus Christ the Way The students will have a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and will desire to follow Jesus.

Jesus Christ the Truth The students will know what it means to follow Jesus in daily life.

Jesus Christ the Life The students will have a greater appreciation of the life Jesus won for us by his death and Resurrection.

Confirmation Preparation - Seventh Graders begin preparation for their Confirmation this year which leads to Confirmation in the Eighth Grade.

- **Service Hours** - All Seventh graders in Religious Education are required to perform 14 hours of service.
- **Adoration Hours** - Students are encouraged to participate in at least 4 hours of Eucharistic Adoration during the year. Adoration may be done anywhere that Eucharistic Adoration is held or in front of the Tabernacle in any church or chapel.

First Friday Adoration is held every month at St. Francis of Assisi Church in the Chapel, following 8:15 a.m. Mass, with Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

A form will be provided to keep track of Hours of Service and Hours of Adoration. The forms must be signed by a parent or teacher. Due dates will be given by the Religion Teacher.

Information for 7th Grade (cont'd)

Prayers for Seventh Graders

Sign of the Cross

Grace before and after meals

Guardian Angel

Our Father

Glory Be

Hail Mary

Stations of the Cross

Act of Contrition

Fatima Prayer

Morning Offering

Mysteries of the Rosary

Prayer of St. Francis

Divine Mercy Chaplet



Nicene Creed

Angelus

Apostles Creed

Hail Holy Queen

Memorare

Eternal Rest

Books of the New Testament

Books of the Old Testament

Act of Faith

Act of Hope

Act of Love

Anima Christi

Divine Praises

Information for 8th Grade

"Confirmed in the Spirit", by Loyola Press, teaches the faith in a way that correlates beautifully with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and prepares the students for Confirmation.

The students are given catechesis on the main mysteries of faith, especially in the Holy Spirit and Confirmation. Students will use the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Bible and a Confirmation folder.

Sacramental Preparation

In order to facilitate the opportunity for our Confirmation candidates to truly experience a presence and growth of the Spirit, preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation begins in the seventh grade, and is intensified during the eighth grade.

The preparation takes place during the Wednesday night class time. Confirmation is celebrated with the candidates when they are in the eighth grade or older.

The Confirmation date, place and time are set by the Bishop, and you will be notified of this information as it is received.

Prayers for Eighth Graders

Sign of the Cross
Grace before and after meals
Guardian Angel
Our Father
Glory Be
Hail Mary
Stations of the Cross
Act of Contrition
Fatima Prayer
Morning Offering
Mysteries of the Rosary
Prayer of St. Francis
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Nicene Creed



Angelus
Apostles Creed
Hail Holy Queen
Memorare
Eternal Rest
Books of the New Testament
Books of the Old Testament
Act of Faith
Act of Hope
Act of Love
Anima Christi
Divine Praises
Prayer to St. Michael
Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Information for 8th Grade (cont'd)

Candidate Requirements

According to Sacramental Norms of the Diocese of Memphis and guidelines of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, the following are required of Candidates for Confirmation:

Grade Requirement - Be in eighth grade or 14 years of age (or above) and express a desire for Confirmation.

Registration

- o Complete registration form requesting Confirmation
- o Certificate of Baptism - A copy of the child's baptism certificate is required with registration (even if your child was baptized at St. Francis).
- o SFA Parish registration required - If a family is not registered in St. Francis of Assisi Parish, but are registered members of another parish, you must provide a letter from your pastor stating that your son or daughter has his permission to be Confirmed with St. Francis of Assisi Parish.
- o Administrative Fee - \$50 payable at Registration

Religious Education Classes - Child must be attending a Catholic school or be enrolled in Parish Religious Education classes for at least the year prior to the sacramental year.

Mass Attendance - All students are expected to attend Sunday Mass on a weekly basis in order to connect religious education, sacramental preparation and prayer, to the Liturgy of the Mass. **NOTE: COMPETITIVE SPORTS LEAGUES** require many of our students to be out of town on the weekend. It is not acceptable for any student to omit Mass attendance due to a ball game. (Coaches should be informed of this issue well in advance.) It is the responsibility of parents to check www.masstimes.org or call (410)676-6000 for churches and Mass times when traveling. Please make God part of your travel plans.

Confirmation Retreat -

- Saturday, April 16, 2010 10:00am-4:30pm Parish Life Center

A Confirmation retreat is **required** by the Diocese of Memphis for those who wish to be Confirmed. Check-in for the Retreat begins at 9:30am in the Parish Life Center.

