

St. John the Evangelist Church
Parish School of Religion (PSR)
August 29, 2008

Dear PSR Parents,

It's that time of year again - time to begin our Religious Education classes!

I've included information that you will need to know for the upcoming school year. Please make certain you read it and if you have any questions, please contact me.

PSR Class schedule Please note those dates when we will not have class.

First Reconciliation will be held in January, the 24th or 31st depending upon when the class is "ready" as determined by Msgr. Dunn and the teachers

First Communion is tentatively scheduled for May 10th.

A **Registration Form** is included. Please complete and bring to the first PSR class your student attends. If this is your child's first time attending PSR at St. John, please include a copy of the child's baptismal certificate. Fees must be paid by October 26th.

• A **Parent Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 28 from 9:15am – 9:45am in the church social hall. We ask that everyone attend. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

At the bottom of the calendar you'll find the **Prayer List** showing which prayers students will be working on in their classes. It is essential that you help your child with these prayers throughout the week. We will send home a copy of the prayers your student will be working on in class so you will have the same wording to work with at home. Students will not be learning all of the prayers at once in most of the classes but will be studying them one at a time. They also need to know the prayers listed in all classes below their current grade level. These prayers are on the parish website if you need to find them. (www.stjohnlogan.com click on ~>Schools ~>PSR ~>PSR/CCD ~>Prayers)

Benchmarks indicate what your student will be studying throughout the year and covers the material they will be tested on. You can find these benchmarks also on the website. Diocesan policy dictates that we make periodic assessments of students' comprehension of the classroom material. Assessments are given throughout the school year as textbook sections are completed. This is why it's **VERY IMPORTANT that the students take time at home during the week to work on their prayers and their weekly lessons**. Students will not advance to the next level if they are not able to complete the assessment favorably.

Our teachers and volunteers are required by the Diocese to take the **Protecting God's Children** class. New teachers and volunteers will receive this training if they haven't had it already. I would recommend the 2-hour class to anyone with children or who works around children. A schedule of dates and locations for these classes is posted in the social hall on the Youth bulletin board or can be found at www.virtusonline.org (Registration).

We need help!! Our classes are large and an extra set of hands is always welcome!

And again – **thank those who are teaching the classes**. They are volunteers serving the parish through this program. It's not just a one-hour-a-week gift of time because it takes more time to prepare the lesson than it does to deliver it. These teachers deserve kudos!

Please contact me in the evenings at home (385-8608) if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for the PSR program throughout the year. Pray for the PSR program – teachers and students. We'll be praying for your family each week.

Cathy Kerns, PSR Coordinator