

Pana
St. Patrick's
Parish
PSR
Handbook

Basic Policies

Registration

PSR Registration will be held on the first day of classes in September. This is usually the first or second Wednesday following Labor Day.

Absences

Please contact the student's teacher or the CRE if your child will be absent. Any make-up work assigned should be turned in at the next class.

Homework

Homework may be assigned. Usually, this will be a prayer to learn or a special project such as First Communion banners that can not be completed in class.

Grade Guidelines

Kindergarten: Sign of the Cross; Guardian Angel Prayer

Grade 1: Prayer Before Meals; Our Father; Hail Mary, Glory Be

Grade 2: Hail Mary; Act of Contrition; preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion

Grades 3 & 4: Apostles Creed; Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love

Grades 5 & 6: Rosary and Mysteries of the Rosary

Grades 7 & 8: Hail Holy Queen; Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit; Academic preparation for Confirmation

All grades: Students are expected to know the material from grades prior to their current grade level.

First Reconciliation and First Communion:

Students will learn the elements of sin (what makes an act a sin) and how the conscience acts. They will make an examination of conscience and learn how to go to confession.

For both sacraments, they will learn what a sacrament is and its importance in their lives.

For both First Reconciliation and First Communion, we ask that parents reinforce what the child is learning in class. We offer religious training and respect for the Sacrament in PSR. Children need the experience of prayer and worship with the faith community on a regular, continuous basis with their families.

Special Circumstances:

If your child has not received the sacraments of Reconciliation or First Communion at the usual time, special accommodations may be made to help them catch up. Baptism must be done according to Diocesan guidelines.

Children with Special Needs:

Children with special needs will be main-streamed whenever possible. If your child can not work in a regular classroom, we will work with you to facilitate his/her religious education.

All Students:

All students will participate yearly in the Touching Safety program required by the diocese unless parents sign an opt out. This will take place during regular class time.

Grades 5 and 8 will take the ACRE religious education assessment required by the diocese. The test will be scheduled during a regular class session.

Confirmation:

Parents are expected to attend the Confirmation Orientation meeting with their student or to make arrangements to meet with the CRE at an alternate time.

Students are expected to live the Faith fully and to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

The confirmation sponsor must be verified as an active Catholic parishioner by the pastor of their parish on a written sponsor form.

ST. PATRICK'S PSR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

TWO YEAR PROGRAM: Attendance and participation for both years is required for the candidate to receive the sacrament of confirmation.

Attendance policy: Attending all the sessions is very important. Please notify a team member if the candidate can not attend. Make up work will be required.

Conflicts with school activities: we will work with you to the best of our ability. However, it is essential that confirmation preparation is a high priority for the candidate and family.

YEAR ONE: Academic Preparation

Chosen Confirmation Program (textbooks/video series)

Decision Point (supplemental program - free ap, videos)

Saint Report (written and oral presentation)-Mandatory

Sponsor Form-Mandatory

Letter to the Bishop (rough draft)

Copy of the baptismal certificate if not St. Patrick's parish

Service Hours (total of 20 before Confirmation-

10 Mandatory by May of the first year)

YEAR TWO: 8th graders in PSR/9th graders in SPY

Complete Service Hours

Retreat-Mandatory

Reconciliation-Mandatory

Final Letter to the Bishop requesting confirmation

Act of Contrition

Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You. I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

Act of Contrition (older version)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.
Amen.