Important Note: This Retreat is absolutely mandatory. Should a candidate for Confirmation not attend the Retreat, he/she cannot be Confirmed. Young adults in COMPETITIVE SPORTS LEAGUES may experience a conflict between an out of town trip and the Retreat. The family should find this out as soon as possible and notify Terry Harvey, Director of Religious Education, at the Church office at 901-756-1213, so arrangements can be made to attend a Confirmation Retreat. Also, the student must be present for the entire Retreat and Mass. Partial attendance will not fulfill the Diocesan requirements.

Eucharistic Adoration Hours -

- Students are encouraged to participate in at least 8 hours of Eucharistic Adoration during the year.

This may be done anywhere that Eucharistic Adoration is held or in front of the Tabernacle in any Catholic church or chapel. A form will be provided by their Religion Teacher to keep track of the hours and due dates.

NOTE: First Friday Adoration is held every month at St. Francis of Assisi Church in the Chapel following 8:15 a.m. Mass, with Benediction at 5:30 p.m.

Letter to the Bishop -

Confirmandi must write a letter to Bishop Terry Steib requesting Confirmation. This letter is to be in their own words about their spiritual relationship with God. The due date will be given by their Religion Teacher.

Parent Meetings -

The Diocese of Memphis requires parents to attend two parent Confirmation meetings. All meetings are held at the Parish Life Center in Room 108 and child care is provided in the Nursery.

Parents should choose any two of the following meetings to attend:

<u>Saturday, October 30, 2010</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00noon</u>
<u>Saturday, November 20, 2010</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00noon</u>
<u>Monday, January 10, 2011</u>	<u>7:00pm-9:00pm</u>
<u>Tuesday, March 22, 2011</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00noon</u>

Exemptions: If you have attended sacrament meetings for an older child within the last two years, you are exempt - BUT YOU MUST NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IN WRITING with your older child's name and the date of their sacrament. You may submit your exemption via email at donna.hofer@sfachurch.cdom.org or mail to the Church Office. Also, parents who are attending Adult JTC classes are exempt from the required sacrament meetings for their child.

Reconciliation -

Confirmandi are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly, preferably with their families, especially during Advent and Lent.

Sponsors and Confirmation Names -

Information on Sponsors and Confirmation names will be given during the eighth grade year of preparation by their Religion Teacher, including the due dates for each.

Service Hours -

Students are required to perform 20 hours of service. A form will be provided by their Religion Teacher to keep track of the hours and due dates.

Attire for Confirmandi at Confirmation:

Girls:

- Simple white dress must be at or near the knee or no longer than at the ankle in length. Low necklines are not appropriate.
- Dresses that are halter, sleeveless or have spaghetti straps must have a white jacket or sweater worn over them.
- Appropriate white dress shoes

Boys:

- Dark Suit or Dark Sport Coat
- Tan/khaki pants
- White shirt
- Tie
- Dark socks
- Appropriate dress shoes

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JOURNEY TO CATHOLICISM (JTC) for CHILDREN

Wednesday evenings

7:00 - 8:45 pm

SFA School - St. John Neumann Hall

Youth JTC - Grades 4-7
High School JTC - Grades 9-12

These programs are for children and young adults who have not as yet celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation or were baptized in another faith.

The program begins in September and concludes with the Easter Vigil. If parents are in the Adult JTC class, you are asked to leave the Adult JTC class in time to pick up your child at 8:45 pm, even if the Adult class is not over (this is approved by our Pastor).

Several Texts will be used in the JTC Youth and High School Programs, including: Journey of Faith for children and teens published by Liguori will be utilized.

Journey of Faith Catechetical Handouts explore basic Catholic belief and practice, from Catholic teachings about the Bible to sacraments, morality, prayer, and liturgical seasons.

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Catholic Bible are distributed to the High School JTC students.

Sacramental Preparation books are also used in the Youth JTC and High School JTC. The High School JTC topic schedule will correspond to the Adult JTC program.

