

St. Mary PSR Family Handbook 2018-19

See the parish website www.stmaryhudson.cc for descriptions, calendars and tuition for:

- Traditional PSR Class
- Homeschool PSR
- Family PSR
- *BLESSED* 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
- Kris Cali, Administrative Assistant, 330-653-8118 x226 kcali@stmaryhudson.cc

Curriculum

Traditional and Homeschool PSR curriculum is *Alive in Christ* (Our Sunday Visitor). Family PSR curriculum is *Finding God Family Catechesis* (Loyola Press). All second graders use *Blessed* (Dynamic Catholic/Matthew Kelly). All Kindergarteners use *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 5:30-7:00 pm

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

Classroom Location, Arrival and Dismissal

All Traditional Classes begin in the Church. Parents, please walk your child into the church before 5:30.

Grades K – 2

- Pick up your child from the classroom in the LOWER HALL. You or your designee must sign out your child for dismissal.

Grades 3-4

- Classrooms are on the upstairs mezzanine level. 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). 5th graders will be dismissed themselves. Please arrange a place in church to meet your child.

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

Student Conduct

- Students should bring 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:

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

HOMESCHOOL PSR - Grades K,1,3,4,5

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 or at www.aliveinchrist.osv.com/family . Assessments scoring 50% or less will be returned to parents for review.

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 six Sunday morning sessions throughout the year.
- Parents complete at-home assignments with children between sessions.
- 2nd Graders must register for and complete *Blessed* Sacramental Preparation at home and attend all special Sacramental Preparation sessions.
- *There are two sessions: 8:00-9:30 am and 10:30-Noon, Only 35 families will be accepted for each session. Families must be registered St. Mary parishioners.*

BLESSED – 2nd Grade SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

If you are a registered parishioner with a baptized child aged seven or older (typically 2nd grade), we invite you to register on the parish website for *BLESSED* Sacramental Preparation. *BLESSED* registration includes either Traditional PSR or Family PSR and five additional Sacramental Preparation events. Registration for Seton students includes BLESSED at home and five additional Sacramental Preparation events. All parents must attend a *BLESSED* Parent Presentation in September. Because the Catholic Church believes and teaches that parents are a child's first and most important teacher of faith, the other four events are attended by both parent and child. See the parish website for details and dates. *Homeschool BLESSED will be open to children who have completed the first grade curriculum. To be accepted into the Homeschool program, parents must contact Lisa Davidson* *ldavidson@stmaryhudson.cc or 330-653-8118 x 248 before registering.*

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.