



St. Mary Parish School of Religion (PSR) Faith Formation

Our Mission Statement:

*We believe that "the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people in touch, in intimacy and communion, with the person of Jesus Christ."
Catechesi Tradendae, 5 -- John Paul II*

Dear parents and guardians,

Greetings! Hopefully, you are all enjoying a restful summer break! These are the days to be renewed as family, enjoying each other's company at home or on the road. Although it is only July, the new school year is quickly approaching and we welcome you and your children to the 2016-2017 St. Mary Parish School of Religion for children in Grades K through 8. We are still in the process of finalizing the PSR calendars, but will publish and upload them to the website as soon as we have all of the dates.

We have a vibrant PSR program here at St. Mary, which requires many volunteers. **Please prayerfully consider volunteering some of your time to assist with the program.** We have a variety of opportunities for you to share your gifts. We are currently in need of catechists/teachers and substitute teachers for both Sunday and Monday evenings, classroom aides, and traffic/hall monitors. Tuition discounts are available to weekly volunteers. For more information, please contact me at the PSR office.

GRADES 1 – 5: PSR begins Monday, September 12. Students will go to their classroom at 6:15 p.m. and parents will meet in the church at 6:30 p.m. for a very important parent orientation. Handbooks will be distributed and we will explain our program. Following orientation, parents will join their children in their classrooms. Attendance is expected.

GRADE 6, 7 & 8: PSR begins Sunday, September 11. You and your child are invited to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Following Mass, students are to go to their classrooms while parents will remain in the church for a very important parent orientation. Following orientation, parents will meet the teachers in their classrooms to review classroom policies. Attendance is expected.

Home School: We offer a home school option for grades K-1 and grades 3-8. Parents are expected to attend a parent orientation on either Sept. 20 at 10:00 a.m. or Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation: Students participating in our 8th grade PSR program and in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation should already be enrolled in our Sacramental Program for Confirmation. If your child is not yet enrolled, please contact the PSR office as soon as possible. All non-Catholic school students must be registered in our PSR program to participate. You may not register for our Confirmation program only. Please note that Confirmation now requires two years of preparation beginning in the 7th grade. Current 7th grade students are required to attend PSR and begin special Confirmation sessions near the end of this school year in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year when they are in eighth grade.

PSR Registration Form: To participate in our program, families must be registered members of St. Mary Parish. All families are required to complete and return the ***PSR Student Registration Form***. Forms may be downloaded from the parish website or picked up in the PSR or parish offices. Registration forms along with your tuition payment are to be returned to the PSR office by **Monday, August 17.**

No student will be placed in a classroom until a registration form (including the emergency information) is completed and tuition is paid. In addition, no registrations will be processed on opening PSR night.

The tuition schedule for St. Mary's PSR program this year is as follows:

1 student - \$90

2 students - \$150

3 or more students - \$190

Home School Option - \$60 per student

*Special Kindergarten home school PSR tuition - \$25 per student

Please make checks payable to St. Mary, PSR. In the event of financial difficulty, please call Jeannette Stone at 286-6531 x33. Please mail the completed registration form together with your payment to:

**St. Mary PSR
401 North Street
Chardon, OH 44024**

New Student Baptismal Certificates: All parents of new PSR students need to submit a copy of their child's Baptismal Certificate. Please mail it along with your completed registration form.

We look forward to working with you closely as we journey together on the path of forming our young people in the Faith. Please feel free to contact us at the PSR Office at psroffice@stmarychardon.org or 286-6531 if you have any questions or concerns. May the Holy Spirit guide us in all that we seek to do for the glory of the Kingdom of God!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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