

St. Pius X Parish School of Religion
1061 Waggoner Road
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
614-864-3505

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome to new and returning families as we begin another year of religious growth and faith formation. By enrolling your children in PSR (Parish School of Religion) you are affirming to your children that learning about the Catholic faith is important to you and you want it to be important to them! When children have a respect and understanding of our Catholic religion, practices, and traditions, they keep our faith alive and pass it onto the next generation. Since the secular world is so full of messages that distract our children away from God, it is very important that you send the more important message to your children, that "God is First!" You do this with a sincere commitment to the Church and the Parish School of Religion (PSR) program.

Our Parish School of Religion staff is comprised of dedicated catechists and aides who act as role models of the Catholic faith to our young people. We are very fortunate to have these adults and high school students who generously give their time and talents to help educate our children about our faith. These people volunteer in this ministry to support you, the primary catechists of your children, by encouraging the beliefs, practices, and traditions of the Catholic religion.

PSR, for Levels K-8, meets on Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:30 PM. **The 2008-2009 year begins on Sunday, September 14th.** On this evening, everyone gathers in the church at 5:00 PM for a **general parent/student meeting**. This **general meeting** is **extremely important** because it is the only opportunity I have to communicate with most of our parents and children, at one time, during the year. Therefore, **it is required** that one parent accompany his/her child(ren) to this opening meeting. Following a few announcements and catechists' introductions, the children will go to their individual classrooms for a "getting to know you" session. Parents will remain in the church to go over changes in the parent manual, important calendar dates, and "traffic" information for the upcoming year. After this opening session, parents and children are invited to join us for ice cream—served at the church entrance.

Please complete the registration (**both sides**) and tuition/fees forms and return them before **September 8th**. (You do not need to fill out another form if you submitted an early 2008-09 registration and no information has changed.) Tuition payments can be paid in full or on a month-to-month basis, however **the \$15.00 family fee is required with the registration form**. Please return all forms with your registration. Make checks payable to: St. Pius X PSR.

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Classroom assignments will be posted on the north doors of the school during the weekend Masses-September 13th & 14th.

The mission of the St. Pius X Parish School of Religion is to provide a solid, Catholic-based foundation of religious education for all of our parish children. If personal hardship or financial difficulties are preventing you from enrolling your child(ren) in PSR, please call me @614-864-3505 to discuss individual arrangements.

Working together in the community of Christ,

Mrs. Judy Cafmeyer, DRE

St. Pius X Parish School of Religion
Opening Meeting
(for Parents and Children)

IN THE CHURCH

Sunday, September 14, 2008
5:00—6:30 P.M.

Agenda

Opening Prayer

Welcome and Introductions

Disciples go to individual classrooms

Overview of handbook, programs,
and 2008-09 PSR calendar

Parent question/answer period

Dismissal

Ice Cream

St. Pius X Parish School of Religion Family Registration 2008-2009

FAMILY NAME (Last name only) _____ Home phone: _____

(Student(s) Address _____
Street City Zip

Father's Name _____ Work Phone: _____ Religion _____

Father's Address _____
Street City Zip

Mother's Name _____ Work Phone: _____ Religion _____

Mother's Address _____
Street City Zip

Family or Adult E-mail address _____

CUSTODIAL CARE: **Both** **Father** **Mother** **Guardian** Stepparent's Name _____
(Please circle)

School District where child(ren) attend(s) _____

Name of Child	Indicate last Level of Religious Education completed (K-7)	Date of Birth	*Baptism Date and Place of Baptism	First Eucharist Date and Place	2008-09 Academic Grade

Does your child(ren) have special needs? No _____ Yes _____ (Please explain on the back of this form)

***A copy of each child's baptismal certificate MUST be on file in the Religious Education Office. Children new to this PSR program—please include a copy of the baptismal certificate with this form.**

COMPLETE AND SIGN THE EMERGENCY INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM!

Volunteers are ALWAYS needed and appreciated. All volunteers must be fingerprinted and have a BCI background check and attend the diocesan workshop "Protecting God's Children." Please check any duties that interest you.

