



ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH
PSR REGISTRATION GRADES 1-8

Direct 816-272-0125 or 816-246-6800
777 NE Blackwell Road Lee's Summit, MO 64086

_____ Middle School Tuesday 5:30 – 7:00 _____ Grades 1-5 Wednesday 5:30 - 6:45

Are you a registered parishioner of St. Margaret's Yes or No _____ ~~Home School (Grades 1-5 only)~~
(please circle)

Last Name _____ Main Phone Number _____

Address _____
street city zip

Email Address _____

Father's Name _____ phone number _____

Mother's Name _____ phone number _____

Emergency contact if parents cannot be reached: _____ Phone _____

Fees for Active Parishioners: \$ 45.00
\$ 80.00 for two children
\$120.00 for three or more

Fees for non-parishioners: \$ 55.00 per child

Fees are due upon registration. No active registered family will be denied due to financial conditions.

| Child's Name | Date of Birth | Sacraments received | | | | | Y or N | Allergies, Social or Learning Disabilities etc. |
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| | | Grade | Baptism | Reconciliation | Eucharist | Confirmation | | |
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Consider sharing your gifts by checking an area you are willing to volunteer or would like more information on. As a thank you for being a catechist/teacher your child's/children's fee is waived.

_____ Catechist (Grade preference _____) _____ Substitute Catechist

(Parent signature) (date) (Parent signature) (date)

Your signature above verifies that you have read the handbook & agree to support the policies.

May we video and/or photograph and display in the vestibule or parish website your child without using their last name? YES or NO (please circle one)

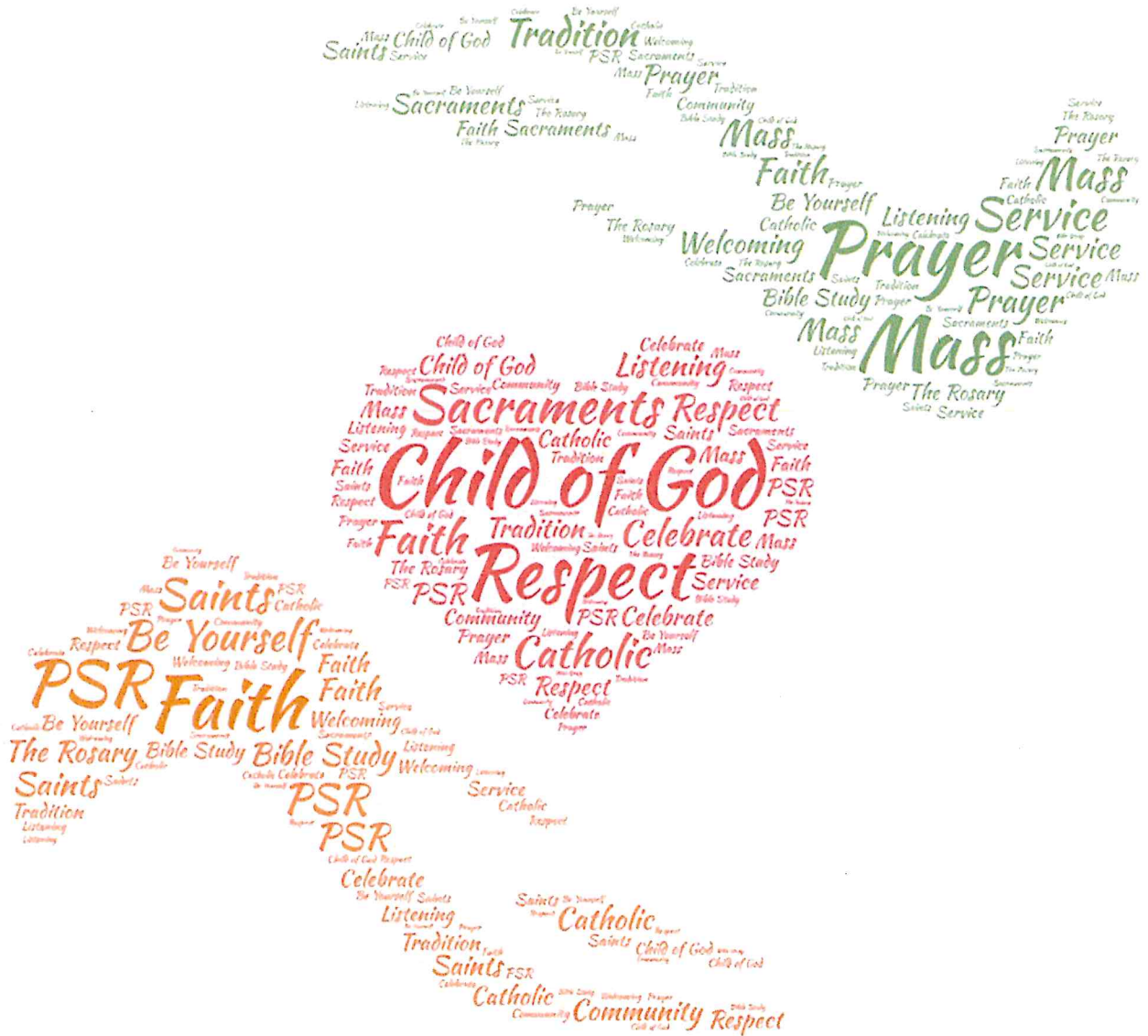
Contact with my children is permissible via online learning YES or NO (please circle one)

