 ***St. Francis of Assisi Parish***

 ***Faith Formation Office***

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June 1, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our Family Faith Formation registration and schedule for the 2023-2024 year is enclosed. We are continuing our “family approach” with the hope of helping your family maintain your relationship with Jesus. Our theme for the year is “Understanding and Using the Catechism.”

* **START TIME** of our family program is dependent upon the new Mass schedule. We will attend morning Mass together, followed by a one hour and fifteen minute class. We have our programs on Sundays so we can celebrate the Eucharist together. ***Please make sure to attend Mass, especially on the days we are meeting. Not attending Mass is not a good example for our youth to witness.***
* **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UP TO GRADE 8**are **expected** to attend the seven (7) Sundays that are offered and your choice of a monthly service **(S)** option.
* **REMIND:***You will be “reminded” of sessions through a limited character program called,*“Remind.” Please accept any texts or emails you receive from this program. This is our main form of communication. If you would prefer to be exclusively emailed, please let us know and we will be happy to do so.
* **FIRST SACRAMENTS:** First Reconciliation and First Eucharist both take place during 3rd grade in our program. Any students in 4th or 5th grade are also welcome if they have not yet received these Sacraments. They will attend First Sacrament classes in addition to Faith Formation classes*.* ***If you have a child in 6th grade or above who has not yet received their First Reconciliation and/or First Eucharist, they will take part in an individualized study program to prepare them in addition to their regular Faith Formation classes.*** We realize everyone has busy schedules and have tried to limit the number of times students must gather***. For that reason, each First Sacraments class is mandatory except for extenuating circumstances. Students are also required to attend Mass at least three weekends every month. Failure to meet these attendance requirements may result in a delay of the Sacraments.***

Payment for this new Faith Formation year is asked at the time of registration or we can put you on a monthly billing cycle. Please see the criteria for an active/or inactive family, located on the reverse side. If there are any financial issues that prevent you from paying at this time, please contact us. If possible, please return your registration forms with payment by August 15th.

If not previously handed in, we will need a copy of your child’s Baptismal Certificate unless Baptized at St. Francis of Assisi.

We are aware our program is not “one size fits all”. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Faith Formation office as we realize every family situation is different. We are here to serve you. Together we will figure out a way to make it work. Thank you for making your family’s faith an integral part of their life as a Roman Catholic. We look forward to working together with you, the parents, who are the first and most important faith “sharers” for your children. We honestly **cannot** do it without you. May we continue to grow together as true intentional disciples of Jesus. We, together with Jesus and each other, can and will make a positive difference in our world. May God bless you, your families, and all that you do.

Sincerely in Christ and St. Francis,

 Fr. Ross M. Syracuse, OFM Conv. Elizabeth Woods

 Senior Parochial Vicar Faith Formation Director

**Active/Participating Parishioner Family**:

For the purposes of our Faith Formation Registration process, a family that is considered

“An Active/Participating Parishioner Family” is asked to fulfill the following basic criteria:

1. Officially registered for at least six months prior to the registration date.
2. Family attends Mass, under normal circumstances, *at least* three (3) times per month.
3. Uses the collection envelopes that are mailed to registered parishioners or online electronic

giving through your bank account or credit card. (To register go to [www.stfrancischurch.us](http://www.stfrancischurch.us)

and click on the upper right hand corner where it indicates “egiving”)

**Inactive/Non-Participating or Non-Parishioner Family**:

For the purpose of our Faith Formation Registration process, a family is considered “An Inactive/

Non-Participating Parishioner Family**” if they do not fulfill the above mentioned criteria**, that is, not

registered for at least six months, ***not attending Mass on a regular basis or not supporting the Faith***

***Community.*** “A Non-Parishioner Family” is also one that is registered at another parish but wishes to

enroll their child(ren) in our Faith Formation Program.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI GRADES K-8 FAMILY FAITH FORMATION 2023 – 2024 *(Please print legibly)*

Father/ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Cell\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Home\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Guardian (Last) (First)

Mother/ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone: Cell\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Home\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Guardian (Last) (First)

Child’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Family E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to be contacted: \_\_\_\_Text (If so, which number?)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_Email \_\_\_\_\_USPS mail

(check all that apply)

Parishioner of St. Francis: \_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_No (Your Church): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Married: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Separated/Divorced: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Single Parent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) lives with \_\_\_\_\_Mother \_\_\_\_\_Father \_\_\_\_\_Guardian

**\***Second Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**\***Second E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If parent is not available in case of an emergency, please notify (**other than self**):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Cell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Home\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM (Grades K-8 only):**

(If your child was baptized outside of St. Francis of Assisi, please enclose a copy of their Baptismal Certificate.)

