***St. Francis of Assisi Faith Formation***

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**“Faith without works is dead.” *(Letter of James 1:26)***

**The Faith Community of St. Francis Confirmation Program 2023-2024**

June 1, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Blessings to all of you as we move into this beautiful summer season! This letter is being sent to the parents/guardians of those in the parish records who are going into ninth or tenth grade, or are of age to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and have not yet done so. If this does not apply to you or if you are no longer part of our parish, please let us know so that we can update our records. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Here at St. Francis, we have a two-year program for Confirmation. Ninth graders (or 10th/11th for those who did not previously enroll) will attend Pre-Confirmation classes (YR 1) to review the major tenets of the Catholic Faith. Tenth graders (or 11th/12th for older students moving into their second year) will attend Confirmation classes (YR 2) and will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. We truly believe that this extra year is necessary to instill the habit of weekly Mass attendance as well as fully cover the broad scope of the Catholic Faith. Our goal is to ensure that the newly Confirmed can enter the Church as adults who are educated about and dedicated to their faith and their Faith Community.

Once per month, from September to March, we will attend 6:00 PM Mass on Sunday. Pre-Confirmation (YR 1) classes will be held before Mass, from 4:30pm-5:45pm. Confirmation (YR 2) classes will be held after Mass, from 7pm-8:15pm. Students will also complete one monthly service project. We will provide you a hard copy of these dates and put them on the online parish calendar. We also use an app called “Remind” that allows for easier communication regarding schedules, links, and reminders. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, class attendance is mandatory, as is attending Mass at least three Sundays per month. Service may be done at the on-site events offered by our parish or off-site at a location of your choosing. A brief Google Form must be filled out for each off-site service. Failure to meet these attendance requirements, that is, Mass, classes and projects, will result in the delay of the Sacrament of Confirmation. We realize how busy everyone’s lives are and have tried to limit the number of mandatory dates that the students must gather. We realize, also, how important the spiritual life of you and your children is. This makes each meeting that much more important. Most important of all is Mass attendance, not only for instilling a habit that is required of all Confirmed Catholics but to help each student’s relationship with God continue to grow.

The following pages contain the schedule of classes and service for the year, as well as the registration form.

**2023-2024 SCHEDULE**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Title** |
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| 9/17/23 | 4:30pm-5:45pm **(YR 1)**  7:00pm-8:15pm **(YR 2)** | September Session |
| 9/23/23-9/24/23 | Half hour before all weekend Masses | September Service: Food Drive |
| 10/1/23 | 1:00pm | October Service: Pet Blessing |
| 10/22/23 | 4:30pm-5:45pm **(YR 1)**  7:00pm-8:15pm **(YR 2)** | October Session |
| 11/12/23 | 4:30pm-5:45pm **(YR 1)**  7:00pm-8:15pm **(YR 2)** | November Session |
| 11/19/23 | 12pm-1pm (Donate a dish)  1pm-3pm (Kitchen Prep)  3pm-5pm (Serve at Bethel) | November Service: Thanksgiving Dinner at Bethel Estates |
| 12/3/23 | 4:30pm-5:45pm **(YR 1)**  7:00pm-8:15pm **(YR 2)** | December Session |
| 12/16/23-12/17/23 | Half hour before all weekend Masses | December Service: Coat and Clothing Drive |
| 1/15/24 (MLK DAY) | 10:00am-11:00am | January Service: Fleece blankets for Salvation Army |
| 1/21/24 | 4:30pm-5:45pm **(YR 1)**  7:00pm-8:15pm **(YR 2)** | January Session |
| 2/11/24 | 4:30pm-5:45pm **(YR 1)**  7:00pm-8:15pm **(YR 2)** | February Session |
| 2/24/24-2/25/24 | Half hour before all weekend Masses | February Service: Collection for Buffalo House of Hope |
| 3/10/24 | 4:30pm-5:45pm **(YR 1)**  7:00pm-8:15pm **(YR 2)** | March Session |
| 3/16/24 | 5:00pm-7:00pm | March Service: St. Joseph’s Table – Bring a dish and stay for dinner! |
| 5/5/24 | 10:00am-3:00pm | Confirmation Retreat **(YR 2 ONLY)** |
| TBD | 7:00pm-8:00pm | Confirmation Rehearsal **(YR 2 ONLY)** |
| TBD | 7:00pm-9:00pm | Confirmation **(YR 2 ONLY)** |

**If you plan to be part of the Confirmation Program in 2023-2024, please fill out the enclosed registration form with your payment and mail it to Elizabeth Woods, St. Francis Faith Formation, P.O. Box 182, Athol Springs, NY 14010, by August 15.**

Be assured of our continued prayers for you and your family. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns, as we are here with you and for you! God bless you and yours.

Sincerely in Christ and St. Francis of Assisi,

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

Director of Faith Formation Senior Parochial Vicar

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

**Pre-Confirmation/Confirmation Registration**

**2023-2024**

Student Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Student Cell\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Year (Check One)** Pre-Confirmation (YR 1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation (YR 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parents’ Names:

Mother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Father\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone (H)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Church and Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**(If not Baptized at St. Francis of Assisi, please send in a copy of Baptismal certificate)**

Current High School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(2023/24)

Preferred method of communication \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Text \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Regular mail

*(Check all that apply)*

**Fee (Check one)**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ $75 Registered/Active Member of St. Francis \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_$125 Inactive or Non-Parishioner

\*Active: You regularly attend Mass regularly and support the St. Francis Parish Community

\*Inactive/Non-Parishioner: You belong to a different Parish Community

If Non-Parishioner, Where are you Registered? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Office Use: Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ck.# \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Remind\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CC\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BC\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_PDS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_