

St Stanislaus Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Parent/Student Guidelines & Code of Conduct

Religious Education Goals

To support parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their children, St Stanislaus Parish is committed to providing:

- Instruction taught by a team of trained volunteer catechists
- Sacrament preparation
- An atmosphere in which all students strive for excellence spiritually, morally, intellectually, and socially
- A clean and welcoming environment
- Opportunities to connect 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 at home, not take its place. Parents are vital for nurturing the faith in their children. As cooperative participants 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 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 fee of \$25 per child, \$50 per family. Scholarships are available for all families in hardship. Please contact the director of the program for the application.

Attendance:

Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm. There is a schedule included in your packet that includes the dates of each meeting. 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 canceled, PSR will be canceled that evening.

Arrival and Dismissal:

To ensure the safety of the children, parents must bring their children to the gym door entrance and sign them in and out. If someone other than a parent/guardian is picking up/dropping off, please ensure that person is listed on the pick-up/drop-off form or notify the PSR director. We ask that you do not pick up your child prior to 7:30 without notifying the PSR director.

Sacrament Preparation (K-6th Grade):

A child who has not yet 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 or First Eucharist must attend an informal 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 speak, dress, and behave. If a child does not follow these rules, the following disciplinary process will be used:

1. The teacher will remind the student of the appropriate behavior in a positive manner.
2. If inappropriate behavior persists and is 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.

Approved by Msgr. David Cox
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