

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School ~ 2011-2012 Sacrament Registration

2nd Grade Administrative Fee ~ \$25.00

8th Grade Administrative Fee ~ \$50.00

For 2nd and 8th graders - copy of Baptismal Certificate is required

**If members of another parish, please attach a letter of permission from your pastor giving permission for your child to receive their sacrament with St. Francis of Assisi*

Student Info

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Middle: _____
Suffix: _____
Gender: _____

Today's Date: _____
Age (as of 9/30/11): _____
Grade entering Fall 2011: _____
Birth Date: _____
Birth Place: _____

Birth Father (First/Middle/Last):

Birth Mother (First/Middle/Maiden):

Birth Father's Religion: _____

Birth Mother's Religion: _____

Family Info

Father/Guardian/StepFather (circle one) :

Mother/Guardian/StepMother (circle one) :

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____

Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip _____
Home Phone: _____

* **EMAIL:** _____

* **Please use BEST email address that is monitored often.**

Marital Status: Married ____ Separated ____ Divorced ____

Student Resides with: Both Parents ____ Mother ____ Father ____ Guardian ____

Parish Where Registered: _____

Family Members in Journey to Catholicism (JTC)? Yes ____ No ____

If Yes, Name and Relationship _____

Grade level of Religious Education student has completed (Circle Each):

3 yr 4 yr 5K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

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SACRAMENTS RECEIVED:

Baptism Baptismal Name : _____
Date: _____
Performed by: _____
Church Name: _____
Church Address: _____

1st Communion Date: _____
Performed by: _____
Church Name: _____
Church Address: _____

Confirmation Date: _____
Performed by: _____
Church Name: _____
Church Address: _____

2nd and 8th Grade ONLY I desire that my child receive the Sacrament(s) of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation with the parish of St. Francis of Assisi. I will adhere to the norms and requirements of both my child and myself that are necessary for the reception of this sacrament. *Copy of Baptismal Certificate is required (if baptized).

Sacrament(s) being Received: _____

Does Student have any serious or chronic medical condition? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, please explain specifically: _____
Is Student taking any medications? If yes, please list: _____

I authorize the St. Francis Staff to summon emergency medical treatment in the event my child becomes seriously ill or injured, and I further release St. Francis Staff and the Diocese of Memphis from any and all liability and waive any claims against them in regard to any accident or injury by participation in any activities of a St. Francis of Assisi program.

Office Use:

Date Paid:

Check #:

Amount:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date: _____

St. Francis of Assisi ~ First Communion

*Congratulations, you have a child receiving the Sacrament of First Communion!
Please read the following important information and mark the dates on your calendar.*

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation is distinct from the celebration of First Eucharist and is celebrated before First Eucharist. Children should wear Sunday clothes and parents may wish to have a celebration or activity in honor of this special day. After their First Reconciliation, children should be encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly with their families, especially during the Liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent. *(See calendar for date)*

First Eucharist

Our children celebrate First Reconciliation followed shortly by First Eucharist. Because of the unique character of these sacraments and the sacredness of the season, the Diocesan Norms encourage First Eucharist to be celebrated during the Easter Season. We have two celebrations of First Eucharist- Section I and II. *(See calendar for dates)*

Candidate Requirements

According to Sacramental Norms of the Diocese of Memphis and guidelines of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, the following are required of First Communicants:

- **Grade Requirement** - Be at least in the second grade
- **Registration**
 - Complete the Sacrament Registration Form for First Reconciliation/First Eucharist
 - Certificate of Baptism – A copy of the child’s baptism certificate is required with registration (even if your child was baptized at St. Francis).
 - Parish Registration Required - If a family is not registered in St. Francis of Assisi Parish, but are registered members of another parish, you must provide a letter from your pastor stating that your child has permission to make First Reconciliation and First Communion with St. Francis Parish.
 - Administrative Fee - \$25.00 payable at Registration
- **Mass Attendance** – All children are expected to attend Sunday Mass on a weekly basis in order to connect religious education, sacramental preparation and prayer, to the Liturgy of the Mass. When out of town, check www.masstimes.org or call (410)676-6000 for churches and Mass times. Please make God part of your travel plans.
- **Religious Education Classes** – Child must be attending a Catholic school or be enrolled in Parish Religious Education classes for at least the year prior to the sacramental year.
- **Teaching Mass** – Student and one parent must attend the Teaching Mass for 1st Communicants, wherein the priest explains the signs, symbols and the different parts of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. *(See calendar for date)*

