

# ST. STANISLAUS PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PARENT HANDBOOK

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GOALS

To support parents in their role as primary religious educators of their children with a weekly formal program of faith filled, curriculum- based instruction taught by a team of trained volunteer catechists; to offer sacrament preparation; to provide 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 participants in our formal program, parents should:

- Provide records of a child's Baptism and other sacraments *if applicable*.
- Attend Mass with their child on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Teach their child traditional prayers of the Church.
- Bring their child to class on time every week.
- Maintain an open line of communication with their child's teacher and program director.
- Make an effort to attend Family Nights and Parish Programs to show support of faith development.
- Share faith with the child at home and ensure that follow-up work from class lessons is completed and returned on time.

## POLICIES

**ADMISSION:** Any family that is registered in St. Stanislaus Parish, or has requested and been approved for participation, may enroll their children by completing a registration and medical form, accepting the policies contained in the Parent's Handbook, and paying a \$20.00 per child fee, or \$50 per family fee.

**ATTENDANCE:** Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:20 (Community Prayer in Gym) with classes beginning at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (check schedule for dates). Because classes only meet twice a month and each class builds on material from the previous classes, children will miss a great deal of information when absent from class. To ensure that each teacher is given adequate time to teach weekly lessons, it is crucial that children arrive on time. In the event of weather cancellations, parents will be notified by preferred means of communication, as indicated on the registration form. **If the schools are cancelled, PSR will be cancelled that evening.**

**ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL:** All parents 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 6:10-6:20 p.m. From the gym, students will be shown

to their classrooms. At 6:30, the teachers will begin class. Parents must pick up their child from the class, but we ask that you please DO NOT pick up your child prior to 7:30 p.m. unless the coordinator is notified. If someone other than a parent is dropping off or picking up the child, please ensure that they are listed on the Pick-up/Drop-off Form or the PSR Coordinator 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 in the St. Stanislaus PSR program will be treated with dignity and respect. In order 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 coordinator. The student may be required to develop a plan of action to correct the disruptive behavior and have it signed by their parents in order to return to the regular classroom. Anytime a student is sent to the PSR Coordinator for discipline, parents will be notified by a Disciplinary Action Plan or by a phone call from the PSR Coordinator and teacher.
3. If a student's behavior does not improve as a result of the outlined disciplinary process, the parish reserves the right to ask the student to withdraw from the program.

I have received and read the St. Stanislaus Parish Parent Handbook for the 2016-2017 PSR school year and accept the policies regarding program goals, my roles as a parent, and policies on admission, attendance, arrival and dismissal, sacrament preparation, dress code, and discipline contained in the handbook.

Parent Agreement:

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Signature

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Date

# Drop-off and Pick-up Permission Information

I, \_\_\_\_\_, mother/ father of a PSR student  
(or students) give my permission to the following individuals to drop-off  
and pick-up my child(ren) at from the PSR program when necessary.

NAME and RELATIONSHIP:

PHONE:

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Parent's Signature

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Date