

## Curriculum, cont.

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**Fifth Grade:** Through studying the Creed and the development of salvation history, students are immersed in the Profession of Faith. They develop a deeper understanding of each component of the Creed as it is part of salvation history.

**Sixth Grade:** The text teaches students that the Old Testament is an expression of God's merciful love and is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The students should gain an appreciation for the main characters of the Old Testament and their struggles to do God's will. There is also a special emphasis placed on Genesis and our being made in God's own image and likeness.

**Seventh Grade:** Students learn about God's loving gift of revelation through creation, the prophets, the Incarnation, and the Church. Grace is understood as being central to our relationship with God because it unites us with Him and allows us to share in His eternal life. The seventh grade places special emphasis on the role of grace in the seven sacraments and in practicing and developing the virtues.

**Eighth Grade:** The eighth grade students prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Students cover the history of the Church – her founding by Christ, her birth and life in the Holy Spirit, the marks of the one true Church, the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, the saints, and the role of religious communities in Church history. Also covered is the structure and hierarchy of the Church, the Magisterium, clergy, religious, and laity. Students come to know and love the Church as Christ's Body, to better understand the nature of their life in the Church, and to respond to the teaching of the Magisterium as the sure voice of Jesus, strengthening their lives in the Church and leading them to discern their specific vocations and to live lives of Christian holiness in the world today.

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# Sunday PSR Schedule: 10-11am

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MONTH	SUNDAY DATES
SEPTEMBER	11TH, 18TH, AND 25TH
OCTOBER	2ND, 9TH, 16TH, 23RD, 30TH
NOVEMBER	6TH, 13TH, 20TH
DECEMBER	4TH, 11TH, 18TH
JANUARY	8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH
FEBRUARY	5TH, 12TH, 19TH, 26TH
MARCH	4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH
APRIL	1ST, 22ND, 29TH
MAY	6TH, 13TH

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**Preschool & Kindergarten:** At this level, the students use readiness activities such as games, stories, prayers, and songs so they gain an understanding and sense of belonging to God's family and His Church.

**First Grade:** The students are introduced to the Blessed Trinity through studying the development of salvation history and presentations on God the Father, the life of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Students are also introduced to God's plan and their participation in God's family, which includes Mary, the angels, and the saints. The emphasis of the first grade curriculum is for students to grow to know, love, and trust God.

**Second Grade:** The students are prepared for the sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion through studying the development of salvation history. As students learn about God's plan of love and mercy, they begin to understand that these sacraments are God's gift to us and that they too are part of God's loving plan. Special emphasis is given to preparation for and reception of these sacraments, as well as learning about the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

**Third Grade:** Through studying the development of salvation history, students become immersed in the life of Jesus and develop a deeper understanding of God's loving plan and of how they are a part of His plan.

**Fourth Grade:** Through studying the development of salvation history, students come to a better understanding of God, His plan for man, and our relationship with God. Students develop a better understanding of their purpose and goal in life and a deeper appreciation for the Church as the very means that God has given us on our pilgrimage to heaven.

# PSR Teachers

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# PSR Procedures

## Arrival

Please drop your children off at the main school building by 9:55 but no sooner than 9:45 as not all teachers may be in the classrooms. If the 8:45 Mass should run a little long please stay for all of Holy Mass and bring you children over afterward.

## Dismissal

Students will be dismissed at 11:00 after announcements and a closing prayer for the PSR session. For safety reasons, we ask that a parent or guarding of students in PreSchool or Kindergarten come upstairs to get their son or daughter in the classroom. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

## Absence

Please do your best to have the children here every session. There are only thirty-one sessions each year and much of what they learn builds from one session to another. If you will be out-of-town or there is an illness, please coordinate with the teacher for lesson plans.

## Holy Mass Obligation

We have structured our Sunday Mass schedule at St. Mary of the Assumption so it's as easy as possible for everyone to honour the Lord's command to keep holy the Christian Sabbath and attend PSR Sessions, Sacramental Preparation Sessions, Ministry Meetings, and Adult Faith Enrichment.

If you're out of town, please consult [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for Mass and confession schedules at parishes in a particular zip code.



## Our Mission

Saint Mary Parish School of Religion works with the parents, to help their children deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and foster a personal relationship with the triune God and the Church. Our PSR Program also combines with Saint Mary Elementary School for sacramental preparation for the following sacraments: Penance, Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

We seek to give your children a base of knowledge about their faith to build upon and grow for the rest of their lives. We also hope to instill in them the value of continuing education and faith formation. We strive to make your children's faith becoming living, conscience, and active through our instruction.

Our Parish School of Religion holds weekly classes for children in grades pre-school through grade eight. Our catechists and volunteers are here to assist you, the parents, who are the primary teachers of your children.

## Tuition

There is a required fee to help defray the cost of books, classrooms resources, and materials. If you did not pay tuition during registration, please send your check to the Rectory as soon as possible.

One child -	\$50.00
Two children -	\$65.00
Three or more children -	\$75.00

## Sacramental Preparation Calendar

DATE	EVENT & LOCATION
SEPTEMBER 11	PSR PARENT & STUDENT ORIENTATION
OCTOBER 2	CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSION I: 8TH GRADE PARENTS & STUDENTS: 10AM IN THE SPIRIT CENTER
OCTOBER 30	CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSION II: 8TH GRADE PARENTS & STUDENTS: 10AM IN THE SPIRIT CENTER
DECEMBER 4	PENANCE PREPARATION SESSION: 2ND GRADE PARENTS, 10AM IN THE SPIRIT CENTER. BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SESSION.
JANUARY 29	CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSION III: 8TH GRADE PARENTS & STUDENTS: 10AM IN THE SPIRIT CENTER
FEBRUARY 5	CONFIRMATION RETREAT: 9AM - 2PM IN THE SCHOOL GYM. STUDENTS SHOULD BRING A LUNCH.
FEBRUARY 12	CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL: CANDIDATES & SPONSORS, 12:30PM IN THE CHURCH
FEBRUARY 14	CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION: 7PM
MARCH 25	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION SESSION: PARENTS OF 2ND GRADE STUDENTS, 10AM IN THE SPIRIT CENTER, BABYSITTING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SESSION.
MARCH 15	CELEBRATION OF PENANCE: 2ND GRADE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES, 7PM IN THE CHURCH
APRIL 20	COMMUNITY DAY: 2ND GRADE STUDENTS IN SAINT MARY SCHOOL AND SAINT MARY PSR, 8:15AM - 2:00PM, IN THE SPIRIT CENTER
APRIL 22	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS: 2PM