

May 9, 2024

Dear PSR Parents,

I hope your school year has gone well. In this packet you will find information about registration for PSR for next school year. We are planning on starting classes on August 25, 2024. Classes will all be in person in the school building. In the packet you will find registration forms and permission forms. We need a separate permission form for each student. We are sending all the forms at once to be sure they are completed and submitted as part of registration. We hope you can fill out the form as the summer begins but it will need to be back no later than **August 1** so that textbooks can be ordered and arrive on time. All forms and fees must be submitted before classes start.

This year we will be offering in class PSR for grades 1-8.

- **Grades 1-6**
  - *In class – Sundays from 9:50 – 10:50AM* starting **August 25, 2024**. These will be held at the school campus in the elementary building. (All students wanting to join 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class need to finish 1<sup>st</sup> grade first)
- **Grades 7&8 (Confirmation Preparation)**
  - *In class – Sunday Nights from 6:45 – 8:15PM* starting **August 25, 2023**. These classes are currently scheduled to be at the school campus in the Jr. High building. These classes are for Confirmation preparation so attendance is very important. If a class is missed, makeup work will be assigned.
  - In special circumstances remote learning can be requested. Your child will use the same materials as the classroom which includes online resources. There will be questions turned in monthly for the work done at home. You will not be able to switch to in class midway through the year. To get the best Confirmation experience please consider in person classes on Sunday nights.

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Ed. Office (513-367-9086 x221) with any questions or if you would like more information. You are always welcome to email me at [jschaefer@stjb.net](mailto:jschaefer@stjb.net)

God Bless and thank you,

Jonathan Schaefer

# Registration Information

1. Please fill out all of the forms as completely as possible **and print clearly**. It is important that we ask for this information each year as a check for our records and to ensure that we have the most accurate information possible for emergency needs. Please let us know during the year if any information changes. Thanks for your help!
2. **Students will not be permitted to begin class unless all forms have been received.**
3. As in the past, students who wish to be confirmed in the 8th Grade are required to have completed the 7th Grade curriculum as well. It is important for families to be aware that many Catholic parishes now require people to have received all of the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation – before they can be married in those churches or serve as Godparents there.
4. As in the past, all students need to finish 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR or Religion classes before being allowed to enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for First Reconciliation and Communion. Students will be moved to first grade if they have missed these 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes. This is to make sure they are prepared to receive sacraments.
5. To register – we need a COPY of the baptismal certificate **for each new student** to our PSR program, unless they were baptized here at St. John’s Parish. If they were baptized here, please indicate that on the appropriate form together with the date of Baptism. If you do not know the exact date, please do your best guess and indicate that on the form as well.
6. Again there is no late fee for registration. **Fees are due before entering the classroom unless other arrangements are made with the Director of Religious education.** The parish, of course, helps as well, but it is our responsibility to be good stewards of the money donated by parishioners each week.
7. The fees for this year are:
  - **First through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade PSR - \$70.00**
  - **Seventh and Eighth Grade - \$85.00**
  - **Families with four or more children - \$230.00**

The fee includes everything for the year. There will be no requests for additional fees. If you cannot make the full payment, 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.
8. **Please do not allow financial difficulties to prevent you from sending your child for PSR.**

There is assistance available from anonymous donors. (If you would like to donate to this fund, please contact the Religious Education Office.) All information will be kept confidential. If there were financial difficulties last year, which are occurring again this year, please attach a note to let us know.
9. **You may return your forms and fees one of several ways.**
  - a. Parish office - Mail them or drop them off at the parish office.
    - i. Office hours are 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.
  - b. Email the completed forms to jschaefer@stjb.net and send a check through the mail. (All checks for PSR fees should be made out to St. John the Baptist Parish.) Other copies of the Registration Forms are available on the parish website.
  - c. Mass Collection – Drop them off in a sealed envelope in the collection basket at church and address attention PSR registration.

# **St. John the Baptist**

## **PSR In-class class information**

### **Arrival and Dismissal**

- Parents will need to come into the building to drop off your child at 9:50 AM.
- At dismissal, parents will need to come to the child's classroom to sign them out. Please try to be there by 10:50 as many of our catechists go to 11:15am mass.

### **Classroom Instruction**

- Individual desks will be used by all students. Desks will be distanced with the maximum amount of space between as size of classroom permits.
- Grades 7-8 are asked not to write in their books throughout the year as they are reused the following year.

