



*St. John the Baptist Catholic Church*  
*PSR News*  
*August 18, 2019*

Welcome to our first PSR Newsletter for 2019/2020. This and future newsletters will be sent home to inform you about what is going on in the program, in the classes, as well as upcoming important dates. Our hope is that this will be a useful tool for you as parents to connect your home with what your child is learning.

## **August – The Immaculate Heart of Mary**



August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated because it is united to her person and is center of her love (especially for her Son, Jesus), virtue, and inner life. We can learn from this devotion and work towards a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. Let us keep this devotion in our hearts through month of August.

## **Coffee and Conversation**

Join us for coffee and juice in the school cafeteria during PSR starting on September 8. We know with the shorten time of PSR, it doesn't make since to run home so we are providing this at no charge to you. Come in and relax and maybe meet another parent.

If you would like to help set up and make the coffee, contact Teresa Palmer in the Parish office at 513-367-9086.



# FORMS, FORMS AND MORE FORMS!

As parents, I am sure you are tired of receiving and filling out forms. It seems like the beginning of the school year is full of them. Unfortunately, the same is true with PSR. Attached is a form for grades 1 - 8. Please discuss the form with your child and then both sign it. Thank You!

## Prayer Pamphlet

On the first day, your child will be coming home with a prayer pamphlet that will help them to learn the prayers required by the Archdiocese for their grade level. Because of only meeting once a week, learning their prayers needs to be an at home project. We will start testing students in October. Please work with your child and if they learn one before October, please, let their catechist know and we will test them early.

## Parents are the Primary Educators

As primary educators of the faith, parents are tasked to actively continue to learn about their faith.

The Catechism says

*1653. The fruitfulness of conjugal love extends to the fruits of the moral, spiritual, and supernatural life that parents hand on to their children by education. **Parents are the principal and first educators of their children.** In this sense the fundamental task of marriage and family is to be at the service of life.*

*2221. The fecundity of conjugal love cannot be reduced solely to the procreation of children, but must extend to their moral education and their spiritual formation. **"The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute."** The right and the duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable.*

To support you with this task, the parish has a number of adult educational opportunities throughout the year.

## Can you volunteer for PSR?

**Catechists**

**Hospitality**

**CLOW**



**Aides**

**Chaperones**

**Substitutes**

# Upcoming Dates

## September

- \* September 1 - NO PSR
- \* September 8 - Grade 6 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass
- \* September 15 - Grade 5 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass
- \* September 15 - FACS meeting 9:55 am
- \* September 18 - Grades 7&8 First Class 7pm
- \* September 22 - Grade 4 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass
- \* September 28 - Retreat Grades K & 1 at 9:30
- \* September 29 - Grade 3 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass

## October

- \* October 1 - First Reconciliation Parent / Child meeting 7pm
- \* October 6 - Grade 2 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass
- \* October 13 - No PSR
- \* October 19 - Retreat Grades 3 & 4 at 9:30
- \* October 20 - Grade 1 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass
- \* October 27 - Grade 6 meet at New Church at 9:55—Dismissed after 11:15 mass

# Personal Responsibility Agreement

I understand that I am attending PSR to learn as much as I can about my Catholic faith. I understand that my friends in my PSR class are also there to learn about the Catholic faith. Therefore, I must conduct myself in a manner which is always Christ-like, being respectful and supportive of everyone in the class and the material being taught. I agree to all the following.

- I will follow along in my textbook, sitting up straight in my chair (not laying my head on my desk), being respectfully quiet while the teacher is talking, being respectfully quiet while my classmates are working, raising my hand when I have a question and doing my very best to share my knowledge and God-given talents in all of my group and class work.
- I understand that our weekly class time is short so I must be on time. If I am going to be late or absent, I will do my best to notify my teacher or Ms. Palmer. I will also complete the work for the missed class as assigned by my teacher.
- If I miss more than 4 classes without a medical reason in a given year, additional work may be required so I can advance to the next PSR level.
- I will complete any assigned homework. I understand that homework must sometimes be given as a way to deepen my thoughts and understanding of the faith.
- I will bring my book and all necessary class materials each week. I understand that if I lose my book, I will have to pay a fee for St. Johns to order me a new book.
- I understand that my teacher may request that Ms. Palmer call my parents if I do not follow the rules of the class or this agreement.
- I understand that I am an important part of this class. God wants me here at this moment and time. I will do my best to learn all I can about everything He wants to share with me.
- I know that if I have questions or concerns about anything being taught in PSR class I can contact my teacher at any time. If my teacher doesn't know the answer he/she will talk to Ms. Palmer and they will do their best to help me.
- I understand that they are here each week dedicating their time to me and my Catholic faith formation journey.

Signed (Student Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Parent Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Teacher Signature) \_\_\_\_\_