

August 6, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Start Date and Enclosures

Our first Parish School of Religion (PSR) gathering at St. Francis Solanus will be on Monday, September 12th at 6:00 PM with Holy Mass followed by our Meet-The-Teacher evening.

Enclosed you will find:

- two-sided registration form
- PSR policy and behavior expectations
- PSR stewardship form
- 2022-2023 class schedule

Please return completed forms and fees to the parish office or in the collection basket at Mass. Please invite a young family you know to join your family at PSR: neighbor, coworker or relative... maybe one who doesn't have a church family yet or is away from the Catholic Church.

Focus This Year, Great Catechists and New Tools

The U.S. Bishops are giving us a time of National Eucharistic Revival to enter more deeply into the Mystery of the Eucharist, lasting from Corpus Christi 2022 to Pentecost 2025. This year, the focus at PSR will be on prayer and the Eucharist. I feel like I have hit the jackpot as your new Director of Religious Education with our devoted staff of catechists. I have added to their teaching tools this year:

- child-sized Mass kit
- boy-sized priestly vestments (working on girl-sized habit)
- child-sized visits to Adoration—PSR families and parish is welcome to attend as well
- 1st & 4th grade: more Bible stories
- 5th-8th grades: Revealed and Rooted series exploring the beauty and relevance of our Faith

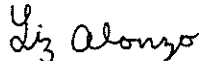
FORMED.org Subscription

Our parish pays for your FORMED.org subscription (out of our DRE/YM budget) because YOUR faith formation is important, too! Check out their "Eucharistic Revival" category of videos. How to make an account if you haven't yet: Visit FORMED.org. Click "Sign Up." Select "I belong to a Parish or Organization." Type in "St. Francis Solanus." Then click on "St. Francis Solanus" from the list. Enter your name and email—and you're in! Available on your web browser, iOS, Android TVOS, Roku, Amazon Fire, and Android TV.

Contact Information

See you soon, it's going to be a great first year together! Come, O Holy Spirit!

Peace and All Good,



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Last Name _____ First _____ male
female

Birth Date _____ School Attending _____ Grade _____

Check the Sacraments which this child has received:

Baptism Date _____ Church _____ City/State _____

First Reconciliation

First Communion

Confirmation

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RETURN WITH REGISTRATION FORM

St. Francis Solanus PSR Stewardship

Please be generous with your time and talents.

Diocesan Policy

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois requires that all volunteers and employees that work with children in a Catholic Parish or School complete a safe environment training. For more information, contact Liz Alonzo at 217-222-2898 x108.

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Child/Children's Grades: _____

_____ Office help assists in the PSR office during class. This involves collecting attendance, photocopying and preparing absentee lessons for the mail. Volunteers are on a rotating schedule.

_____ Substitute teach for catechist/teacher.

_____ Classroom helper for catechist/teacher.

_____ Help supervise children's activities at Sacramental retreat days, etc.

_____ Teen catechist who would like to work with an adult catechist.

_____ Sewing skills for Christmas Play costumes, VBS items, etc.

Special gifts, talents or hobbies you would like to share with the PSR students.
Other ideas or comments.

PSR Policy

Behavior Expectations

Courteous and respectful behavior is expected at all times toward other students, catechists, and parents. Students should be aware that their catechists are volunteering their time and energy to share their faith with them and deserve gratitude and respect for their dedication. No food or drink should be brought in by students without the prior permission of their catechist. Students need to respect the property of others, including that of their classmates, and the parish.

Discipline Procedures

1. A verbal warning will be given for inappropriate behavior.
2. If behavior continues, a phone call will be made by the catechist or coordinator. A conference with parent/guardian, student, catechist and coordinator may be called.
3. The catechist may request the parent/guardian to accompany their child to class in order to alleviate inappropriate behavior.
4. If the behavior persists, the student may be suspended from the program.

Parent/Guardian Participation and Support

Your interest, time and involvement are essential for your children to benefit from the PSR program. You can review each week's lesson and activities with your children. Asking questions and showing interest indicates the value you place on what students are doing each week. Weekly celebration of the Eucharist, participation in parish life and activities and financial support of the parish should be a normal part of family life.

Stewardship is a vital part of a successful St. Francis Parish School of Religion. Parents are needed in the school office, on a weekly basis to help with attendance, making copies, and assisting in the classroom.

Safe Environment Policy

Volunteers involved with children are required to attend safe environment training and have background checks completed.

Sacrament Preparation

Preparation for First Reconciliation is given during the 2nd grade at St. Francis Solanus School and in the Parish School of Religion (PSR) program. With the implementation of the Restored Order of Sacraments, children in the 3rd grade will be Confirmed and receive First Holy Communion at the same Mass, **usually** at the Cathedral in Springfield. This year, we requested a parish visit by Bishop Paprocki (given once every five years); Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be at St. Francis Solanus on Saturday, January 14, 2023, time TBA. Instead of large group meetings this year, Sacrament families and sponsor families will be contacted to arrange a getting-to-know-you family meeting with Liz Alonzo, DRE or Jake Terry, Youth Minister.

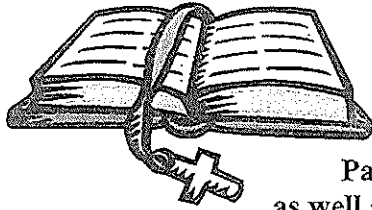
Cancellation Policy

If the Quincy Public Schools are cancelled or dismissed early on the day of PSR due to inclement weather, PSR classes will be cancelled.



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**St. Francis Parish School of Religion
2022-2023 (PSR) Calendar
Mondays 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.**

Parents and family members are encouraged to attend special events as well as prayer and liturgical services.

August

- 18 Catechists: Supper Meeting
- 22 Catechists: The Search 1&2
- 29 Catechists: The Search 3&4

September

- 5 *Labor Day – free day*
- 12 PSR Opening Mass & Meet-the-Teacher Night
- 19 First Class
- 26 Class & Adoration (Catechist meeting)

October

- 3 Class (Living Rosary)
- 10 Columbus Day – children: Touching Safety (optional) or free day, Catechists: The Search 5&6
- 17 Class
- 24 Class & Adoration (Catechist meeting)
- 31 5:30 P.M. Mass & Trunk or Treat

November

- 7 Class
- 14 Class
- 21 Class
- 28 Class & Adoration (Catechist meeting)

December

- 5 Class – Advent Reconciliation
- 12 PSR Christmas Party

Dec. 19 -- Jan. 1 Christmas Vacation

January - 2023

- 2 Class

- 9 Class
- 14 3rd gr. Confirm&Eucharist—tent.
- 16 *Martin Luther King – children: free day, Catechists: Search 7 & Prayer 1*
- 23 Class & Adoration
- 30 Class

February

- 6 Class –ACRE Testing 5th & 8th
- 13 Class –ACRE Testing 5th & 8th
- 20 *President’s Day – children: free day, Catechists: Prayer 2 & 3*
- 22 *Ash Wednesday –Lent Begins*
- 27 Class & Adoration

March

- 6 *Spring Break – children: free day, Catechists: Prayer 4 & 5*
- 13 Class
- 20 Class – Lenten Reconciliation
- 27 Class & Adoration

April

- 2 *Holy Week Begins*
- 3 Class
- 6 *Holy Thursday*
- 7 *Good Friday*
- 8 *Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil*
- 10 **Easter Monday, free day**
- 17 Class
- 24 Class & Adoration (Catechist Meeting)

May

- 1 Class – May Crowning
- 8 Class
- 15 Closing Mass/Pizza Party
- 22 *Catechist Banquet & Prayer 6*

