

Saints James and Patrick Parish School of Religion

Dear Parents of the Parish School of Religion Program,

We welcome you and your children to our Parish School of Religion. Your participation in this important program is a sign of your faith and your desire to give this precious gift to your children. Our wonderful staff of volunteer teachers is dedicated to making this program beneficial.

May we please ask two commitments from you. First, please know that every class which has been prepared for your child(ren) is important. Therefore, we ask that you try for perfect attendance. Make a commitment to bring your child(ren) every week, unless they are ill. Secondly, make punctuality a commitment. This may seem insignificant to you but for our teachers it is a courtesy. Often they are interrupted when children come into class ten or fifteen minutes late.

Thank you for your efforts to commit to the above requests and for being part of our Parish School of Religion. May God bless you.

Anita Olson and Rita Rossi
PSR Coordinators

A Statement from the Teachers . . .

These are the goals we hope to accomplish:

1. To use methods in teaching which correlate experience, scripture, tradition and prayer.
2. To offer and encourage active participation in prayer, especially regular attendance at Sunday Mass.
3. To recognize that vital faith involves Christian service.
4. To affirm one another and to give recognition and support to teachers, children and parents.
5. To help parents recognize their roles as primary educators of their children and to encourage them to be actively involved in the formal religious education through the Parish School of Religion.
6. To help the Parish become more aware of the Parish School of Religion and to integrate the PSR students, teachers and parents in Parish organizations and activities throughout the year.

Points of Information

* Classes are held on **Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.** Classes begin every week in the St. James Church with prayer. Parents are encouraged to attend the prayer service.

* A calendar of classes is included on the back of this pamphlet.

* We request a registration fee of \$30 for one child, \$55 for two children and \$75 for 3 or more children. This fee covers the cost of PSR educational materials for the year.

* Regular class attendance is strongly encouraged. A record of attendance is kept. Parents are asked to contact the teacher if for some reason frequent absences occur. In this way, the parents and teacher are encouraged to work together.

* **A year of religious instruction is required prior to reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.** Confirmation is celebrated this year for eighth and ninth grade students following a program of preparation. Confirmation will be held in the Spring for 2008 and classes begin in September 2007 with a date and time to be announced.. Please register with the Parish Office.

* Regular worship with our parish faith community is a concrete way of living out our Christian commitment. Therefore, weekly attendance at Mass, and PSR classes, are vital for children who are being led to fuller participation in the Church life, especially through the reception of First Communion.

* The child's baptismal certificate should be on file in the Parish offices. If the child was not baptized at St. James or St. Patrick Church, please bring a copy of the certificate to either Parish Office by September 30, 2007.

PSR FACULTY MEMBERS 2007-2008

PSR Coordinators:

Anita Olson (429-5363) and Rita Rossi (429-9630)

Primary Grade Teachers (K-4)

Lynn Burdick, Lisa Gagnon, Twila Harvey,
Nicki McCammack, Rita Rossi, Kathy Snyder

Elementary Grade Teachers (5-7)

Valerie Potts, Angie Wetzel, Britt and Laurie Brown

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Class Schedule for 2007-2008

September	5	Registration
	12	FIRST DAY OF CLASS
	19	Class
	26	Class
October	3	Class
	10	Class
	17	Class
	24	Class
	31	To be announced
November	7	Class
	14	Class
	21	NO CLASS (Thanksgiving Weekend)
	28	Class
December	5	Class
	12	Class
	19	NO CLASS (Christmas Vacation)
	26	NO CLASS (Christmas Vacation)
January	2	NO CLASS (Christmas Vacation)
	9	Class
	16	Class
	23	Class
	30	Class
February	6	NO CLASS (Ash Wednesday)
	13	Class
	20	Class
	27	Class
March	5	Class
	12	Class
	19	NO CLASS (Holy Week)
	26	Class
April	2	Class
	9	Class
	16	Class
	23	Class
	30	Last Class for the school year

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