

# St. Mary PSR Family Handbook 2017-18

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See the parish website for descriptions, calendars and tuition for:

- Traditional PSR Class
- Homeschool PSR
- Family PSR
- Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion

## **PSR Office**

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00 pm and during PSR class.

- Lisa Davidson, DRE, 330-653-8118 x248 [ldavidson@stmaryhudson.cc](mailto:ldavidson@stmaryhudson.cc)
- Kris Cali, Administrative Assistant, 330-653-8118 x226 [kcali@stmaryhudson.cc](mailto:kcali@stmaryhudson.cc)

## **Curriculum**

Every child grades 1-5 will receive an *Alive in Christ (Our Sunday Visitor Publications)* grade level textbook and Kindergarteners receive *God Loves Us (Loyola Press)*. Children must bring their textbook to class every week. The cost to replace a lost textbook is \$20. All other materials are provided.

## **Catechists**

Classes are taught by volunteer catechists (teachers) and co-catechists. Catechists receive training, support, and free tuition for their first child. Contact Lisa Davidson to explore how you can become a catechist. Every adult in the Diocese of Cleveland who has unsupervised access to children must complete a *VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children* training class and background check.

## **TRADITIONAL PSR CLASSES**      Mondays or Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 pm

Classroom assignments will be posted outside the PSR office the Thursday before class begins.

## **Classroom Location, Arrival and Dismissal**

### **Grades K – 2**

- Lower Hall. Drop off and pick up your child from the classroom. You or your designee must sign out your child for dismissal.

### **Grades 3-4**

- Mezzanine Level. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders must be walked to the classroom. 4<sup>th</sup> graders may walk themselves. Pick up your child in Room 102 (upper hall) after class. Catechists will bring students downstairs. You or your designee must sign out your child for dismissal.

## Grade 5

- Rooms 104 & 105 (located in the back of room 102). 5<sup>th</sup> graders may walk to class themselves. Pick up your child in Room 102 (upper hall) after class. You or your designee must sign out your child for dismissal.

***No child should ever leave the building or walk through the parking lot without an adult. Please refrain from parking in the circle.***

## Class Cancellations (Weather or Emergencies)

If Hudson City Schools are closed or released early due to weather, **PSR IS CANCELLED**. PSR classes WILL be held on days when Hudson Schools have a delayed start, unless we email you otherwise.

Notifications of cancellation will be as follows:

- Email to parents/guardians – check your email, especially if bad weather is expected
- We will make every effort to report closings on local news stations
- When in doubt – NO SCHOOL IN HUDSON = NO PSR

## Attendance

Attendance is expected at every class. The Homeschool option is available for families who cannot make this commitment. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who are preparing for their Sacraments must complete and submit an online assessment for any chapters missed.

If your child will miss more than one class, please report the absence to Lisa at [ldavidson@stmaryhudson.cc](mailto:ldavidson@stmaryhudson.cc). You should also ask your child's catechist about missed work.

## Student Conduct

- Students should bring ONLY their textbook and PSR folder to class. Other necessary materials will be provided.
- Leave all toys, electronics, backpacks and snacks at home.
- Please make sure your child uses the restroom before class. Students will be dismissed individually during class to use the restroom if necessary.

## Discipline

At the beginning of the year, catechists will outline classroom rules and consequences for positive and negative behavior. Classroom disruptions will be handled in the following way:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Disruption: Catechist will talk to the student in the classroom.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Disruption: Catechist will contact parent by phone or email.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Disruption: Student will be sent to the PSR office. Parent will be called and asked to pick up child immediately.

## HOMESCHOOL PSR

Parents complete the Alive in Christ textbook with their child at home. An online assessment must be completed after each chapter. Access the assessments through the Homeschool PSR page at [www.stmaryhudson.cc](http://www.stmaryhudson.cc) or at [www.aliveinchrist.osv.com/family](http://www.aliveinchrist.osv.com/family) . Send assessments to Kris at

[kcali@stmaryhudson.cc](mailto:kcali@stmaryhudson.cc). Assessments scoring 50% or less will be returned to parents to review with their child. Homeschool students are also invited to PSR “Specials” throughout the year, such as the Living Rosary and Saints’ Celebration.

### **FAMILY PSR**

- Faith formation for families with students grades K-5. Older and younger siblings are welcome. Does NOT replace Edge for Middle School students.
- Family attends five “Super Sundays” throughout the year. In 2017-18 the dates are: September 17, October 22, November 19, February 4 and April 22.
- Begins with 9:30AM Mass, and continues in lower hall for donuts and family faith activities until noon.
- Parents complete at-home assignments with children between sessions.
- *Only 50 families will be accepted. If you miss more than one Super Sunday you will not be eligible for Family PSR next year.*

### **PSR FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM, DOWN SYNDROME AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS**

Contact Lisa Davidson to discuss how we can best assist your child’s faith formation and preparation for the Sacraments.

### **PRAESIDIUM: CALLED TO PROTECT**

As part of the mandatory curriculum in the Diocese of Cleveland, Traditional PSR students will complete *Called to Protect*, worksheet-based lessons about personal safety and boundaries. The lessons will be taught on the same day across all grades by your child’s PSR catechist. Parents will be notified of the lesson date and will have an option to opt out their child. Parents will be invited to attend an information session, which includes a video. Family PSR and Homeschool parents will receive lesson packets to complete at home.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION**

If you are a registered parishioner with a baptized child aged seven or older (typically 2<sup>nd</sup> grade), we invite you to register on the parish website for Sacramental Preparation. Proximate preparation for the Sacraments takes place outside of and in addition to regular PSR faith formation classes. Students must first register for PSR or Catholic day school (Seton). Because the Catholic Church believes and teaches that parents are a child’s first and most important teacher of faith, preparation consists of six parent/child sessions from October to April. See the parish website for details and dates.