NOTE: Children in 2nd and 3rd grade, who have not been baptized and are going to become Catholic, will be placed in the regular 2nd Grade Class on Sunday Morning, 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

PARENT/ADULTS - JOURNEY TO CATHOLICISM - JTC

Wednesday evenings (beginning in September after Labor Day)

7:00 p. m. - 9:00 pm

Parish Life Center / Room 108

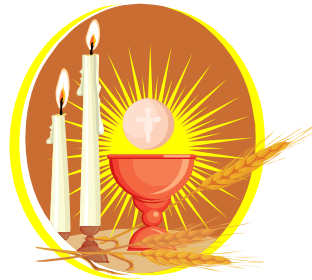
These classes are held for those adults wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith or those Catholics that wish to update their knowledge of their faith and are taught by the priests or deacons of the Parish.

JOURNEY TO CATHOLICISM (JTC) for CHILDREN

Parent Sacrament Meetings

Parents who have a child in either JTC Class (Youth or High School) must attend the required parent meetings for the sacrament(s) your child is going to receive. All meetings are held at **St. Francis Church in Room 108 of the Parish Life Center** and parents have a choice of meeting dates. Child care is provided in the Nursery.

Exemptions: If you have attended sacrament meetings for an older child within the last two years, you are exempt - **BUT YOU MUST NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IN WRITING** with your older child's name and the date of their sacrament. You may submit your exemption via email at donna.hofer@sfachurch.cdom.org or mail to the Church Office. Also, parents who are attending Adult JTC classes are exempt from the required sacrament meetings for their child.



First Communion - The Diocese of Memphis requires parents to attend two meetings, one on Reconciliation and one on Eucharist. Please see the 2nd Grade section for more details and important dates for the sacrament of First Communion.

Attend one meeting on Eucharist:

<u>Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010</u>	<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00 Noon</u>
<u>Monday, Nov. 8, 2010</u>	<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>7:00-9:00pm</u>
<u>Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011</u>	<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00 Noon</u>
<u>Tuesday, March 8, 2011</u>	<u>Eucharist</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00 Noon</u>

Attend one meeting on Reconciliation:

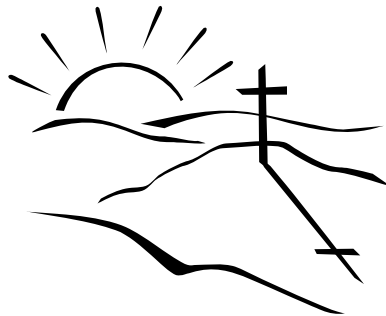
<u>Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010</u>	<u>Reconciliation</u>	<u>7:00-9:00pm</u>
<u>Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010</u>	<u>Reconciliation</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00 Noon</u>
<u>Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011</u>	<u>Reconciliation</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00 Noon</u>
<u>Saturday, March 5, 2011</u>	<u>Reconciliation</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00 Noon</u>



Confirmation - The Diocese of Memphis requires parents to attend two meetings on Confirmation. Please see the 8th Grade section for more details and important dates for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Parents should choose any two of the following meetings to attend:

<u>Saturday, October 30, 2010</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00noon</u>
<u>Saturday, November 20, 2010</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00noon</u>
<u>Monday, January 10, 2011</u>	<u>7:00pm-9:00pm</u>
<u>Tuesday, March 22, 2011</u>	<u>10:00am-12:00noon</u>



Important Dates for JTC

For those receiving their sacrament(s) at Easter Vigil, please note the following dates:

<u>April 20th (Wed)</u>	<u>Practice for Easter Vigil</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>	<u>St. Francis Sanctuary</u>
<u>April 23rd (Sat)</u>	<u>Easter Vigil</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>	<u>St. Francis Sanctuary</u>

Rite of Reconciliation

- *Examine your conscience, to know your sins.
 - *Make the Sign of the Cross.
 - *Mention how long it has been since your last confession.
 - *Confess your sins.
 - *Speak about anything that is troubling you.
 - *Listen to the priest's advice.
 - *Priest gives you a penance.
 - *Pray an act of contrition. You may use your own words.
 - *Receive absolution, silently making the Sign of the Cross.
- Respond "Amen."
- *Spend some time in prayer and thanksgiving.
 - *Do your penance.

Act of Contrition

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you whom I should love
above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to
sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to
sin.
Amen

Glory Be

Glory Be to the Father, and to the
Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end, Amen.

Guardian Angel

Angel sent by God to guide me
Be my light and walk beside me;
Be my guardian and protect me;
in the paths of life direct me.
Amen

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts
which we are about to receive
from your bounty, through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Grace After Meals

We give you thanks, almighty God,
for all your benefits, who live and reign
now and forever. Amen

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill our hearts with your love.

