

Good Shepherd Church Parish School of Religion

Our Programs

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd– Teacher- Sarah Reed

Ages 3 to 6 - offered on Mondays– 4:15—Designated Space in the school for this program.

Sunday Family Gathering Opportunities – held 5 times during the school year.

PSR Classes-

- ✓ Traditional in-person Mondays at 4:15 to 5:15 (PreK – 6th grade) / (7th and 8th grade time TBD.)
- ✓ Hybrid PSR – Receive curriculum materials from PSR director. Check in with Mentor/Coach to help with at home catechesis.
- ✓ Sacrament Programs-
 - Reconciliation / First Communion-Offered in 2nd grade on Mondays (90% attendance required)
 - Confirmation – our program is a 2-year preparation, students must be enrolled for 2 consecutive years (7th/8th) to prepare for this sacrament.

High School Youth Group- Jessica Mayer and Core Team

For students in High School – Facilitators- The Life Teen Core Group – Core Team Leader- Jessica Mayer

Meeting Times- Sunday Evening

Catechists, aides, and volunteers are needed to make these programs possible. Materials and support will be provided.

Please fill out a registration form for each of your children that will be attending PSR for 2025-26 remembering to complete all sections and sign the form.

Send in/Drop off your registration form as soon as possible so that we may organize and plan our program accordingly.

Enclosed in this registration packet are various consent forms and information.

- **Returning Student Registration Form**
 - **Please complete a registration form for each child.**
 - **If your child is new to our program, please include information on when and where your child was baptized so we can get their baptismal record.**
 - **Medical/learning Disabilities. Please inform us of any needs your child might have so that we can do our best in accommodating them in the PSR classroom.**
- **Permission forms for Media authorization**
- **Parent witness statement**

PSR Fees-Send in your registration forms with the entire amount

1-Child \$125 2- Children \$ 200 3 or more- \$250

Additionally, if you have a child receiving 1st Communion or Confirmation there is a \$30.00 supply fee per child.

Thank you for the many sacrifices you make for your child's religious education.

For more information, contact Mariann Jones – psr@mygoodshepherd.com

Students will not be allowed to begin PSR Classes until tuition is paid or arrangements made with the Pastor.

Good Shepherd PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

PSR Student Registration – 2026-27 Classes Begin After Labor Day

Please complete the following information for your child planning to attend PSR.

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| Student's Name: _____ | Grade level for 26-27 : _____ | AGE: _____ |
| Parent's Name: Mom/Dad: _____ | Or Guardian's: _____ | |
| Address: _____ | Zip: _____ | |

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| Mother Cell Phone*: _____ | Father Cell Phone*: _____ |
| Or Guardian's cell phone: _____ | |

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| Emergency Contact (not parents): 1. _____ Cell: _____ |
| 2. _____ Cell: _____ |

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| Mom's E-mail Address: _____ | Dad's email: _____ |
| Guardian's email address: _____ | |

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| Family Registered at Good Shepherd? Circle Yes or No |
| If not, what is your parish? _____ |
| Date of Birth: _____ |
| School Currently Attending: _____ |
| Fill out the following Sacrament information: |
| Baptism Date: _____ Baptism Parish Name: _____ |
| First Reconciliation/Penance Church & Date: _____ |
| First Communion Church & Date: _____ |

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| Parental Permissions: (Please verify/update choices indicated below) |
| Yes NO I authorize Good Shepherd PSR to act on my behalf in case of an emergency. |
| Yes NO My child, _____, requires special help in the classroom. |
| Yes NO My child has allergies. Please specify _____ |
| *If you have any questions, please contact the PSR coordinator at psr@mygoodshepherd.com |

Parental notes: (please let us know any special instructions or information): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

One of the blessings of marriage is bringing forth new life. God entrusts children to parents who have a primary right and duty to educate their children in the practice of the faith. Parents carry out this responsibility by creating a home full of love, forgiveness, respect and fidelity. The family is the community in which, from childhood, one honors God and learns moral values.

In the rite of the Sacrament of Baptism, parents receive the following call from God to evangelize their children:

You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training her (him) in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring her (him) up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor... You will be the first teachers of your child in the ways of the faith. May you be also the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what you say or do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

No wonder, then, that the Church understands the home to be the domestic church. It is in the intimate environment of the family that parents are, by word and example, the first heralds of the faith with respect to their children. This environment is enhanced and deepened through the parish Eucharistic community that is the heart of the spiritual life for Christian families.

Catholic schools and parish religious education programs are in partnership with the family in proclaiming and witnessing to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. They assist parents in fulfilling their responsibility as the primary religious educators of their children. This partnership works best when parents respect the beliefs of the Church and live lives in a manner that reflect these beliefs. If parents reject the beliefs of the Church or live lives in conflict with these teachings, catechizing young people becomes very difficult.

