**Programs Offered at St. Francis of Assisi Parish**

2016-2017

### Sunday School

**Program Code: SS**

**Age 3 - 5 (not enrolled in kindergarten)**

**Sundays, 9:30—10:30 a.m., First Three Sundays of the Month: October - April**

The exciting lessons in Sunday School are planned to help your 3, 4, or 5 year old child(ren) learn about Jesus and His Church. The Sunday School program uses the *Allelu!* curriculum from Our Sunday Visitor. *Allelu!* takes a Christ-centered, hands-on approach to learning using strong Catholic teachings. Lessons include stories, music, scripture, prayer, crafts, and a home activity piece to aide in further discussion with your family outside of the classroom. *Allelu!* has a great website that you can access to learn more about the curriculum at [www.allelu.com](http://www.allelu.com). Students must be the appropriate age by September 15, 2016 and must be potty-trained.

### Religious Education

**Program Code: RE**

**Grades K-6**

**Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. or 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.: September - April**

The mission of the St. Francis of Assisi RE program is to consistently and constantly extend Jesus’ invitation to discipleship and to provide students with age-appropriate catechesis guided by biblical faith, the teachings of the Church, and a clear vision of the Gospel.

**Curriculum - GRADES K - 5**

The students in grades K-5 use the *Finding God* series published by Loyola Press. The title, “Finding God: Our Response to God’s Gifts”, reflects the inspiration of St. Ignatius of Loyola and is designed to help students to recognize the presence of God in their lives and to know God in a personal way. The series weaves together experiences in prayer, scripture, Catholic social teaching and liturgy. The themes of this children’s program are: God, Jesus, The Church, The Sacraments and Morality. These themes are incorporated into each grade level.

**Curriculum - GRADE 6**

The students in grade 6 use the St. Mary’s Press series, “Discovering”. This series is designed to address our pre-teen’s real-life issues and help connect their lives with their Catholic faith. We will use the following mini courses: Exploring the Story of Israel, Praying, and Celebrating the Eucharist.

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**Program Code: CGS**

**Ages 3 - 12**

**Level I = Ages 3-5; Level II = Grades 1-3; Level III = Grades 4-6**

**Sundays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Level I and Level II: October - April, first three Sundays of the month**

**Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. or 6:45 - 8:00 p.m., Level I, Level II, and Level III: September—April**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori approach to faith formation with children that began in Rome over 50 years ago. In 1954, Sofia Cavalletti, a Biblical scholar, and her co-worker, Gianna Gobbi, a trained Montessorian, began to develop this approach to the religious formation of children. It is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the Church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Maria Montessori was a devout Catholic who believed faith formation has an essential role in the development of the child. Spaces are limited, so register early!

### EDGE - 7th & 8th Grade Youth Ministry

**Program Code: EDGE**

**7th & 8th Grade Youth - Parish Wide**

**Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:30 p.m. or 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.: September - April**

Saint Francis of Assisi EDGE, is a youth ministry program for all 7th & 8th grade youth of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish. This is a program where our youth can learn about their faith, find a Catholic community, and experience Jesus all while having fun. EDGE is designed to meet the educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of young adolescents. It provides a foundation for our youth to continue to grow in their faith in a catechetical, fun, and relevant way for this age group. As our youth are growing, they have real questions and need real answers. EDGE is a way for us to recognize these unique challenges of this age and provide them the information they desire.

### St. Francis of Assisi Special Needs Ministry

**While the Special Needs Ministry is a parish-wide ministry, it is housed in the Religious Education Office. The mission of the St. Francis of Assisi Special Needs Ministry is to create and maintain an environment where all of God’s children can share their unique and wonderful gifts with Him. This ministry supports families and individuals with Religious Education (Pre-K through Adult), Sacramental Prep, Participation in Mass, Family Support, Food Allergies, and Respite. For more information please contact Jess Streit at 515-440-1030 ext. 155.**

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**Wednesday Programs**

*If a position has 50% tuition refunded, please pay your tuition in full and half will be refunded to you later in the year.*

- **RE Catechist - 100% Tuition Waived**
  Review and teach prepared lesson plans weekly. Attend scheduled in-services throughout the year.
  Grade Preference: _____
  Do you want your child in your class? Y or N

- **RE Full-time Sub – 100% Tuition Waived**
  Be present each week willing to sub in various classes using the prepared lesson plans and materials provided by RE Office.

- **Part-time Substitute - 50% tuition refunded if you sub a minimum of 7 times.** Teach any grade, sometimes on very short notice. Need committed volunteers who will be available when called.

- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Assistant - 50% Tuition Waived.** Assists with Montessori based faith formation.

- **Hall Monitor - 50% Tuition Refunded**
  Seated at main entrances during class time; monitor all visitors in the building and help direct children.

- **Daytime Office Volunteer**
  Assist with projects during weekdays as needed.

- **EDGE Catechist/Core Team - 100% Tuition Waived.** This role will be to lead small group discussions, be part of the core team, and be a mentor to our youth through relational ministry. This is a weekly commitment.

- **EDGE Small Group Leader Sub - 50% tuition refunded if you sub a minimum of 7 times.** This substitute position will step in to lead a small group discussion on nights when a regular EDGE catechist is unavailable.

