St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Faith Formation Parent Letter
2026–2027 Program Year
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Dear Families of St. Francis of Assisi,

As we begin a new year of Faith Formation, we wish you a warm welcome to our program. We are happy to welcome back our previous students and their families, and welcome all newcomers too, as we begin this year of learning, prayer, and community.
My name is **Sherry Dee**, and I am happy to serve as the new **Catechetical Leader** for St. Francis of Assisi Parish. I look forward to meeting your families and guiding our Faith Formation program with care, dedication, and a deep commitment to helping your children grow closer to Christ.

Together with **Father Tim Taugher**, our pastor, we commit to providing a welcoming and meaningful Faith Formation experience for all families. Our hope is that your children feel encouraged, engaged, and inspired as they learn and participate in parish life throughout the year.

Along with this letter, please find enclosed the **2026–2027 Faith Formation calendar**, which includes class sessions and various activities for **the families of our faith community and their children** to enjoy throughout the year.

Program Schedule
Faith Formation begins **Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 12:00 Noon** along with our **annual Parish Picnic**.
All classes for **Grades K–12** will meet on **Sundays from 9:00–10:15 AM** in the Parish Hall. Please enter through the **front doors of the church** when arriving.
Registration
Families must submit a **registration form** and **fee**:

- **$35 per child**
- **$70 per family**

Due **September 20, 2026**. Online registration is available.
Attendance Expectations
Attendance at **week-end Mass** is expected for all families participating in Faith Formation and preparing for sacraments.
Sacrament Preparation
Preparation for **First Reconciliation** and **First Communion** will take place throughout the year, including scheduled parent meetings, retreats, and family activities.

There will be **NO Confirmation at St. Francis in 2027**. The **next Confirmation** will take place in the **Spring of 2028**.

Additional Events
This year includes several special opportunities for families, including:

- **Safe Environment Training (Circles of Care)** for Grades K–8 on **November 16**
- Additional parish family activities throughout the year
- Service projects especially for students in grades 7, 8 and 9

Thank you for your commitment to your child's faith journey. We look forward to a year filled with learning, prayer, service, and community.

With gratitude and blessings,

Sherry Dee Catechetical Leader St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Father Tim Taugher Pastor St. Francis of Assisi Parish