

Saint Francis of Assisi Sunday School



Welcome to the St. Francis of Assisi Sunday School program! We look forward to supporting you as you help your children grow in faith. We have many exciting lessons planned to help your 3, 4, or 5 (not attending Kindergarten) 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.

Sunday School is held during the 9:30 Mass from October through April. Parents may drop their Sunday School child(ren) off prior to the start of Mass and pick them up promptly at the conclusion of Mass. Families will receive a calendar indicating which Sundays we will have class prior to the first day of Sunday School. Due to parish, holiday, and school schedules (i.e. Christmas Break, Spring Break, Easter, etc.) class is not offered every Sunday.

As a way of supporting you as the primary catechists of your children, we want to extend a warm welcome and invite you to experience a deeper participation in your child(ren)'s faith formation here at Saint Francis of Assisi Sunday School!

In order for you to share in the experience of Sunday School with your children, we will ask you to serve as a "special helper" in your child(ren)'s classroom **twice during the year**. This opportunity is open to parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, a special neighbor, or siblings over the age of sixteen. We believe this experience will help you grow closer to your child(ren) as they grow in their faith and it will also help our dedicated Sunday School catechists by having some extra helping hands on a regular basis. In order for all families to get an opportunity to join their child(ren) in class and to help the catechists, all families should sign up for two sessions to serve in the classroom. More information on this will be forthcoming, once classes have been assigned, generally around mid-late September.

We hope you are as excited about this opportunity as we are! Thank you for your willingness to serve in this important role. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie Breiner, Sunday School Coordinator, at 515-440-1030, Ext. #158 or sbreiner@saintfrancischurch.org.