

St. Stanislaus Parish School of Religion
Parent/Student Guidelines & Code of Conduct
Grades K-5th

Religious Education Goals

To support parents in their role as primary religious educators of their children with a formal faith-filled curriculum, the parish is committed to providing:

- Instruction taught by a team of trained volunteer catechists
- Provide an atmosphere in which all students strive for excellence spiritually, morally, intellectually and socially
- Sacrament preparation
- A clean and welcoming environment
- Opportunities to connect Catholic identity from school to church, community, and home

Role of Parents

The PSR program at St. Stanislaus is designed to supplement what is being taught in the home, not to take its place. Parents are vital for nurturing the faith in their children. As cooperative participant in our formal program, parents should:

- Attend mass with their child on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- Teach their child traditional prayers of the Church
- Ensure child attends classes
- Maintain an open line of communication with their child's teacher and the director
- Share faith with the child at home and ensure the follow-up work from class lessons is completed and returned on time

Policies

Admission: Any family that is registered as a member of St. Stanislaus Parish, or has requested and been approved for participation, may enroll their child(ren) by completing a registration and medical form, accepting the policies contained in the Parent's Handbook, and paying a \$20 per child fee, or \$50 per family fee. Scholarships are available for all families in hardship. Please contact the director of the program for application.

Attendance: Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:20pm in the gym (community prayer, announcements and special prayer services) with religion class being held from 6:30-7:30pm. Check schedule for dates. Because each class builds on the material from the previous class, children will miss a great deal of information when absent. To ensure that each teacher is given adequate time to teach the class, it is crucial that children arrive on time. In the event of weather cancellations, parents will be notified via social media, news outlets, email and/or phone. If the area schools are cancelled, PSR will be cancelled that evening.

Arrival and Dismissal: Parents/guardians are required to bring their child into the building and sign them in. The sign in sheets will be located on a registration table in the gym, and we request that all students arrive between 6:10-6:20pm. From the gym, students will be shown to their classroom. Parents must pick up their child from the class, but we ask that you please do not pick up your child prior to 7:30pm unless the director is notified. If someone other than a parent/guardian is dropping off or picking up the child, please ensure they are listed on the pick-up/drop-off form or the PSR director is notified.

Sacrament Preparation: A child who has not been baptized may be accepted into the program provided that the family intends to enroll them for the sacraments and be baptized. Parents who wish to prepare their child to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist must attend an informational meeting and enroll their child in the sacramental preparation process. Parents will be given resources to provide catechesis in the home and PSR will supplement this program. The Parish First Eucharist Mass will be held in the spring. The Sacrament of Reconciliation must be received prior to the Sacrament of Eucharist.

Discipline: All students registered in the St. Stanislaus PSR program will be treated with dignity and respect. To provide a safe environment and an effective program, some rules for behavior are necessary. Each classroom will have a set of classroom rules set by the teacher. All students are required to be respectful and display a Christian attitude in the way they dress, speak, and behave. If a child does not follow these rules, the following disciplinary process will be used:

- 1) Teacher will remind student of appropriate behavior in a positive manner
- 2) If inappropriate behavior is consistent and disruptive to the learning of other students, the student will be sent to the PSR director. The student may be required to develop a plan of action to correct the disruptive behavior and have it signed by their parents to return to the regular classroom.
- 3) If a student's behavior does not improve, the parish reserves the right to ask the student to withdraw from the program.

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