- **First Communion Retreat** – This retreat is a parish requirement no matter where your child is being prepared for 1st Communion. During retreat, the children will have the opportunity to practice the gestures and movements of Communion and actually taste the un-consecrated host and wine. Our retreat gives them the opportunity to form community with each other even though they may come from various schools and parishes. *(See calendar for date)*
- **Parent Sacrament Meetings** – The Diocese of Memphis requires parents to attend two sacrament meetings, one on Reconciliation and one on Eucharist. All meetings are held at St. Francis in Room 108 of the Parish Life Center and parents have a choice of meeting dates. *(See calendar for dates)* Child care is provided for all parent meetings.
EXEMPTIONS: If you have attended sacrament meetings for an older child within the last two years, you are exempt – **BUT YOU MUST NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IN WRITING** with your older child’s name and the date of the sacrament. Please submit this via email at donna.hofer@sfachurch.cdom.org or mail to the Church Office.
- **Attire for First Communicants:**
Girls:
 - Simple white dress must be at or near the knee or no longer than the ankle in length. Dresses that are sleeveless or have spaghetti straps must have a white jacket or sweater over the dress.
 - White Veil (not to hang below the waist) should be worn. Flowers must be white and miniature in size if incorporated with the veil.
 - White tights or white socks and appropriate white dress shoes.**Boys:**
 - Navy Blue Sport Coat
 - Tan/khaki pants
 - White shirt with dark tie or white Communion tie
 - Dark socks and appropriate dress shoes

If you have any difficulties fulfilling any of these requirements please contact TERRY HARVEY, Director of Religious Education, as soon as possible, at the Church Office (756-1213) to discuss the situation.





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2011 – 2012 Calendar for First Communion

October:

29th (Sat) *Parent Meeting – Reconciliation 10:00am–12 noon, Parish Life Center, Rm. 108

November:

8th (Tue) *Parent Meeting – Eucharist 7:00–9:00pm, Parish Life Center, Rm. 108

17th (Thur) Teaching Mass for First Communicants 7:00 pm, Church Sanctuary
(Child and Parent must be present)

January:

21st (Sat) *Parent Meeting – Eucharist 10:00am–12 noon, Parish Life Center, Rm. 108

24th (Tue) *Parent Meeting – Reconciliation 7:00–9:00pm, Parish Life Center, Rm. 108

February:

7th (Tue) *Parent Meeting – Reconciliation 10:00am–12 noon, Parish Life Center, Rm. 108

28th (Tue) *Parent Meeting – Eucharist 10:00am–12 noon, Parish Life Center, Rm. 108

March:

24th (Sat) Celebration of First Reconciliation 10:00 am, Church Sanctuary
(All First Communicants and Families)

April:

15th (Sun) First Communion Retreat 8:30-11:45am
(All First Communion Children) Parish Life Center, Rm. 108

18th (Wed) Practice for First Eucharist (Section 1) 7:00 pm, Church Sanctuary
Classes of Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Hultman
(Child and Parent must be present)

21st (Sat) Celebration of First Eucharist (Section 1) 10:00 am, Church Sanctuary
Classes of Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Hultman
(Children must be in St. Francis/St. Clare Room by 9:15 am for photos)

25th (Wed) Practice for First Eucharist (Section 2) 7:00 pm, Church Sanctuary
Classes of Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Rotzoll
(Child and Parent must be present)

28th (Sat) Celebration of First Eucharist (Section 2) 10:00 am, Church Sanctuary
Classes of Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Rotzoll
(Children must be in St. Francis/St. Clare Room by 9:15 am for photos)

***Parents are required to attend a total of two meetings: one on Eucharist and one on Reconciliation.**

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*Childcare for siblings is provided in the Church Nursery for
all Parent Meetings, the Teaching Mass, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.*