

Registration for 2008/09 Religious Education (RE) Classes (Grades PreK—8)

GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Francis offers education for children in preschool to 8th grade about our Catholic Faith.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes begin the week of Sept. 28, 2008 and run through the week of May 11, 2009.

- ◆ For grade K, classes meet once a week in a choice of sessions: Monday 4:30—5:45 p.m. or Tuesday 4:30—5:45 p.m. Sunday Family Religious Education Session A or B is also offered for grade K.
- ◆ For grades 1—5, classes meet once a week in a choice of sessions: Monday 4:30—5:45 p.m. or Tuesday 4:30—5:45 p.m. or Wednesday 6:30—7:45 p.m. Sunday Family Religious Education Session A or B is also offered for grades 1-5.
- ◆ Middle school (grades 6—8) classes are offered on Wednesdays at 6:30—7:45 p.m. Middle School Religious Education for grades 6—8 is also available in Session A of the Sunday Family Religious Education program.

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday Family Session A offers education for families with children in **grades PreK (4 years old) through middle school (grade 8)** and meets at 10:20 a.m. on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Sunday Family Session A meets on the following 2008/2009 dates: October 5 & 19; November 2 & 16; December 7; January 4 & 18; February 1 & 15; March 1 & 15; April 5 & 19.

Sunday Family Session B offers education for families with children in **grades PreK (4 years old) through 5th grade** and meets at 10:20 a.m. on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Sunday Family Session B meets on the following 2008/2009 dates: Sept. 28; October 12 & 26; November 9 & 23; January 11 & 25; February 8 & 22; March 8 & 22; April 5 (please note April 5 is combined with Session A) & April 26.

In Family Religious Education, families to gather together for the teaching of the faith. Children aged PreK to 5th grade, with the presence of at least one parent (or guardian), and youth in 6th, 7th and 8th grades meet following the 8:45 a.m. Mass (10:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m.) for formation. Families and children in grades PreK-5 meet in the PAC for educational activities (about 1 hour). Age appropriate instruction is then given in the classroom (about 50 minutes). Youth in grades 6-8 meet in a youth group setting for the family session and then proceed to the classrooms for instruction. Parents are invited to join the adult theology sessions during the time the children are in the classroom. Family Religious Education meets on the Sunday dates given above and takes the place of traditional religious education classes. First Reconciliation/Communion preparation and Confirmation preparation is included during the classroom sessions.

SUNDAY PRESCHOOL CLASSES: Classes begin **Sun, Sept 28** Sunday preschool runs until May 3.

Preschool Sunday school classes are offered on Sundays from 10:30—11:45 a.m. for 3 and 4 year olds. Registration for 3 year olds requires your child to be 3 years old by December 1, 2007. Registration for 4 year olds requires your child to be 4 years old by December 1, 2007.

- ◆ Preschool enrichment classes for three and four year olds are available during the week. Interested? Call the RE office for the separate enrichment form.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Formal preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion begins in second grade. A first grade religious education is normally required in order to begin second grade preparation of these sacraments.

Preparation for Confirmation begins in the 7th grade with celebration of the Sacrament in the 8th grade. Normally regular attendance in grades 3—8 religious education is required for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. If your child is older and in need of the sacraments, please call the Office at 821-2130 for information on preparation.

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

Special Friends is a program designed to support children with special learning, social, or physical disabilities and for those children who are mentally impaired. Volunteers offer aid, encourage peer support, and provide individualized instruction when needed, helping to create an atmosphere of acceptance and friendship where the disabled child can feel welcome within the regular classroom by their classmates. Please indicate any special needs your child may have under “*Additional Information*” on the registration form.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD?

To register your child in grades PreK—8, please complete and return the registration form with a \$50 tuition deposit in one of three ways: 1) by dropping off the form in the Religious Education or Parish Office; 2) by placing the form with attached deposit in the collection basket at Sunday Mass; or 3) by mailing the form with deposit to:

***St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education
2150 Frieze Ave. Ann Arbor, MI 48104***

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Parent involvement and volunteer help are the backbone of the religious education program. Please consider volunteering to teach, aid, offer child care on site for our teachers, or help out during special events.

Parents who teach for the year receive free tuition.

Parents who aid for the year receive a 50 percent tuition reduction.

QUESTIONS?

Please call: 821-2130 (stfreled@rc.net), RE Secretary & 821-2132 (ward@rc.net), RE Director