



July 31, 2016

Dear Parents of elementary and junior high students,

To register your child(ren) for faith formation at Holy Spirit Parish this year, please read the following information. Registration is required for all students attending.

1. Complete the Elementary & Jr. High PSR Registration form and attach payment.
2. Complete both sides of the Medical & Emergency Contact Information form.
3. Return all forms by **August 21** to
Holy Spirit Parish
Faith Formation
2952 Edison St. NW
Uniontown, OH 44685

PLEASE NOTE - A separate registration is required for students in grades 9-12.

Fees: Fees are outlined on the registration form.

While we do not want the fees to discourage anyone from registering their child for faith formation, we must encourage prompt payment of fees in order to help cover the many costs at the beginning of the program year. Fees are expected when a family registers unless other arrangements are made with the Director/Coordinator of Religious Education. If a family cannot pay the fees, they should contact the Director/Coordinator of Religious Education at (330) 699-4500. All such information will be kept confidential.

Most PSR classes meet on Sunday mornings. PSR is not a substitute for Mass. Catholic teaching states that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith life. Therefore, children and their parents should be celebrating mass weekly.

Beginning Dates & Times: A calendar is attached.

Grades Preschool through 8

PSR classes begin on Sunday, Sept 11 from 9:45 -10:45 a.m. at Uniontown Elementary School. See the enclosed calendar for further class times and locations.

Class Information:

Dismissal Policy, Preschool through Second Graders: In order to ensure safety, children in grades Pre - 2nd grades will only be dismissed from the classroom if a parent is there to pick them up. If you have children in other grades as well, we encourage you to make arrangements to meet them at the classroom of the youngest sibling. Any child(ren) not picked up within a reasonable time will be taken to the cafeteria to wait for a parent.

Preschool/Kindergarten: This is a combined class. Children should either be 4yrs old by Aug. 1 or going into kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year.

First Grade: The Diocesan policy is that children "celebrate First Communion after two years of catechesis". Thus it is important that first graders be attending PSR in order to eventually celebrate First Communion in second grade.

Second Grade: First Reconciliation/Communion: The Journey to Eucharist will continue for your family on Saturday, October 1 when we gather for a potluck dinner at 4 p.m. followed by Mass and family activities. More information will be sent later.

Third, Seventh & Eighth Grades: For three Fridays during Lent, the Stations of the Cross are led by these specific classes. Participation is part of the PSR curriculum and attendance is required.

Third grade – April 7

Seventh grade – March 10

Eighth grade – March 17th

Fifth Grade: Fifth graders, along with their parents, will participate in a special PSR class, Sunday, April 23 to learn about the Mass with the Fr. John and Deacon Mike. Participants will meet at the church during the regularly scheduled time. Fifth graders will take the lead in the various liturgical ministries at the 11:00 a.m. liturgical celebration immediately following this PSR session.

Fourth & Sixth Grades: Attendance at one of the Children's Reconciliation services is part of the PSR curriculum for these grades. The service is held in the church at 3:00 p.m.

Fourth grade - Sat., Nov. 5th

Sixth grade - Sat., March 18th

Confirmation (Grades Eight): All students preparing for Confirmation must be registered and attending PSR or Catholic School.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (330) 699-4500. Thank you for your consideration and may God's blessings be with your family.

Sincerely,

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