



**SAINT  
ANTHONY**  
OF PADUA CHURCH

“Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them;  
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”  
Matthew 19:14

**Parish School Religion Program  
2023-2024**

## **General Information for Parents**

Opening night for all PSR families is on Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

Class will meet every Wednesday at St. Anthony Grade School unless otherwise noted on the calendar. May 8, 2025 will be the last class.

## **Arrival and Dismissal**

Classes will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Students should not arrive before 6:20 p.m. Please see the next page “Arrival and Dismissal Plan” for specific information.

Students with a cell phone are asked to keep the phone on silent and stay off the phone during class time. It is the discretion of the teacher if students are permitted to have cell phones during class.

## **Sacramental Preparation**

Students in second grade will prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation. Students in third grade will prepare for Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

Additional information will be sent home with students regarding the specifics of these preparations. Information may include any required paperwork, dress code, parent meetings, dates, etc.

## **Cancellation due to Inclement Weather**

If Unit 40 cancels school because of inclement weather, PSR classes will be cancelled for that evening. In case of bad weather later in the day, listen to the local radio stations for cancellation notices.

## Arrival and Dismissal Plan

For arrival and dismissal, come from the south on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and enter the South side of the church parking lot, winding around to the North side of the parking lot, dropping the kids at the Parish Center doors.

Exit onto 4<sup>th</sup> street heading North.

### Arrival

- ◆ Students should not arrive before 6:20 p.m.
- ◆ Students should be dropped off at the Parish Center doors.

### Dismissal

- ◆ Line up following the map below for drop off plan
- ◆ Please pull up to the Parish Center doors and your child/children will be escorted to your vehicle.
- ◆ Please contact the PSR Director (Brian Schuette 217-254-8776) with any car pool arrangements.
- ◆ If your child is leaving with someone other than those indicated at registration, please send a note with your child.
- ◆ If your child is walking or riding a bike, please contact the PSR Coordinator to make specific arrangements for your child.



## CATECHETICAL STATEMENT

The Church's mission of evangelization is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of all people. (Matthew 28:19)

Within this mission of evangelization is the ministry of CATECHESIS.

Its tasks are to proclaim Christ's message; to participate in efforts to develop community; to lead people to worship and prayer; and to motivate them in Christian living, justice, and service.

Catechists carry out this ministry of catechesis by echoing God's Word, respecting the participants' age and development to lead children, you, and adults to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and a continuing growth in understanding of and practice of our Catholic Faith.

ALL OF US are Catechists -- parents and guardians in conjunction with parish catechists, coordinators, directors of religious education, bishops, priests, religious, and ALL MEMBERS of our parish community.

## **Behavioral Expectations and Consequences**

*On our life journey, religious faith and loving relationships with God, self, and one another are of primary importance. Our Parish School Religion program strives to assist families in this spiritual journey. In light of that, we have some realistic expectations of our students. The following are some of our expectations, as well as consequences for not meeting expectations.*

### **Expectations**

1. Respect people and property.
2. Follow directions.
3. Come prepared.
4. Use appropriate language.
5. Behave appropriately.

### **Consequences**

Students who do not meet the expectations will be asked to do one or more of the following:

1. Seat change for the remainder of class.
2. Catechist & student meet to discuss the behavior and how to improve/correct.
3. Catechist will contact PSR Coordinator who will meet with the student to discuss the situation.
4. PSR Coordinator will contact parents to discuss behavior. This may be a phone call or meeting and may include the Catechist and student.

Students in the older grades are subject to the same consequences noted above with the following additions:

1. A student may be asked to write his/her own behavior improvement plan/agreement with the Catechist.
2. If student behavior does not improve, a parent will be asked to sign the behavior plan.
3. A meeting with the student, parent, and PSR Coordinator will be scheduled.
4. A parent may be required to attend class with the student.



# PSR Schedule 2023-2024

August 30..... Class

September 6 ..... Class  
September 13 ..... Class  
September 20 ..... Class  
September 27 ..... Class

October 4 ..... Class  
October 11 ..... Class  
October 18 ..... Class  
October 25 ..... Class

November 1 ..... Class (*All Saints Day*)  
November 8 ..... Class  
November 15 ..... Class  
November 22 ..... No Class (*Thanksgiving*)  
November 29 ..... Class

December 6..... Class  
December 13..... Class  
December 20..... Class  
December 27..... No Class (*Christmas Break*)

January 3..... No Class (*Christmas Break*)  
January 10..... Class  
January 17..... Class  
January 24..... Class  
January 31..... Class

February 7..... Class  
February 14..... Class (*Ash Wednesday*) *We will attend Mass together as a class*  
February 21..... Class  
February 28..... Class

March 6..... Class  
March 13..... Class  
March 20..... Class  
March 27..... No Class (*Easter Break*)

April 3..... Class  
April 10..... Class  
April 17..... Class  
April 24..... Class

May 1 ..... Class  
May 8..... Class (*Last day of Class*)

## Other Scheduled Dates

**August 15, 2023** - Assumption of Mary

**November 1, 2023** - All Saints Day

**December 8, 2023** - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**December 25, 2023** - Christmas Day

**January 1, 2024** - The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

**February 14, 2024** - Ash Wednesday

**March 31, 2024** - Easter Sunday

**April 14, 2024** - 1st Reconciliation for 2nd Graders

**May 4, 2024** - Tentative Date for 3rd Confirmation & First Communion in Springfield.

*Schedule is subject to change,  
due to Unit 40 school calendar is not set yet.*