

June, 2016

Dear PSR Parents,

Along with this letter are attachments with the Registration and other forms for the 2016-2017 PSR School Year. There are several pages so please be sure to fill everything out. We are sending all of the forms at once to be sure they are completed as part of registration. Here are some notes about this process:

- Kindergarten through 6th Grade PSR classes start on Sunday, September 11, 2016. 7th and 8th Grade classes start on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. It is important for families to acclimate to regular school classes before we begin PSR.
- Please fill out all of the forms as completely as possible. It is important that we ask for the information each year as a check for our records and to make sure that we are as up-to-date as possible on emergency numbers, etc. (We have had several occasions when numbers had changed and we were not informed.) **Please print clearly!** Your current email address is extremely important so that again this coming year we can update you quickly and accurately – without paper! And please let us know during the year if information changes. Thanks for your help!
- To register – we need a COPY of the baptismal certificate **for each new student** to our PSR program, unless they were baptized here at Saint John the Baptist Parish. If they were baptized here, please indicate that on the appropriate form. If you do not know the exact date of your child's baptism here, please make your best guess and indicate that on the form, as well. We do not need a copy of the baptismal certificates of students who attended PSR here last year – unless you neglected to submit one in the past.
- Again, there is no late fee for registrations. We recognize that people do their best to get forms and fees in on time. Please try to register – and pay! – as soon as possible since 100% of the fee goes for the books and supplies of the program. The parish, of course, helps as well, but it is our responsibility to be good stewards of the money donated by parishioners each week.
- The fees for this year are:
Kindergarten through 6th Grade - \$70.00
Seventh and Eighth Grade – \$85.00
Families with four or more children - \$230.00
The fees include everything for the year. There will be no requests for additional fees.
- If you cannot send in the full amount of the fee with your registration, we ask that you try to make a partial payment and attach a note explaining when you intend to pay the remainder of the fee.
- Please do not allow financial difficulties to prevent you from sending your children to PSR. There is assistance available for families in financial need from anonymous donors. If you would like to donate to this fund, please contact Mrs. Gemperline. All information will be kept confidential. If there were financial difficulties for you last year and they are still continuing this year, you must again attach a note to let us know.
- If your child has developmental, physical or other challenges, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can work with you with special supplies, helpers, etc. to make the year as comfortable as possible for your child and you.

- **As we did in the past, PSR Classes for Kindergarten through 6th Grade will begin on Sundays at 10:45 AM and end at Noon. In order to accommodate families who attend the 9:00 Mass, when the Mass is finished, parents are welcome to drop their children off in the cafeteria, where the children will be supervised until 10:35 when they will be taken to their classrooms. There will be a sign-in sheet in the cafeteria for parents or designated others to sign in their children. Parents who wish to are welcome to remain in the cafeteria while their children are attending class. All parents or designated others are required to personally sign their children out from their classrooms after each class.**
- As in the past, students who wish to be confirmed in the 8th Grade must attend PSR class in the 7th Grade. It is important for families to be aware that many Catholic parishes now require people to have received all Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation – before they can be married in those churches.
- **7th and 8th Grade PSR classes will again be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 PM. There will also, as we have in the past, be an alternative program (called Family And Classroom Study – FACS) for students unable to come to class on Wednesday evenings.** This program combines weekly home assignments with approximately 8 Sunday morning meetings throughout the school year. Information on this program, as well as details about the Junior High PSR Program, will be sent to parents once forms have been returned.
- You may return the forms and fee one of two ways. One way is to drop them off here at the Parish Office. Office Hours are 8:30 AM-12:00 Noon and 1:00 PM-5:00 PM Monday-Friday. The other way is to put your forms and fee in an envelope marked – PSR Registration Forms – and drop it in the box labeled “COMPLETED PSR REGISTRATIONS” which is on one of the front shelves in the Community Room located near the school entrance to church. This box will be emptied after each Mass. There will be extra forms in this box as well.

Thank you so much for reading this letter. You are welcome to call me with any questions or if you need more information. The Religious Education Office phone number is 367-9086 x219. My secretary is Mary Ann Threm and she will be happy to help you, or you are always welcome to call my cell number at 314-7143. My email address is jgemperline@stjb.net May this summer be a time of blessing for your family, and full of fun, peace and rest. God bless you always.

Sincerely,

Joy Gemperline, DRE