### **Food**

- Water fountains will be available for bottle- filling purposes.
- Volunteers and students can bring in a water bottle to fill up at water fountains.
- Food may not be brought into classroom by students

2024-2025 PSR Class Registration Form

Grades 1-6 Religious Education Classes on Sunday Morning from 9:50 – 10:50 a.m.  
Grades 7 – 8 Religious Education Classes on Sunday evenings from 6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ARE YOU REGISTERED IN PARISH? YES NO  
FAMILY LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILD'S LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_  
FAMILY E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother's Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Father's Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

- I am interested in helping with the PSR on Sunday mornings.
- I am interested in helping with the PSR on Sunday nights.

How would you like to help? \_\_\_\_\_

- Grades 1-6 students meet in Primary building on Sunday mornings.
- Grade 7-8 students meet in the Jr. High building on Sunday nights.

**PLEASE PRINT AND FILL OUT INFORMATION COMPLETELY (use separate paper for more children)**

Child's Name FIRST : \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M F Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ Year or Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
School currently attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle one: In Person PSR (grade 1-6) In Person PSR (grade 7-8)  
Other Sacraments Received (include church where sacrament was received): \_\_\_\_\_  
Circle all level numbers that your child has attended to date: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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**PARENT INFORMATION:**

**Mother's** First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name (if married): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Marital Status:    Parents are married to each other    Single    Divorced

Remarried: (spouse's name): \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's** First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Marital Status:    Parents are married to each other    Single    Divorced

Remarried: (spouse's name): \_\_\_\_\_

If parents are divorced or separated, please list custodial parent: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **mobile phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHO MAY LEGALLY PICK UP THE CHILD FROM PSR CLASS?**

**CHECK ONE:**    MOTHER ONLY \_\_\_\_\_    FATHER ONLY \_\_\_\_\_    EITHER PARENT \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER PEOPLE AUTHORIZED BY LEGAL GUARDIAN TO PICK UP THIS CHILD:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**YEARLY TUITION** (In Person PSR fees / Cover textbooks and materials):

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**If text book or materials are lost, a fee to cover the cost of the book/materials will be charged to replace it.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: St. John the Baptist Church.** Remit the form and payment to Jonathan Schaefer. You may send your registration by mail, email, fax, in person, or place it in the collection, to the attention of Jonathan Schaefer.

**Registration fees are due at the time of registration.**

*If finances are an issue, please contact Faith Formation office in the Parish Office  
513-367-9086 x 221, for scholarship information before registering.*

*Tuition allows our program to purchase textbooks and materials for your children.*

*All catechists work as volunteers.*

# St. John the Baptist Parish School of Religion COVENANT

The Catholic Church has always recognized that the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith are parents. Statistics show that children who grow up in a family which regularly participates in the life of the parish are significantly more likely to continue to practice the faith as adults.

St. John the Baptist Parish School of Religion exists first and foremost to assist parents in the holistic formation of their children in the Catholic faith. Integral to life of the Catholic faith is physical attendance and participation in Sunday Mass in which we are drawn into the life of Christ more deeply by hearing the Word of God and sharing in the Eucharist. In fact, St. John the Baptist parish is so committed to assisting parents in the faith development of children that money is put aside in the budget to ensure that the programs we offer provide a solid foundation for each child.

As members of the Catholic church there is an expectation that we attend Mass every Sunday and participate in the parish. We are encouraging you to strive to attend Mass every Sunday (unless there is serious reason for missing it) and to participate in the life of the parish in other ways as you are able, considering the commitment before God that you signed at preparation for marriage, orally promised when you married, and recommitted yourselves to when your child/ren was baptized to actively raise your child/ren in the Catholic faith.

We rely on the integrity and honesty of those who apply for our Parish School of Religion programs to be faithful to the commitment they made in the past and renew for this year.

To attend our Parish School of Religion, a baptismal certificate from a Catholic Church (if St. Johns, please check line at bottom of this page) or a certificate of full communion with the Catholic Church is to be submitted with the application for the first year of attendance. If you do not have one of these, please contact Jonathan Schaefer at 513-367-9086 x 221.

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## COMMITMENT TO THE PRACTICE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

I renew the commitment I made when I married and at the time of my/our child's baptism, to raise them in the practice of the faith. I understood that this includes *weekly (physical) attendance at and participation* in Sunday Mass unless there is serious reason to be absent.

I make this commitment before God and for the good of my/our family.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

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Parent Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Please include with your completed registration packet.*

\_\_\_\_\_ My child was baptized at St. John's, Harrison, Ohio