

August 18, 2011

Dear Parents,

This letter includes other important information about PSR.

Dates & Times: Calendars were sent for Pre through Grade 8 and will also be available at open registration on August 20/21 and at the Festival of Faith. High School calendars will be available at open registration and on the youth bulletin board.

Pre-school, Kindergarten, Elementary PSR & Junior High (Grades Pre through 8)
Classes continue on Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. at Uniontown Elementary School. Class assignments and a room map will be posted at the school on that day.

High School (Grades 9 through 12)

Youth ministry classes will be held on Sunday mornings at Holy Spirit from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. beginning on September 11.

Other Important Information:

Most PSR classes meet on Sunday mornings. PSR is not a substitute for Mass. Catholic teaching states that the eucharist is the source and summit of our faith life. Therefore, children and their parents should be attending a weekend mass.

Preschool through Second Graders, Dismissal Policy: In order to ensure safety, children in grades Pre - 2nd grades will only be dismissed from the classroom if a parent is there to pick them up. If you have children in other grades as well, we encourage you to make arrangements to meet them at the classroom of the youngest sibling. Any child(ren) not picked up within a reasonable time will be taken to the cafeteria to wait for a parent.

The Pre-School Class: is meant for 4 year olds who will be entering Kindergarten next year (the 2012/2013 school year). Children too young to enter Kindergarten next year should not be enrolled in Pre-School this year in order to avoid them from attending Pre-School two years in a row. They should be 4 years old by August 1, 2011.

First Graders: The policy of the Diocese of Youngstown is that children "celebrate First Communion after two years of catechesis". Thus it is important that first graders be attending PSR in order to eventually celebrate First Communion in second grade.

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First Reconciliation/Communion (Grade Two): A gathering, Journey to Eucharist, for 1st Communion/1st Reconciliation families will be Saturday, October 8th. The evening includes a potluck dinner at 4 p.m. followed by mass and family activities. More information will be mailed.

Grade Three: Participation in the Stations of the Cross, one evening during Lent, is part of the class curriculum. Attendance of all 3rd graders is required on Friday, March 30th.

Grade Five: Participation in the Lenten Children's Reconciliation Service is part of the class curriculum. Attendance is required on Saturday, March 17th.

Grade Seven: Participation in the Living Stations of the Cross, one evening during Lent, is part of the class curriculum. Attendance of all 7th graders is required on Friday, March 2nd.

Grade Eight: Participation in The Way of the Cross, one evening during Lent, is part of the class curriculum. Attendance of all 8th graders is required on Friday, February 24th.

Confirmation (Grades Seven & Eight): An orientation will be scheduled for **October** at Holy Spirit Church. Students and their parents will receive a separate mailing about the Confirmation program.

Confirmed Students: Religious Education is a life-long endeavor. Therefore, post-Confirmation is a time to engage your adolescent in this endeavor with a renewed spirit. Youth Ministry classes are the forum in which he/she can continue his/her religious education.

If you have any questions, please contact us at (330) 699-4500. Thank you for your consideration and may God's blessings be with your family.

Sincerely,

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