

St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
Elementary Faith Formation Information

PRE-SCHOOL & ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS

The family is the primary community where faith is shared and nurtured in our children; the church community provides support in forming our young Catholics. The goal of the faith formation program at St. Francis is active learning as the basis of active faith.

Registration for the 2009-2010 faith formation school year will take place during the months of May and June. You will find links to the following forms on our website at [www.stfrancis.org](http://www.stfrancis.org). These forms need to be completed and returned with payment to the church by June 30, 2009

- ❖ Family & Student Information Form
- ❖ Registration form for all Faith Formation programs
- ❖ Consent, medical Authorization, and Release form

Information, registration, and consent forms are requested to be returned no later than **Tuesday, June 30th**. A parent handbook detailing the faith formation program options, descriptions of the textbook series, and information on sacramental preparation is available on this website, in the Information Center, outside Jennifer's office, or by calling Jennifer Lehrman at 599-5031, ext. 108.

### Elementary Faith Formation

Elementary Faith Formation classes are open to pre-4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students of registered parishioners.

Unless otherwise listed on the calendar, we will meet every other week starting on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Classes will be taught on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 5:45 PM and 7:00 – 8:20 PM. Pre-4 and kindergarten students will use a variety of materials covering various religious themes. A textbook series will be used for grades 1-5.

A Home Study program will also be offered for those families who prefer working with their children. Home Study families will have the option between two textbook series. In addition, we meet 4-5 times at church for mandatory Family Activity sessions and retreats as an integral part of the Home Study program.

### Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Registration for Reconciliation and First Eucharist classes will take place at this time. Students who will be in the second grade or older in the Fall are eligible to enroll in the Sacrament classes. These students must have *participated in and completed* a Religious Education program last year. A Faith Formation class *must be taken in conjunction with* the Sacrament classes.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION  
PROGRAM OR THE SACRAMENT CLASSES,  
CONTACT JENNIFER LEHRMAN AT 599-5031, EXT.108 OR [JENNIFERK@STFRANCIS.ORG](mailto:JENNIFERK@STFRANCIS.ORG)

*St. Francis of Assisi Parish*  
***Middle School/High School Faith Formation Information***

The family is the primary community where faith is shared and nurtured in our youth; the church community provides support in forming our young Catholics. The goal of the youth faith formation program at St. Francis is to strengthen our youths' knowledge of their Catholic faith while providing spiritual, fellowship/social, and mission/service opportunities.

Registration for the 2009-2010 faith formation year will take place during the months of May and June. You will find links to the following forms on our website at [www.stfranciscs.org](http://www.stfranciscs.org). These forms need to be completed and returned with payment to the church by June 30, 2009

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Information, registration, and consent forms are requested to be returned no later than **Tuesday, June 30th**. A parent handbook detailing the faith formation program options, descriptions of the textbook series, and information on sacramental preparation is available on this website, in the Information Center, outside the Youth office, or by calling Terri at ext. 107

### **Middle School & High School Faith Formation**

These Faith Formation classes are open to 6<sup>th</sup> through 12th grade students of registered parishioners.

Unless otherwise listed on the calendar, we will meet every other week starting on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Classes will be taught on Wednesdays from 4:30 – 5:45 PM (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades only) and 7:00 – 8:30 PM (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades). See the handbook for the specific classes and textbooks used in each grade level.

A Home Study program is also offered for those families who prefer working with their youth. We meet 4-5 times at church for **mandatory** Family Activity sessions and retreats as an integral part of the Home Study program.

### **Confirmation**

Registration for Confirmation will take place at the first Confirmation class in October. Students who will be 15 years of age by April 2010 and who have *participated in and completed* a Religious Education program in 2009 may register for Confirmation. A Faith Formation class *must be taken in conjunction with* the Confirmation classes unless a student is currently attending a Catholic school.

**For additional information regarding the Youth Faith Formation Program contact:  
Terri Kowalczyk, 599-5031, ext. 107 or [terri@stfrancis.org](mailto:terri@stfrancis.org)**

## 2009-2010 Faith Formation Fees

\*\*\***REVISED**\*\*\*

**New Rates as of July 1, 2009**

The fees for all elementary students this year are\*:

\$10.00 per student for the supplies and materials

**\$22.00** per student for the book\*

\$20.00 per student for the First Penance books (revised fee)

\$20.00 per student for the First Eucharist books (revised fee)

The fees for all middle school students this year are\*:

\$10.00 per student for the supplies and materials

**\$17.00** per student for the book\*

The fees for all high school students this year are\*:

\$10.00 per student for the supplies and materials

**\$30.00** per student for the book\*

The Confirmation book fee will be collected in the Fall when classes begin.

We do have a home study program available for those of you who wish to home school your children. The fees for the home study program are \$5 for supplies and materials and the cost listed above for the appropriate grade level book.

