

June, 2019

Dear PSR Parents,

Along with this letter are attachments of the Registration and other forms for the 2019-2020 PSR School Year. There are five pages so please be sure to fill out everything. It is also very important that you print the information or send it electronically. We are sending all of the forms at once to be sure they are completed and submitted as part of registration. All forms must be submitted before classes start.

I hope you have had a chance to attend Sunday Mass in the new church. It is such a beautiful place to gather together and celebrate God's love! Because of the new Mass schedule, the times for PSR classes have been changed. Kindergarten through 6th Grade PSR will begin on Sunday, August 18 and will last until April 19. Class will be held each Sunday from 9:55-10:55 AM. (We realize that this seems like an odd time, however this schedule allows PSR families to attend either the 8:30 or the 11:15 AM Mass on Sunday, if they wish to do so.)

7th and 8th Grade PSR classes will remain essentially the same as last year with classes on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 until 8:15 PM beginning September 18 through April 29.

First Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation will both be celebrated in the new church this coming year.

Some notes about the registration forms:

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. 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.
4. Again there is no late fee for registration. We recognize that families do their best to get fees in as soon as possible. Just a reminder that we appreciate your prompt response with forms and fees since 100% of the fees go for books and supplies for our 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.
5. The fees for this year are:
Kindergarten through 6th 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.
6. 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.

7. Parents are required to drop their students off at their classrooms and sign them out at the end of class for safety reasons. Please fill out the Safety Form so that we are aware if there are any other adults permitted to pick up your child from PSR class.
8. 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.
9. **For 7th and 8th Grade students unable to come to class on Wednesday evenings, there will be, as in the past, an alternative PSR program (called Family and Classroom Study – FACS).** This program includes weekly emailed assignments and monthly meetings on Sundays from 9:55-10:55 in the St. John's cafeteria. Information on this program as well as other details about the Junior High PSR Program will be sent to parents who are interested. If you are interested, please indicate that on your Registration Form.
10. **You may return your forms and fees one of several ways.** You are welcome to mail them or drop them off at the parish office. Office hours are 8:30 AM-12:00 and 1:00-5:00 PM or you may email the completed forms to me 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.
11. On the first day of class for Grades Kindergarten-6th Grade please come to the cafeteria if you do not know where your child's PSR classroom is. For Grades 7 and 8 Wednesday night PSR classes will be held in the school building closest to the corner of Hill Street and Harrison Avenue.

Thank you so much for reading this letter and please feel free to call the Religious Ed. Office (513-367-9086 x217) with any questions or if you would like more information. You are always welcome to call my cell number at 513-314-7143 or email me at jgemperline@stjb.net May this summer be a time of blessing and closeness for you and your family. May God bless you always!

Sincerely,

Joy Gemperline