**Parish School of Religion Registration: 2025 / 2026**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our program has been blessed, and with the gift of God’s Children, we will continue to grow in faith and spirituality. We look forward to working with you and your children once again in the coming year and I thank you for all your support for the catechists and me during this past year.

In order for our program to successfully provide your child with the best religious education possible, we ask you to do the following:

* Attendance at church **should be mandatory**. Ask yourself the following question:

“What is the Purpose of the Mass?”

* The Mass is a time when Jesus is present with us.
* Jesus is present in the form of the Word, in Body and Blood, in the actions of the Holy Spirit and, through us, the community who has gathered together.
* It is a time where we can respond to God’s word and give thanks for the wonderful gifts we have been given.
* There is no better way to learn of our religion than to be in the presence of God.
* Secondarily, our attendance policy for our Monday afternoon classes is as follows:
* In order for your child to progress through the program, a 70% attendance requirement must be maintained.
* Additionally, early dismissal (ie; before 5:20) requires prior approval from the teacher.
* Since classes begin at 4:15 and end at 5:20 we really only have teaching time of approximately 1 hour.
* Constant requests for dismissal at 5 pm will not be permitted.
* **No Home Schooling Option this year.**

We will no longer offer home schooling options. We do not have the resources to follow up on the progress of the students. We understand that sports, dance, gymnastics etc are important in the lives of children but, so are Jesus, Mary, the Saints and participating in the Holy Eucharist. Anyone having special needs regarding attending PSR please contact Father Tom or myself.

For the coming year:

* PSR classes begin Monday September 8, 2025 from 4:15 – 5:30
* Our program is Kindergarten through 8th grade.
* Confirmation classes begin In January and run through April. Confirmation is April 21, 2026 (Registration forms will be available in September) Confirmation will be held at Our Lady of the Pillar.
* First Reconciliation Parent Meeting: October 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm **(This Meeting is Mandatory)**
* First Reconciliation will be December 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm
* First Communion Parent Meeting will be February 25, 2026 at 6:30 pm **(This Meeting is Mandatory)**
* First Communion will be Saturday May 2, 2026
* Additional information will be sent when the calendar is completed.

If you are willing to share your faith with the children of our PSR program or our Sunday Children’s Liturgy of the Word we would love to hear from you. We have received a great gift in our Catholic faith and we are called to pass this on to the next generation. The children deserve the very best faith formation we can give them. If you know someone you think would be good, encourage him/ her to call me – or you can call me with the person’s name and I will follow up on your recommendation.

Note that several forms are necessary for registering you child in the program. All forms must be signed and turned in before registration is complete.

 Registration form

 Witness form

 Emergency form

 Baptismal Certificate (if not previously turned in)

Please include all of them when you turn in your registration.

Deacon Fred