**\*Please note: Any overpayment will be credited to your Offertory.**

Our volunteer catechists and assistants only pay for their child/children's books. This is a way for our parish to say thank you for the commitment these wonderful people are making in teaching our children and youth. If you are interested in volunteering as a catechist or assistant, please mark that on your registration form.

Please do not let the fees deter you from registering your children/youth in our Faith Formation programs! Call Jennifer or Terri if you need to discuss the fee payments.

**\* As announced by Father John and printed in the bulletin for the past few weeks, book fees were increased by \$5.00 after the June 30<sup>th</sup> registration deadline to help cover the additional shipping and handling charges that will need to be paid for the late book order.**

For Office Use Only

3240-550000 Elem Student Fee	_____	3240-570000 High School Student Fee	_____
3050-550000 Elem Book Fee	_____	3050-570000 High School Book Fee	_____
3240-552000 Elem Reconciliation Fee	_____	3240-574000 Confirmation Student Fee	_____
3240-553000 Elem Eucharist Fee	_____	3050-574000 Confirmation Book Fee	_____
3240-556000 Elem Home Study Fee	_____	3240-570000 Middle School Student Fee	_____
		3050-570000 Middle School Book Fee	_____
3010-000000 Overpayment	_____		
Total Amount Received Cash	_____	Total Amount Received Check	_____
		Check #	_____



**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class Time Preferred: 4:30pm** \_\_\_\_\_ **or 7:00pm** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sacramental Preparation Classes Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(please list)**

**Grade (as of Sep 2009):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex:** \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism	Date: _____	Place: _____	Church	City, State
Reconciliation	Date: _____	Place: _____	Church	City, State
First Eucharist	Date: _____	Place: _____	Church	City, State
Confirmation	Date: _____	Place: _____	Church	City, State

Medical Conditions to be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Conditions to be aware of (learning, home, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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Medical Conditions to be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Conditions to be aware of (learning, home, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

(Additional sheets may be added if necessary.)

**Please fill out form completely and return WITH PAYMENT to:  
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Attn: Terri Kowalczyk, 2650 Parish View, Colorado Springs, CO 80919  
You may also drop in the collection basket or bring to the parish office.**

## ***Activity Releases and Permission Slips***

*When a student has two adults involved in his or her care and upbringing, both adults, regardless whether they are parents or guardians, should sign a Diocesan Activity Release Form and have it on file at the school/parish. If the student has only one parent or guardian, that individual should sign the Activity Release. In addition, students over fourteen must sign a Diocesan Activity Release. It is recommended that school/parishes acquire signed Activity Releases annually at the time of enrollment. One release for the whole family may be used for each year. Because these Activity Releases have continuing effect until revoked in writing, there is no need to have parents, guardians, or students sign multiple activity releases. A copy of the Activity Release is on the next page. The school/parish should maintain copies of all signed Activity Releases permanently.*

*Before a student participates in any major off-site field trip, one parent or guardian must sign an event-specific Permission Slip. A copy of the Permission Slip is on the page following the "Activity Release." Because the Permission Slip includes a medical authorization, the supervisor of the outing should take copies of the Permission Slips along on the outing. Retain for 3 years.*

*The Volunteer Waiver and Release of Claim is also enclosed. This form and the Permission Slip should be retained 3 years.*

**ACTIVITY RELEASE**

*For those 18 years of age or older, all parents, and all guardians:*

I consent for any of my children listed below to participate in any activity or trip sponsored by the Diocese of Colorado Springs or its affiliates\* (collectively, "the Diocese"). In case of medical need, I authorize the Diocese to arrange for medical or dental services for me and any of my children listed below. I agree that any such expense will be my obligation.

I, individually, and in my capacities as parent, guardian, or next friend of my children:

waive, release, and indemnify the Diocese and its agents, directors, officers, employees, and volunteers (collectively, the "Released Parties") from all claims or liability which have arisen or may arise from any Diocesan activity or trip and which involves any damage, loss, or injury to me, my spouse, any of my children, my property, or the property of any of my children. In the same capacities, I promise not to sue any of the Released Parties for any such claims or liability. This waiver, release, indemnification, and promise not to sue does not apply to claims of criminal conduct or gross negligence.

This Activity Release is revocable prospectively only by a writing signed by me which bears the date that the revocation is delivered to the Diocese.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signature

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Company and Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician/Emergency Contact and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special considerations or needs (allergies, asthma, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

*For all those over 14 and under 18 years of age:*

I waive, release, and indemnify the Released Parties as identified above from all claims or liability which has arisen or which may arise from any Diocesan activity or trip and which involves any damage, loss, or injury to me or my property.

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Date Signature Date Signature

\*"Affiliates" includes all Diocesan parishes, missions, schools, and ministries and also Catholic Charities of Colorado Springs, Inc., Partners in Housing, Inc., Ave Maria Catholic School Corporation, and the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Colorado Springs, Inc., Villa San Jose & Villa Santa Maria, Queen of Heaven Cemetery.