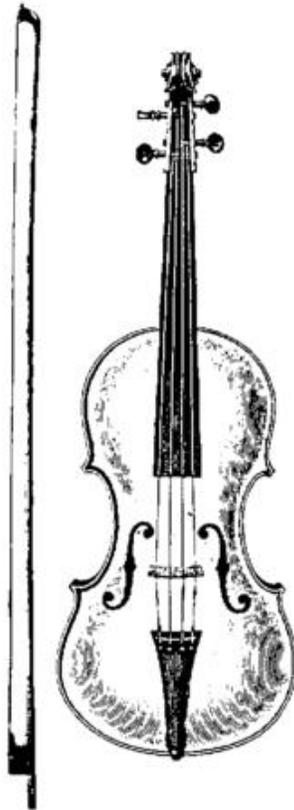


# **ELEMENTARY STRINGS PROGRAM**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**2019-2020**



## **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The St. Francis Beginning Strings Program is intended for students in grades 1-5 and takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays in the church from 3:00-4:15. The program offers 3 classes for beginning, intermediate, and advanced violin students. This year, a pilot beginning cello class will be offered to students, provided there is enough interest by families. No previous experience is required to join the strings program!

Students perform at Sunday mass and Friday All-School mass monthly. Other performances include school and church events such as the Annual Christmas Program, and the year end Strings Program performance.

## **CLASS SCHEDULE**

3:00 Student arrival.

Students are escorted to church for snack (brought from home) and set-up.

3:15 Class instruction.

4:15 Student dismissal.

Parents pick-up students from the church or students are escorted to the ESP.

## **INSTRUMENT INFORMATION**

Students must have an instrument on the first day of class. Families are responsible for renting or purchasing an instrument for their student. Generally, a student will grow out of an instrument between 6 months and 2 years depending on his or her growth. For this reason, we encourage parents to rent instruments until the child is playing a full size instrument.

Instruments may be rented at Shar Music at 2465 South Industrial in Ann Arbor. Shar will fit students for an instrument and help set your family up with everything you will need. They have an excellent return/exchange policy in the event that a rented instrument is damaged accidentally. More information can be found at [sharmusic.com](http://sharmusic.com).

## **PARENT COMMUNICATION**

Parents will receive weekly information from their child's teacher detailing goals for the week. Parents are encouraged to ask questions of their child's teacher, and are welcome to visit class. Families will also receive a guide to help their child develop good home practice habits.

Parents will also receive email reminders before Sunday masses and All-School masses, as well as before any major performances.

Any questions or concerns can always be directed to Stephanie Urban, the St. Francis String Program Director.

## **PRACTICE POLICY**

Regular practice is necessary for student success, but does not need to be lengthy. Depending on the age and ability of the student, 10-30 minutes of regular practice is perfectly appropriate. Even when cumulative weekly practice time is the same, a regular practice schedule of short practice periods tends to lead to more improvement than 2-3 longer periods per week. Fifteen minutes of regular practice (5 times per week) can be a great start.

Practice can (and should!) be an enjoyable experience. Try using a practice chart or calendar to mark off days practiced. Kitchen times can be used to help keep students on track. Set weekly and daily goals and offer rewards for achievements of these goal. Try different times of day: some students prefer morning practice before school while others would rather wind down and practice before bedtime. Have family performances and practice together. Private lessons can also be extremely helpful and are highly encouraged. All of the strings staff maintain private studios in addition to their teaching at St. Francis.

## **TUITION**

The tuition fee is \$425 per semester and is due the first week of class. This fee covers the costs of instruction, music and other educational materials, and a program t-shirt that can be worn on spirit days at St. Francis school. Instrument rental costs are not included in tuition, nor are snacks. Tuition is non-refundable and will not be pro-rated.

Tuition can be made payable to St. Francis of Assisi Church with the memo Strings. Checks may be dropped off or mailed to:

Jonathan Hasey, Director of Music  
St. Francis of Assisi  
2150 Frieze Avenue  
Ann Arbor MI 48104

## **ABOUT THE DIRECTOR**

Stephanie Urban, violist, is an avid chamber musician and pedagogue. She is an active member of the Chamber Arts Piano Quartet, and regularly plays in the Ann Arbor and Metro Detroit area. She is the former director of Schola Artium, and enrichment program providing string music opportunities to under-served students in the Ypsilanti area.

Stephanie holds a Bachelor Degree in Viola Performance from the University of Michigan. Her former teachers include Caroline Code and LeRoy Fenstermacher. She is excited to begin her tenure as Director of the St. Francis of Assisi String Program, and maintains a private studio of violin, viola, and piano students at her home in Saline, Michigan.

# 2019-2020 ELEMENTARY STRINGS CALENDAR

## FALL SEMESTER

### Class Sessions | 3:00-4:15pm

September 16, 18, 23, 25, 30  
October 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30  
November 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25  
December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16  
January 6, 8, 13, 15

## SPRING SEMESTER

### Class Sessions | 3:00-4:15pm

January 20, 22, 27, 29  
February 3, 5, 10, 12, 19, 24, 26  
March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25  
April 6, 8, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29  
May 4, 6, 11, 13  
*\*May 18: make-up class\**

Christmas Program: Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00pm

Final Concert & Celebration: Wednesday, May 20

### Friday School Mass | 8:10am

October 18 (Middle School only)  
November 15 (No Beginners)  
December 13  
January 17

### School Mass | 8:10am

February 21  
March 13  
April 17  
May 15

### Sunday Mass | 8:30am

October 20  
November 17  
December 15  
January 19

### Sunday Mass | 8:30am

February 23  
March 15  
April 19  
May 10

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*Please sign and return by the second week of class.*

We have read and agree to the calendar printed above.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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DATE

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PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI STRINGS PROGRAM  
ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Desired instrument (circle)    Violin / Cello    Do you currently own or rent this instrument? (circle)    yes / no

Current Private Lesson Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Years in St. Francis of Assisi String Program and/or other experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Any allergies or medical concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENT & EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Parent 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ONE EMERGENCY CONTACT THAT IS NOT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

Emergency Contact's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit registration with \$425 Tuition Fee.  
Checks can be made payable to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Please mail registrations to:  
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