



# St. Frances Faith Formation

## 2nd Annual Christmas Program

Acting out the Christmas Story and singing the traditional songs helps children learn more about their faith.

Every Wednesday at 5:00PM 20 children and their parents gather in the Parish Center to practice their lines and learn all the songs for our annual Christmas program. Katrina Bolerender, our drama coordinator, is busy helping the children learn their parts.

Starting Sunday Nov. 22 @ 1:30PM there will be additional rehearsals to help learn the songs

The Play will be presented on Thursday December 17 at 6:00PM. In the Parish Center.

Children of all ages are encouraged to participate. Up until December 10, children can still join the group. You can never have too many ANGELS in the choir.



## First Reconciliation

All 2nd graders and those children in the 1st year of preparation for First Communion will be preparing for their 1st Reconciliation starting the first week of January 2010.

Each child will be receiving a new textbook on Reconciliation. Please help them

do their lessons especially if he/she must be absent on any of the days between Jan.5—Mar.3. All children will go to confession on Tuesday Mar 9 or Wednesday Mar 10. If your child cannot attend either of these days please see Linda for further instructions.

## VIRTUS— SAFE TOUCHING

All children in RE should attend a special class on "SAFE TOUCHING".

This lesson helps children recognize when an unsafe adult or older teen is manipulating them into a relationship that is inappropriate and would put them at risk. The children learned 4 words that are helpful in determining when they should trust their feelings and be cautious. Children were taught to tell their parents or another safe adult.

**UNCOMFORTABLE  
CONFUSING  
SECRETS  
SECLUDED**

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### Dates to Remember:

- © 11/13/09, 6:30PM St. Frances Feast Day Mass
- © 11/13/09, 7:30PM, Spaghetti Dinner; Parish Center
- © 12/17/09, 6:00PM, Christmas program, Parish Center
- © 11/29/09, 1st Day of Advent, start of New Liturgical Year
- © 12/15 & 16/09, last day RE classes
- © 1/5 & 6/09, Reconciliation classes start

### Thanksgiving Prayer

We are gathered here as Your family, Oh Lord.  
As a family of faith and love, we give you thanks.

As Your guests at the table of life we are grateful that you have set a place for us. As Your children we strive to follow you in all we do. As servants to Your will, we acknowledge the gift of Your understanding and mercy. As Your stewards, we are filled with wonder in the presence of Your mighty deeds and accept our responsibilities in Your service. As Your heirs, we are humbled by the bounty you have given us, for each beat of our heart and each breath that we draw, is ours only through Your grace. And, as your family, we shout Your name and give You all glory and honor, praise and thanks.

Amen