

July 1, 2020

Dear Parishioner Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to open registration for the 2020/2021 Faith formation year. If your child will not attend a parochial school this fall, please enroll your child in PSR for children in grades 1-8. Please register your child(ren) as soon as possible to ensure class placement and the lowest fees. Registration will close on Friday, August 21st.

Schedule

Weekly PSR begins Monday, September 14, 2020. As in previous years **Session 1** will be held from **4:45-6:00 p.m.** and **Session 2** will be held from **6:45-8:00 p.m.** Please choose the session that best fits your family's needs and ensures your child's consistent attendance throughout the entire PSR year. *Your session choice is assigned for the year and may not be changed after classes begin.*

Safety Plan

Mindful of COVID-19, following current advice from the Diocese of Cleveland and the Ohio Board of Health, PSR will utilize the following precautions this year:

- All individuals will maintain 6' distance.
- Hand sanitizer or hand washing will be required in our arrival and departure procedures.
- Masks will be required of all PSR Volunteers and Staff.
- Class sizes will be limited.
- New cleaning procedures will be put in place between sessions.
- St. Clarence will ask that participants and volunteers not attend a session if they are experience symptoms of COVID-19

Despite these changes, we are confident in the creativity and life that the Holy Spirit provides and know that the flexibility and skill of our volunteers will continue to make PSR a positive, meaningful experience for children.

Local health guidelines may change as the year progresses. St. Clarence will plan PSR following current National, State and County Health Guidelines in order to best support the health and wellbeing of all students, families and volunteer staff. This does not change St. Clarence PSR's mission to provide meaningful faith formation in cooperation with families in order to help children grow in the Catholic faith as disciples of Christ. We look forward to our partnership with you in helping your child experience valuable Faith Formation.

School Closures: In preparation for the possibility of renewed school closures, PSR will develop a robust plan to continue learning in step with the planned calendar and syllabus by utilizing video calls or other tools.

Homestudy: If, due to a health concern, you require information about pursuing a Homestudy with your child beginning in the fall, please call the PSR Office. We hope that all children in the 2nd and 8th grade sacramental years will enroll in in-person classes. Please call with questions or concerns.

To Be Determined: Pending further recommendations from the Ohio Board of Health and the Diocese we will decide whether children will be required to wear masks, when safe to do so, only during drop off/pick up or throughout the session. Changes to our drop off and pick up procedures are pending as well. As we learn and plan, we will share more information with you. For now, however, we want to begin registration for the fall.

How to Register

Registration will be done online this year. A child's enrollment will be complete when we have received an online registration form and registration check which can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office. For children who are new to PSR we will also need an original baptismal certificate from the church of the child's baptism to complete their enrollment.

Please complete the online registration form to enroll your child(ren) in the St. Clarence Parish PSR program for the 2020-2021 school year. By completing the online registration form you understand and agree that typing your name in the designated sections of the form shall constitute your electronic signature. You further acknowledge that you are the parent or legal guardian of the child named in the form and have the authority to sign the document, act on the child's behalf and give the child permission to participate in St. Clarence Parish's PSR program.

Before signing up your family for PSR, please review the [St. Clarence PSR Handbook](#) and the [2020-2021 PSR Calendar](#).

Fees

Payment plans are available for families with two or more children enrolled in PSR programs (Monday faith formation classes and Sunday Religious Readiness classes). Please call Sandy Neeson at 440-734-2078. A minimum deposit of \$25.00 per child is asked. It is the policy of St. Clarence that no child be denied Religious Education due to financial need. For tuition assistance please contact the PSR Office.

2020-2021 Registration Fees

Open Registration – July 1 – August 21

1 Child	\$ 80.00
2 Children	\$ 160.00
3 or More	\$ 240.00

Sacramental Years: An additional \$25.00 sacramental fee is due for each child preparing to receive First Communion/First Reconciliation or Confirmation

For the 2020-2021 Year PSR will use a simplified pay structure with no increased fees for payments later in the Summer.

Please Join the Team

The PSR Program is staffed by trained volunteers. Parents fill those roles in all kinds of ways. Classes can only be formed as catechists and catechist assistants are identified and trained. Therefore, parents/guardians are encouraged to prayerfully consider participation. Please see the volunteer section of the registration, or call Grace Murphy at the PSR Office for more information.

Sacramental Years

For children preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation, attendance at sacramental preparation events will be required of parents (and/or sponsors). Some of the events will occur outside of Monday class times. Please carefully consider this when registering your child. You will be notified of sacramental preparation event details in August with our "Welcome Back Mailing.

Thank you for investing in your child's faith formation through the St. Clarence Community. We hope this will be a great year for your child. If you have further questions about the program or registration please call the PSR Office at 440-734-2078.

Blessings,
Grace Kincaid Murphy
Director of Faith Formation