CATECHIST _____ CLASSROOM AIDE _____ HALL MONITOR _____

OFFICE AIDE _____ NURSE _____

For Office Use Received _____ BpCT 1 2 3 4 1. CL# 2. CL# 3. CL# 4. CL#

St. Pius X PSR Tuition and Fees 2008-2009

Name _____ Phone _____

Sundays 5:00-6:30 PM	Tuition	Amount Due
1 Child	\$75.00	
2 Children	\$145.00	
3 Children	\$215.00	
4 or More Children	\$275.00	
Sacrament Fees		
<i>First Eucharist Level Two</i>	\$20.00	
<i>Confirmation Level 8</i>	\$20.00	
	Family registration fee (Required with registration.)	\$ 15.00
For Office Use Only:	Total Amount Due	\$ _____
Date(s): _____		
Check# _____	Balance forward	\$ _____
Cash _____		\$ _____
		\$ _____

EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORM
DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS/ST. PIUS X RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FAMILY NAME (LAST NAME ONLY) _____ **HOME PHONE** _____

Purpose: To enable parents to authorize treatment for children who become ill or injured while under school authority, when parents cannot be reached. This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinion of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for surgery, are obtained before surgery is performed.

****Complete Part I or Part II (signature required for Part I or Part II)**

****Complete Part III and Part IV**

PART I—Consent for emergency medical treatment

I **DO** consent, that in the event reasonable attempts to contact me at the numbers listed below have been unsuccessful,

I hereby give my consent for the administration of any treatment necessary by Dr. _____

(Name)

_____ or dentist _____ or in the event

(Phone)

(Name)

(Phone)

the designated preferred practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician/dentist and the transfer of the child to **CHILDREN'S** or **MT. CARMEL EAST HOSPITAL**.

Date: _____ Signature—Parent/Guardian _____

PART II—Refusal for emergency medical treatment

I **DO NOT** give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring medical treatment, I wish the school authorities to take no action or to _____

Date: _____ Signature—Parent/Guardian _____

PART III—Medical Facts

Any facts concerning your child(ren)'s medical history including allergies, medication being taken and or physical impairments which a physician be alerted. **Please indicate each child's name and necessary information.**

PART IV—Emergency Phone Numbers

Father _____ Phone _____

Mother _____ Phone _____

Neighbor/Relative _____
(Name) (Phone)

Neighbor/Relative _____
(Name) (Phone)

DAYS AND TIMES FOR PSR CLASSES: SUNDAYS 5:00 PM– 6:30 PM

The Parish School of Religion classes meet from 5:00-6:30 PM on Sundays. A complete calendar for the 2008-2009 year can be found at the back of the handbook. Please keep it handy for referencing throughout the year.

Children need to be in their assigned rooms by 4:55 PM. Late arrivals and early dismissals cause unnecessary distractions for everyone. Since your children must depend on you to get them to PSR, please demonstrate respect and courtesy for our catechists by having your children arrive on time. The catechists do not dismiss their classes until 6:30 p.m. If a child needs to be dismissed early, he/she must bring a written request from the parent. Early dismissals are ALWAYS exceptions--not rules!

ATTENDANCE:

It is extremely important, for a child's ongoing religious growth and development, that he/she attends class every week. PSR meets a total of 26-28 weeks from September to May. It is necessary that religion classes establish a trusted environment for faith sharing and personal interaction. Regular attendance allows children to become comfortable, familiar, and trusting with their group members and leaders.

The handbook information on pages 6-8 illustrates the progressive development in religious education for Levels K-8. Every year, and as children mature, additional knowledge and understanding of our Catholic beliefs and traditions are reinforced and new concepts are introduced, building on what was learned previously. Every level is important to help our children gain a thorough understanding of the Catholic faith you claimed for them at their Baptism.

In order to emphasize the value of consistent and sequential religious education instruction, SPX religious education levels do not automatically follow academic grade level placement. **If a child's religious education instruction is interrupted for one or more years in Levels 1-8, or a child has an excessive number of non-excused absences, then the child must meet with the Director of Religious Education to determine a proper placement level, before a class assignment is made.**

Attendance sheets are monitored on a regular basis and parents are notified when a child's absences are interfering with the quality of his/her religious education. Illness or family emergency are the only reasons for an excused absence and parents must contact the office, (614-864-3505) to report the absence. **All unreported absences are considered unexcused and subject to the conditions stated in the previous paragraph.**

PSR WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY:

When weather-related driving conditions become hazardous, classes will be cancelled by 2:00 p.m. on that Sunday. No decision is made in the early morning because central Ohio weather can change drastically in just a few hours—for better or worse.

Please check the following radio and television stations and web sites for cancellation information.

WSNY – 94.7 FM	WNCI – 97.9 FM	WCOL – 92.3 FM	WTVN -- 610 AM	
93.3 FM	105.7	1230 AM	Station Web pages	NBC 4 TV

Someone is in the office on PSR Sundays if you have any questions-614-864-3505.

(Excerpt from 2008-2009 St. Pius X Handbook)