

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION GUIDELINES FOR 2020-2021

FEES: The fees are listed on the backside of the registration form with an extra \$10 fee for sacraments for grades 2 and 8 to help with additional expenses incurred. Fees help to cover not only your child's Gospel Weeklies/Catechism books but also all the additional seasonal resources, activity supplies, arts and crafts, folders, pencils, markers, pens, media resources, music for the children, correspondence and postage, etc. for the entire year. We ask that you please try to have your PSR bill paid in full by December 31, 2020 if possible. Checks can be made payable to St. Patrick Religious Ed. If you are unable to pay the tuition rate, please contact me. We will never deny any child a right to religious education.

Attendance: Students are required to attend continued religious education classes from Kindergarten-Grade 8. Of course, we want to encourage all of our students to have a good attendance record but please, **do not** send your child to class if they are ill, or have experienced any symptoms of Covid-19, been exposed to anyone that is Covid-19 positive or anyone who is in quarantine. Also, if your child has been exposed to anyone who has tested Covid-19 positive, please inform us immediately so that we can be sure to take immediate action.

Tardiness: The doors will be locked after 9:45 AM. If your child arrives late, please have him/her enter through the back door closest to the creek. The child will need to check into the office before going to class.

Arrival/Dismissal: To facilitate social distancing guidelines in the school we have Grades K-3 scheduled for in person class one week and Grades 4-8 scheduled to attend the following week. Grades K -1 and will be dismissed by way of the front door closest to the flagpole. Parents may enter and stand close to that door and the teachers will bring the students up the stairs to that entry for you to pick up your child. Grade 2 will be dismissed by way of the back door closest to the creek. Teachers will bring the students up those stairs and to the entry for the parents to pick up their child. Grade 3 children will be dismissed by way of the back door closer to the garages. The teacher will bring the students up the stairs and to that back entry for dismissal. If you have children of all ages, they will be dismissed with the oldest sibling. Grades 4-8 will be dismissed by way of the back doors closest to their rooms. If someone other than the parent is picking up your child, please bring a signed note from the parent giving us permission to release your child at the beginning of class.

Conduct:

1. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a Christian manner and exhibit that same manner towards fellow students and teachers.
2. A student found in possession of article(s) that may in any way threaten the well-being of any student will be subject to immediate dismissal.
3. All cell phones must be silenced and put away during class time unless the teacher gives them permission for use. Also, please do not have your child bring various toys or games to class that could be distracting for other children in class.
4. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately with no exposed midriff or shoulders and no offensive t-shirts.
5. Please be sure to complete home assignments in a timely manner.
6. Students are expected to show respect for parish property and classroom furnishings, decorations, lavatories or hallways. The parents will be responsible for any damages incurred.

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Discipline Procedures:

1. Any discipline problems on the premises will be addressed by the teacher or by Deacon John or Karen Bartos.
2. If there is a serious problem that persists the student will be sent to the office and the parent will be notified.
3. If the problem continues, the student's parent/guardian will be asked to remain with the child during class or arrange for a possible solution.

Consultation with the teacher: In the event that you feel it is necessary to speak with the teacher, please notify Deacon John or Karen so that we can arrange an appointment outside of class time.

Stewardship envelopes: Giving back to God our time, talent, and treasure is good stewardship. Your child will receive offering envelopes to encourage an attitude of generosity and the practice of stewardship as part of the parish community. If your child is unable to contribute, he/she can insert a note stating an act of kindness or good deed that has been given to God throughout the week. We ask for your support in forming good stewardship habits.

Children's choir: Mr. Joe Spurio has been hired to be our parish choir director for all ages. He will be working with our students throughout the year to help develop musical skills and to deepen their understanding and appreciation for the liturgy. Choir information will be available soon.

Emergency Closing: In the event of bad weather conditions, please stay tune to local TV/radio stations (WKBN or WFMJ) for school closing.

Sacramental celebrations: Children in second grade will be celebrating First Reconciliation in December and First Holy Communion in May. Children in eighth grade will be celebrating Confirmation in April. Parent meetings, home preparation and attendance are required. If you feel that your child is not ready to receive a sacrament, please call us for assistance. If your child was baptized or celebrated a sacrament at another parish other than St. Patrick Parish, please provide us a copy of those records. All sacraments must be recorded in our parish ledgers. If the parish where you have received one or more of those sacraments has closed, you can contact the chancellor at the diocese (330)744-8451 to verify where the sacramental record is located.

Again, thank you for your assistance and support. If there is anything that we can do to help your family on this journey of faith, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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