

## **2017-18 INFORMATION FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES**

### **ST. PETER PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

#### **Welcome!**

All are welcome in St. Peter Parish School of Religion! Our PSR program provides formal Catholic religious education in a classroom setting in a weekly format on Tuesday evenings from 4:30-5:45p.m. or 6:30-7:45 p.m. during the school year. Our program continues and supplements the religious formation from parents, who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of the faith. We assist families in the areas of knowledge of the faith, beliefs and Christian life skills and religious practices and strengthening the growing relationship with Jesus and his Church.

#### **ST. PETER PSR MISSION STATEMENT**

*St. Peter Parish School of Religion, secure in the love of the Father, and guided by the Holy Spirit, strives to reach out with today's living Gospel message to all parish families. Our mission is to provide Catholic religious education for children Grades 1 - 8, in the hope that these children and their families, always looking to Jesus as their role model and to the Holy Spirit for guidance, grow in religious knowledge, becoming active in faith and service.*

#### **ADMISSIONS and REGISTRATION/FEEES**

St. Peter Parish School of Religion is open to all registered families of St. Peter Parish whose children either attend public schools, private non-Catholic schools or are home schooled in Grades 1-8. Every child is a gift—special needs students are welcome! Families must be registered in the parish before enrolling their children in the Parish School of Religion.

**St. Peter PSR meets on Tuesday evenings during the school year in the school building**  
**Session 1—4:30 – 5:45 PM Session 2 —6:30-7:45 PM**

Registration for new families begins in mid-April. Registrations are completed on-line. (A link to the registration site will be available soon.) The child's baptismal certificate must be on file in the Religious Education Office if the child was not baptized at St. Peter Parish – Kirkwood. New families may register at any time; you are encouraged to register early in the summer so that sufficient catechists and materials will be secured. Your cooperation in following these procedures is greatly appreciated.

**PSR Tuition 2017-18 with online registration/payment—by the May 30, 2017 deadline**

	<b>2017-18 Tuition</b>	<b>Full Payment w/\$50 discount</b>	<b>OR Deposit</b>	<b>AND Final payment</b>
<b>One Child</b>	\$220	\$170	\$100	\$70
<b>Two Children</b>	\$275	\$225	\$100	\$125
<b>Three+ Children</b>	\$296	\$255	\$100	\$155

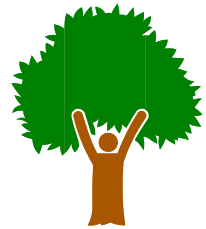
Admission to Grade Levels of Sacramental Reception (Grades 2 & 8):

A pre-requisite for enrollment in Grade 2 (First Reconciliation and First Eucharist) or Grade 8 (Confirmation) is enrollment in a religious education program (or Catholic school) for the previous year (Grade 1 or 7). With the weekly format of PSR, our sacramental preparation really includes the year before reception.

## **CURRICULUM**

Core Religious Education Program Grades 1 – 8  
St. Peter PSR strives toward curriculum goals in the areas of:

God,  
as expressed in the Persons of the Trinity;  
Worship, Prayer and Sacraments;  
the Church, and her Doctrine and Moral Teachings;  
Evangelization and Bringing Forth the  
Kingdom of God.



The program seeks to develop knowledge in these areas, to promote Catholic Christian attitudes and values related to them and to foster the life skills needed for Christian lifestyle and daily living.

Parent(s) receive the curriculum guide for their child(ren)'s grades at the parent meeting on the first night of classes.

## **CLASS SIZE/STAFFING**

The Archdiocesan policy of 15 (or fewer) students per class is observed as long as this is practical, considering the number of classrooms available for use. The goal is to provide the opportunity for individual sharing and attention, as well as to foster a positive experience for both the catechist and the class. Each grade level will have two or three class sections, depending on enrollment. Usually classes will be staffed by 2 adults: 2 co-catechists or a catechist and an aide. We will strive to provide for special needs students through the use of additional classroom aides.

## **VOLUNTEERING / STEWARDSHIP**

PSR is a team effort! Parents are invited and encouraged to help participate in volunteer opportunities. When you register, you can choose from many, including serving as catechist, classroom aide, special needs aide, substitute, appreciation committee, consultant in a specialty area and more!



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[www.stpeterkirkwood.org](http://www.stpeterkirkwood.org)

click on the Parish School of Religion link on the bottom right OR the PSR link under "Education"  
on the parish home page. Thanks!