## St. Francis of Assisi Mass Attendance Form

## "It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass" - Padre Pio

**Did you know?** The word "Mass" comes from the Latin word 'missa' meaning 'mission', or 'sending', because its purpose is to send forth the faithful to bring forth the Good News of Jesus, and to be His presence in the world. It is also a time to give God thanks and praise, as the word 'Eucharist' means thanksgiving.

As parents/guardians of a child in a Catholic school/program, we encourage you to support your child in their Catholic Faith, especially as they prepare to receive a Sacrament. You are the first witness of God's love and grace for your child, and the first teachers of your children. Beginning in January of 2024, all Catholic students are required to attend Mass **every Sunday**. Please note that 4 or more unexcused absences from Sunday Mass may result in your child being deferred from receiving a Sacrament.

We encourage you to attend Sunday Mass at your **home parish**. After Mass, please have a priest sign the form. The Office of Religious Education will collect this form from you every month to make sure we are all "on track"! We realize this requires an extra effort for your family and your cooperation is very much appreciated. Our office will be happy to answer any questions you may have!

Date	Mass Time	Church	Signature of Priest/Deacon
4/7/2024			
4/14/2024			
4/21/2024			
4/28/2024			

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Once your form is filled, please return it to your teacher for a new one. There are also extra forms on the St. Francis Parish website under PREP. If you forget your form, use a church bulletin and attach it to this form. Note: You only need to fill out the side of the form in the language you speak. You do NOT need to fill out both sides.