- **EDGE Volunteer/Parental Support**
  Commitment varies depending on scheduled activities.
  - Be a support for an EDGE night activity
  - Help with food for a social night
  - Adult volunteers for off-site events
  - Volunteer driver for our youth to a service opportunity

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**Sunday Programs**

*If a position has 50% tuition refunded, please pay your tuition in full and half will be refunded to you later in the year.*

- **SS Catechist - 100% Tuition Waived**
  Review and teach prepared lesson plans weekly. Attend two scheduled in-services throughout the year.
  Age Preference (circle one): 3 4 Either
  Do you want your child in your class? Y or N

- **SS Music Teacher – 100% Tuition Waived**
  Provide music for the children each Sunday.

- **SS Substitute Catechist - 50% tuition refunded if you sub a minimum of 5 times.**
  Teach class when catechist is unavailable; sometimes called at the last minute. Please consider helping in this much needed area!

- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Assistant - 50% Tuition Waived.** Assists with Montessori based faith formation.

- **Office Assistant - 50% Tuition Waived.**
  Assist the Sunday School Coordinator during class by answering phones and staffing the office and work room.

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**Special Needs Student Support**

*If a position has 50% tuition refunded, please pay your tuition in full and half will be refunded to you later in the year.*

- **Classroom Catechist/EDGE Core Team—100% Tuition Waived.** Provide one-on-one support for 7th-12th grade students with special needs.

- **Classroom Associate - 50% Tuition Waived.** Provide one-on-one or small group assistance for students with special needs on a weekly basis.

- **Sign Language Interpreter - 50% Tuition Waived.**
Family Information

Last Name: _____________________________  Preferred Phone #: ______________________ (Circle One: Land Line or Cell Phone)

Address:_______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Are you registered members of the parish?     Yes   No  Are you new to the St. Francis RE Program?     Yes   No

Father’s Name: ___________________________________  Mother’s Name: ______________________________________

Cell #: __________________ Work #: _________________  Cell #: __________________ Work #: _______________________

Father’s Email: ___________________________________  Mother’s Email: ______________________________________

Father’s Place of Employment: _____________________  Mother’s Place of Employment: _________________________

Father’s Religion: _________________________________  Mother’s Religion: ______________________________________

Other Communication Information:

Text Messages: If you would prefer to receive a text message when possible please fill out the following information:
Preferred cell number: __________________________
Wireless Provider (i.e.: Verizon, AT&T, Sprint, etc.): __________________________ *Required information for our auto text system.

Cell Phone Release: To use our auto phone system in case of emergencies, we must have your permission to call your cell phone.
☐ I grant my permission for St. Francis RE staff to call my cell phone in case of an emergency.
☐ I do not grant my permission for St. Francis RE staff to call my cell phone in case of an emergency.

Photo Release: In order to celebrate and share our efforts in Religious Education with the rest of the parish, we may, from time to time, use photos of various activities on our website or a bulletin board or in some other fashion. Please indicate your permission for your child(ren)’s photo to be used in such a way. Children will never be identified by name. Please check the appropriate box and then sign and date below.
☐ I grant permission for my child(ren)’s picture to be used in parish publications, displays or on the website.
☐ I do not grant permission for my child(ren)’s picture to be used in parish publications, displays or on the website.

RE Family Handbook:
☐ I have/will review the St. Francis of Assisi RE Family Handbook for the 2016-2017 academic year. (The handbook can be found on the St. Francis of Assisi parish website at www.saintfrancischurch.org under the “Youth” Tab.) I agree to abide by and follow the policies and procedures contained therein and encourage my child(ren) to do the same.

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________ Date __________________

Registration deadline for returning families is May 13, 2016.

All registration forms for returning families RECEIVED AFTER May 13, 2016 will be assessed a $20 Late Fee!
Get your registration in early! All registrations received by April 15 will be put into a drawing for free tuition!

Tuition is due at the time of registration. Please make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi. Payments throughout the year can be arranged if needed. Financial Aid is available; please speak with Christen Cota, DRE at 515-440-1030.
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**Please Return Form To:**
St. Francis of Assisi
Religious Education Office
7075 Ashworth Rd
West Des Moines, IA 50266

**TUITION INFORMATION**

- **Wednesday Programs**
  - 1 Child - $118.00
  - 2 Children - $236.00
  - 3 or more children - $295.00

- **Sunday Programs**
  - 1 Child - $70.00
  - 2 Children - $140.00
  - 3 or more children - $175.00

**Family Max = $295.00**

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Name: _________________________________ Program Code (see above): _____________ Preferred Time: _________________

(Circle one): Male or Female Grade(2016-17): __________ School: ___________________________ DOB: __________

Please indicate if child has any special needs (medical, learning, allergies, etc.) ________________________________________
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☐ Has IEP in school

Baptized (circle one): Yes or No Received 1st Communion (circle one): Yes or No

Name: _________________________________ Program Code (see above): _____________ Preferred Time: _________________

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Emergency Contact: (MUST be a local contact OTHER than parent): Name: _________________________________
Phone number: ___________________________ Relationship to Child: ___________________________