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_ Church Baptized:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2023/24

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_ Church Baptized:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 2023/24

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_ Church Baptized:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees: 2023 – 2024**

**Parishioner** **Non-Parishioner**  **Sacramental Fee**

**\_\_\_1 child-$75 \_\_\_1 child-$150 \_\_\_Reconciliation/First Eucharist-$25**

**\_\_\_2 children-$140 \_\_\_2 children-$240 (Grade 3 - higher grades also welcome if not yet received)**

 **\_\_\_3 or more-$195 \_\_\_3 or more-$295 \*\*\*Please remit payment with registration**

**Please check and sign below: *See back of letter for further explanation of Active/Inactive Parishioners.***

**\_\_\_\_\_\_We are an Active Parishioner Family** *(In fairness to all, if not already noted, a determination*

*will be made by parish staff via the criteria stated on the letter. If deemed inactive, you will be asked to pay the non-participating price.)*

**\_\_\_\_\_\_We are a Non Parishioner Family (not currently attending weekly Mass or officially registered at**

**another parish.)**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

*Office use: PDS Verified active/inactive parishioner\_\_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PIF\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Check #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Remind\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_PDS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_CC\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BC\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

* ***This is for grades K-8 only.***
* **2023-2024 St. Francis of Assisi Family Faith Formation Registration**

**Family Name**

**\*\*The checked boxes are programs your family is expected to attend.\*\***

Choose S9 or

S10

Choose S7 or

S8 or

Choose S5 or

S6 or

Choose S3 or

S4

Choose S1 or

S2

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| **Check Box** | **TYPE** | **DESCRIPTION** | **Place** |  |
|  |  | **Grades K-8AND Parents** | **Social Center** |  |
|  |  | **FAMILIES** | **Social Center** | **10:30am Mass expected** |
| **X** |  | **Sunday, September 10** | AM MassClass  | **What is the Catechism?** |
|  | **S1** | **Service:** (Choose 1) Donate to FeedMore WNY food drive 9/23 or 9/24 and serve 1 hour accepting donations  | Half hour before any weekend Mass |  |
|  | **S2** | Off-site service, submit Google Form |  |  |
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| **X** |  | **Sunday, October 1** | AM MassClass | **The Catechism and Scripture** |
|  | **S3** | **Service:** (Choose 1) Attend pet blessing service, 10/1 | 1:00pm |  |
|  | **S4** | Off-site service, submit Google Form |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Prayrs  |
| **X** |  | **Sunday, November 5** | AM MassClass  | **Part One: The Profession of Faith** |
|  | **S5** | **Service**: (Choose 1) Donate, prep, OR serve at Bethel Thanksgiving 11/19 | 12:00pm-1:00pm 1:00pm-3:00pm3:00pm-5:00pm | Donate/Drop off foodPrepare in Social CenterServe at Bethel |
|  | **S6** | Off-site service, submit Google Form |  |  |
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| **X** |  | **Sunday, December 10** | AM MassClass  | **Part Two: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery** |
|  | **S7** | **Service:** (Choose 1) Donate to the coat and clothing drive 12/16 or 12/17 and serve 1 hour accepting donations | Half hour before any weekend Mass |  |
|  | **S8** | Off-site service, submit Google Form |  |  |
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| **X** |  | **Sunday, January 7** | AM MassClass  | **Part Three: Life in Christ** |
|  | **S9** | **Service:** (Choose 1) Fleece tie blankets for Salvation Army 1/15 | 10:00am-11:00am MLK Day |  |
|  | **S10** | Off-site service, submit Google Form |  |  |
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| **X** |  | **Sunday, February 4** | AM MassClass | **Part Four: Christian Prayer** |
|  | **S11** | **Service:** (Choose 1) Donate to Buffalo House of Hope Collection, and serve 1 hour collecting donations 2/24 & 2/25 | Half hour before any weekend Mass  |  |
|  | **S12** | Off-site service, submit Google Form  |  |  |
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| **X** |  | **Sunday, March 3** | AM MassClass  | **Tying it Together: Using the Catechism** |
|  | **S13** | **Service:** (Choose 1) Make a dish and attend St. Joseph’s Table 3/16 | 5:00pm-7:00pm |  |
|  | **S14** | Off-site service, submit Google Form |  |  |
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|  |  | **FIRST SACRAMENTS ONLY** | Students &  | **Parents attend all** |
| **X** |  | Sunday, September 24 | AM MassClass | Enrollment Mass and First Reconciliation Session |
| **X** |  | Sunday, October 22 | AM MassClass | Mass and First Reconciliation Session  |
| **X** |  | **Thursday, November 16** | **6:30pm-7:30pm** | **Candle Making/Rehearsal** |
| **X** |  | ***Saturday, November 18*** | ***10:00am*** | ***FIRST RECONCILIATION*** |
| **X** |  | Sunday, January 28 | AM MassClass | Enrollment Mass and First Eucharist Session |
| **X** |  | Sunday, February 25 | AM MassClass | Mass and First Eucharist Session  |
| **X** |  | **Saturday, March 23** | **10:00am-1:30pm** | **Church Search/Banner Making** |
| **X** |  | **Thursday, April 25** | **6:30pm-7:30pm** | **Practice for First Eucharist** |
| **X** |  | ***Sunday, April 28*** | ***AM Mass***  | ***First Eucharist*** |

Choose S11 or

S12

Choose

S13 or S14

**We could not do all we do without you. If you are interested in volunteering as a catechist for one of our sessions, or as a facilitator for Children’s Liturgy, please check the box and Elizabeth Woods will be in touch with you. Thank, you.**