

DEAR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES,

We hope you have had an incredible summer so far! There's a lot of great information in this envelope, including our 2019-2020 calendar! Please take a moment to read through this letter first! It contains important information that we simply do not want you to miss.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTERING!

We are always looking for ways we can better serve our families and make things easier! That being said, we are thrilled to announce we are doing all registration and payment **ONLINE ONLY** this year! **If you need financial assistance OR you plan to be a catechist/core member, you will need to contact us PRIOR to registering (payment is required to complete). If you need assistance registering online, please contact us! We would be happy to help.**

REGISTER ONLINE AT: <https://www.stfranciscommunity.net/formation/> by clicking on the button "Online Registration."

The St. Francis of Assisi Finance Council asked that we increase our registration fee by \$5. Registration is \$90 per student with a family maximum cost of \$215. We have 26 classes so that breaks down to under \$3.50 per class per student. Sacrament fees are \$25 per sacrament (\$50 total for First Reconciliation and First Communion) and will be paid at a later date.

PROGRAM TIMES/LOCATIONS

- **NEW THIS YEAR: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be offered for our kindergarten-age students** (this is not required, but a great way for your son or daughter to start their religious formation! Registration will be limited to the first 12 students). Kindergarten students will begin in church with our grades 1-5 students before walking to the atrium with Jodi, located in the parish center. Please see more information in this mailing!
- Grades 1-5 meet from 5:45-7 pm (beginning in church)
- Grades 6-8 meet from 7-8:30 pm (beginning in the school gym)
- Grades 9 and up meet from 7-8:30 pm (beginning in the lower level parish center)
 - **Confirmation is celebrated in the spring of 9th grade year, unless this is your first year enrolled in religious education or are not an 8th grade graduate of St. John the Baptist.**

The calendar enclosed is packed full of good information you'll want to browse through, but here are the top 3 dates you'll want to make note of right away:

- **#1: Open House September 11**-join us for Mass @ 6:30 pm and an Open House + ice cream social. You can meet your child's catechist and core members while touring the facility.
- **#2: First Night of Class September 18**
 - Grades 1-5 parents will attend a brief (20-30 minute) meeting after classes are dismissed from church.
 - Grades 6-8 parents will attend Edge with their middle school teen (7-8:30 pm).
 - High School Parents need not attend as you will be given information at the sacramental parent meeting on 10/9.
- **#3: Sacramental Preparation Meeting October 9-** **(No classes will be held this night; mandatory preparation meetings for those receiving First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation this year).**
First Reconciliation/Eucharist (parents need only attend): 5:45 pm // Church
Confirmation (parent + candidate need to attend): 7 pm // Church

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We look forward to serving you and your family this fall,

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