

July 22, 2011

Dear Parents,

You are receiving this mailing because our records show that you have a child of catechetical age. We request you register now for your children to attend PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes in the fall.

1. **Registration:** Simply complete the enclosed registration form and the Medical and Emergency Contact Form and return them by August 14.  
Registration is required for all students attending either preschool, kindergarten, elementary, junior high, or high school Parish School of Religion.
2. **Fees:** Fees are outlined on the registration form.

As a consequence of not having our own religious education facility, our costs to provide space for the PSR program continues to escalate. While we do not want the fees to discourage anyone from registering their child for religious education, we must encourage prompt payment of fees in order to help cover many costs at the beginning of the program year. Fees are expected when a family registers unless other arrangements are made with the Director of Religious Education. If a family cannot pay the fees, they should contact the Director of Religious Education at (330) 699-4500. All such information will be kept confidential.

3. **Calendars:** Calendars and other important information will be mailed at a later date.

**PSR Classes begin with the Festival of Faith on Sunday, August 28 after the 10:30 mass to 2:30.**

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,

Cathy Kasza  
Coordinator of Religious Education & Junior High Ministry

Anne M. Weeks  
Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry

- Pre-school, Kindergarten, Elementary PSR & Junior High (Grades Pre through 8) (**Note: Time Change**)  
Classes continue on Sunday, September 12, 2010 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 September 19.

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4. **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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2011/2012 school year). Children too young to enter Kindergarten next year should not be enrolled in Pre-School this year in order to avoid them attending Pre-School two years in a row. They should be 4 years old by August 1, 2010.

**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.

**First Reconciliation/Communion (Grade Two):** After beginning with the Festival of Faith, the next gathering, Journey to Eucharist, for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion/1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation families will be Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> graders is required on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade Five:** Participation in the Lenten Children's Reconciliation Service is part of the class curriculum. Attendance is required on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Grade Seven:** Participation in the Living Stations of the Cross, one evening during Lent, is part of the class curriculum. Attendance of all 7<sup>th</sup> graders is required on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Seventh grade students and their parents will receive a separate mailing about the Confirmation program.

**Confirmation (Grade Eight):** After beginning with the Festival of Faith, an orientation is scheduled for **October 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at Holy Spirit Church. Confirmation Intention/Information Forms will be given out at the Festival of Faith.

**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.

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