



**Parish School of Religion**  
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**'11-12 PSR Registration Information**

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Monday, 8 August 2011  
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Dear St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church Families:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I hope you've been able to spend time together as a family while schedules are less hectic to enjoy one another's company and to relax. It's hard to believe that classes will resume for your children in about a month, and our Parish School of Religion shortly thereafter.

The education of our children in the basic tenants of our Catholic faith is extremely important today. Our culture competes for their full attention and bombards them with many messages that stand at odds with our call to become saints! I believe we must do our best to prepare our children for the challenges that they will inevitably encounter by educating them in the faith, helping them to form a strong moral conscience, and fostering a personal relationship with the triune God through Holy Mass, celebration of the sacraments, and prayer.

The day your son or daughter was baptized, you responded, "We do" to the following: *"You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?"*

At Saint Mary, we understand that you may not have the time and resources to do this on your own. This is where the Parish School of Religion comes in. We have the classroom resources, we are eager to spend the time on Sunday between the Masses with your children, and we have the talent and Christian example of our adult catechists who are eager to work with your children! We have a strong program in place for students in pre-school, kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Together as parents, pastoral staff, and catechists, we can combine to pass on the great treasure of our faith and bear witness to it by our Christian example in daily life.

In your charity, I ask you to prayerfully consider enrolling your child in our Parish School of Religion for the coming academic year. Our PSR orientation for parents and students will be on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10AM in the school gym at 309 E. Chestnut Street. In order to have more time available for orientation, I ask that you please complete the enclosed PSR registration and medical forms (front and back) in advance of orientation. Please send your completed forms and tuition check to the Saint Mary Rectory by Friday, 26 August, so class lists and all medical information can be prepared and available to the teachers. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Our soon-to-be new Pastor, Fr. Eilerman, myself, and our teachers, are very excited to work with your children this coming year! I thank you for trusting us to work with you, the primary catechist of your child, with the care and formation of your son or daughter. Please feel free to contact me at any time during the year with any questions or concerns.

The Lord be with You!

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