Aware, then, of the dignity of this holy parental call, and with a reverent awe for that responsibility which is mine, I commit myself to be, in word and example, the first and best teacher of my children in the faith. Practically, this means I will:

- Understand that the authentic teachings of Jesus as taught by the Catholic Church will be part of my child's education and formation.
- To the best of my ability respect the teachings of the Church and help my children respect the Church and its teachings.
- Regularly participate in the Sunday Eucharist with my family (if not Catholic, support my children's participation in the Church of Baptism), include prayer in my daily life and form my children in the faith.
- Commit to speak frequently with my children about God and to include prayer in our daily home life.
- Participate in and cooperate with the School or Parish School of Religion in programs that enable me as a parent to take an active role in the religious education of my children, including sacramental preparation for Catholic children.
- Support the moral and social doctrine of the Catholic Church to ensure consistency between home and school.
- Teach my children by word and example to have love and concern for the needs of others.
- Meet my financial responsibilities in supporting the Catholic school or the Parish School of Religion.
- Practice stewardship in support of the school and parish.

Signature of the parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ Date _____



MEDIA AUTHORIZATION FORM

For marketing and publicity purposes, there may be times when the archdiocese wishes to use your and/or your child/ren's image, name, recording, or academic work in various media for marketing and/or publicity purposes. You may choose the appropriate level(s) of authorization. For your convenience, this one form covers all members of your family on one form.

AUTHORIZATION

Archdiocese of St. Louis: I grant permission to use my or my child/ren's image, name, recording, or academic work in communications that include, but are not limited to, archstl.org, *St. Louis Review*, *Catholic St. Louis* magazine, archdiocesan social media, and any publication(s) by agencies administered by the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Yes No

Parish/School: I grant permission to use my or my child/ren's image, name, recording, or academic work in communications that include, but are not limited to, parish bulletin, school newsletter, student newspaper, admission videos, parish/school website and social media.

Yes No

Sponsoring organizations: I grant permission to use my or my child/ren's image, name, recording, or academic work in websites, videos, and publications created by independent foundations and corporations that support Catholic education but are not legally connected to the Archdiocese of St. Louis, including, but not limited to, Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation, Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri, Access Academies, English Tutoring Project, and United Way.

Yes No

Secular media outlets: I grant permission to use my or my child/ren's image, name, recording, or academic work in secular media communications including, but not limited to, print, radio, TV and internet (Examples: *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, KMOX radio, and KSDK-TV).

Yes No

AUTHORIZATION (Please print clearly.)

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| Full Name: |
| Phone: |
| Email: |
| School Name: |
| Parish (if applicable): |
| Parent 1 Name: |
| Parent 2 Name: |

| Child/ren's Name/s: | Grade: | Age: |
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| Signature: | Date: |
| Notes (for staff only): | |

Safe Touch Parent Letter

Dear PSR Parents or Guardians,

Each year it is our responsibility, as a caring Catholic community, to provide a curriculum that teaches the students appropriate boundaries and personal safety. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires the Archdiocese of Saint Louis to ensure that all children in both day school and parish school of religion programs receive information that allows them to participate in their own personal safety. The curriculum, "Safe Touch", is taught by a specially trained educator or volunteer and is age appropriate. The lessons focus on safety in a non-threatening manner and consist of one class period. The goal of the curriculum is to provide students with safety tools they can immediately use.

The Safe Touch curriculum was developed in partnership with West County Psychological Associates, the Archdiocesan Child Safety Committee, as well as educators and school administrators. The curriculum was updated to include technology safety.

If you have any questions or would like to preview the materials prior to the curriculum being presented, please contact your child's PSR teacher. You may also choose to "Opt Out" your child if you prefer that they receive the information from you at home.

Your child(ren) will receive the Safe Touch Curriculum sometime during a PSR Class from a trained Safe Touch teacher. I will notify you via the weekly email on the date selected for your child's Safe Touch class.

Sincerely,
Mariann Jones



**Good Shepherd Parish School of Religion (PSR)
Parent Commitment**

Parents who desire religious education are willing to commit to the following:

Parents commit to their child(ren) attending PSR class on a regular basis.

Parents attend PSR Opening, Christmas ,Closing Masses and sacramental meetings.

Parents volunteering in Parish/PSR Activities (Fish Fries, Picnic, Special Dinners...).

Family participation at Saturday/Sunday liturgies and Sacraments.

Prayerful consideration about how you can financially help support our parish.

**I have read the above commitments and agree to
supporting my child in his/her faith formation journey.**

Parent Signature

Date

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