



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
2026-2027**

General Information for Parents

Opening day for all PSR families is on Sunday, August 23, 2026.

Class will meet every Sunday at St. Anthony Grade School unless otherwise noted on the calendar. Sunday, May 2, 2026 will be the last class.

Arrival and Dismissal

Classes will meet from 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Students should not arrive before 10:10 a.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

In case of bad weather, listen to the local radio station for cancellation notices. You will also receive a notification on the GroupMe app.

Arrival and Dismissal Plan

For arrival and dismissal, come from the North on 2nd Street and enter the North side of the grade school parking lot, the circle drive. Exiting the south side of the circle drive parking lot.

Arrival

- Students should not arrive before 10:10 a.m.
- Students should be dropped off at St. Anthony Grade School's 2nd Street Entrance.

Dismissal

- Line up following the map below for drop off plan
- Please pull up to St. Anthony Grade School's 2nd Street entrance and your child/children will be escorted to your vehicle.
- Please contact the PSR Director (Anne Wilson - awilson@stanthony.com) 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 2026-2027

Class Schedule Sunday Mornings @ 10:15am

August 23, 2026
August 30, 2026

September 6, 2026 (No Class)
September 13, 2026
September 20, 2026
September 27, 2026

October 4, 2026
October 11, 2026 (No Class)
October 18, 2026
October 25, 2026

November 1, 2026
November 8, 2026
November 15, 2026
November 22, 2026
November 29, 2026 (No Class)

December 6, 2026
December 13, 2026
December 20, 2026 (No Class)
December 27, 2026 (No Class)

January 3, 2027 (No Class)
January 10, 2027
January 17, 2027
January 24, 2027
January 31, 2027

February 7, 2027
February 14, 2027
February 21, 2027
February 28, 2027

March 7, 2027
March 14, 2027
March 21, 2027
March 28, 2027 (No Class)

April 4, 2027
April 11, 2027
April 18, 2027
April 25, 2027

May 2, 2027

Other Scheduled Dates

August 15, 2026 - Assumption of Mary

November 1, 2026 - All Saints Day

December 8, 2026 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 25, 2026 - Christmas Day

January 1, 2027 - The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

February 10, 2027 - Ash Wednesday

March 28, 2027 - Easter Sunday

May 9, 2027 - Ascension of the Lord

March 14, 2027 - 1st Reconciliation for 2nd Graders

May 8, 2027 - 3rd Grade Confirmation & First Communion in Springfield.

Schedule is subject to change.