

# Church of the Ascension Parish School of Religion

## Policies 2015-2016

### Goals for our Program

The primary goal of our Parish School of Religion is to help your child to grow in their relationship with God. Knowledge of the faith as well as prayer is a good way to grow in one's relationship with God. The hope is that your child(ren) will both grow in their faith and also in their prayer life during the school year.

### Attendance at PSR and at Mass

Students are expected to attend classes faithfully, so that they receive the maximum benefit from their religious education. In the past, there has not been a specific attendance policy. It is the feeling of those primarily involved in the PSR program that an attendance policy should be introduced. Therefore, students in all PSR grades are required to attend 50% of the classes. Students that will be receiving a Sacrament will have more stringent attendance guidelines. These guidelines will be discussed in the parent meeting. In addition, the central activity which brings our parish community together is attendance at Mass. Since you are taking the time to bring your student to PSR, please stay for Mass with us, either before or after PSR.

### Expected Behavior

Our expectations are that students will be respectful, responsible and fun to be with, during PSR classes and activities.

### Discipline

Every effort is made to work with students individually, to assure that they understand what is appropriate and acceptable behavior while at PSR. Warnings will be given before a student is asked to leave the group. If asked to leave, the student will go to the PSR office and write a note home to their parents describing the behavioral problem. They need to return the note, with a parent's signature, to their teacher the following week.

### Tuition

Tuition for the 2015-2016 school year will be \$35 for one student, \$50 for two students, and \$60 for three or more students, in the same family. If turned in early there is a \$5 reduction. There will also be a retreat fee of \$30 for those students who will be making their Confirmation as well as a Bosco Bash fee that is yet to be determined. There are scholarships available if help is needed.

### Curriculum

We will be using the series Christ Our Life by Loyola Press. Each lesson contains prayer, Scripture, church doctrine as well as stories from the lives of the saints. Please ask your son or daughter what he or she learned in PSR class.

### *Service Projects*

**In keeping with Jesus' command to "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27), each PSR class will be involved in a service project, sometime during the school year. It is anticipated that the work for these projects will take place during regularly scheduled class time. Each teacher is responsible for planning and carrying out a project appropriate to their grade level. Parents, any ideas you have for possible projects are most welcome.**

### *Altar Servers*

**One of the best ways for students to participate in our parish community, and strengthen their faith at the same time, is to serve on the altar during Mass. Training will be scheduled in the fall and in the early spring. After attending training, students will be expected to serve for several weekends in a row, together with a more "seasoned" server, to learn and practice their new skills. Student servers must have received First Reconciliation and be in at least the fourth grade. Both girls and boys are encouraged to serve! Please contact John Stover at 967-3809.**

### *Due to Severe Weather*

**In the event that PSR classes are cancelled due to weather, phone calls will be made from the Director to the teachers and from the teachers to the families. The calls should be completed before 7:30 am, in an effort to catch you before you leave to come to church. Please note that the director lives in town, therefore, it is hard to judge what the roads are like outside of town. If you feel like it would not be safe to bring your child to PSR, please do not.**

### *Family Participation*

**Throughout the year there are opportunities to assist in various ways with your student's PSR class. Parent volunteers are needed in every classroom.**

### *Director of PSR*

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