Office use Date _____ Initials _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

A late fee of \$20 will apply registering after August 31st

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

2022-2023



Parish School of Religion (PSR) Grades 1-8 Handbook and Calendar

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church

PSR Grades 6-7-8 meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 5:30 until 7:00pm. The calendar is on the back page of this packet. Sorry, no virtual component.

CHAOS (Catholics Hyped About Our Savior), our middle school youth group will meet sporadically throughout the year. Events and date to be announced.

PSR Grades 1-5

Option 1 - At St. Margaret's

Wednesday evenings from 5:30 - 6:45pm Minimum class size will be 4. Maximum class size will be 14.

~~Option 2 and 3 - Virtual Learning~~

NO VIRTUAL LEARN

Virtual Learning Option 2 or 3. Depending on parents' personal workload or how in-depth parents want their child to explore the lesson, you may choose either:

~~Option 2 - Your child can work on their own using a tablet or computer. Each lesson is approximately 20 minutes long. For younger grades most of their lesson is read to them. The audio decreases as children get older. The children answer questions within each chapter. After answering, they will be able to see other children's answers without their names. This connects the children with each other at a safe distance. *This cannot be set up like a chatroom.* Concluding their lesson with a parent completing a *Family Activity* sheet which takes 10-15 minutes. The DRE will be to see and evaluate all digital lessons.~~

~~Option 3 - Parents may work with their child conducting an approximately 45-minute class (teacher manual will be available online). Answers may be on paper or emailed to the education office.~~

Fees

The fee for books and supplies are due at the time of registration. A \$15 book and \$30 bible replacement fee will be charged if your child misplaces his\her book or bible. A \$20 late fee occurs after August 31st. As a thank you to all volunteer teachers, their child's fee is waived. **The fees for grades 1-8:**

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| Registered Parishioners | \$ 45.00 one child |
| | \$ 80.00 for two children |
| | \$120.00 for three or more children |
| Non-parishioners: | \$ 55.00 per child |

Fees are due upon registration. No child of an *active registered parishioner* will be denied religious education because of family financial difficulties.

Our Program

Grades 1 - 5 we use the *Discover* series by St. Mary's Press. Each child will receive a textbook, bible (to be used throughout grade school), and a backpack.

6th through 8th grade students will use the book *Catholic Connections* as well as some lessons from *The Edge*. Our goal is to show youth how faith can assist them in their everyday lives. Students need to bring their Bible to class each session.

Prayers Children Should Know to Memory

Prior to first grade *The Sign of the Cross, The Lord's Prayer, the Glory Be, and one form of Grace prior to a meal.*

Grade 1: *The Hail Mary*

Grade 2: *Act of Contrition*

Grade 3: *The Apostles Creed*

Grade 4: *The Nicene Creed*

Grade 5: *The Hail Holy Queen*

I CAN DO
ALL THINGS
THROUGH
HIM WHO
STRENGTHENS
ME.
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

General Policies

Arrival and Dismissal

ARRIVAL: Please allow time for your child to get to class *on time*. For the safety of children, doors are locked 10 minutes after the start of class. If you or your child needs to enter the building between that period; please ring the doorbell near the handicap door.

DISMISSAL Adults or teens must enter the building to pick up grade school children. Parents may remain in their car to pick up middle school youth.

Behavior

Good conduct, cooperation, attention, and courtesy are expected. Any student who fails to cooperate during class shall be subject to the following:

1st offense – Catechist will speak with the student to discuss the situation.

2nd – The uncooperative student will be sent to the director's office.

3rd – A telephone call is made to the parents.

4th – If there is no improvement, in fairness to the catechist and other students, the director reserves the right to require the parents to attend classes with their child until the behavior improves or to provide an alternate form of Religious Education outside of the regular class.

Cell Phones/Smart Watch

Any cell phone or smart watch used as a phone, camera, or to text message will be claimed. A parent will be required to retrieve the device.

CHAOS (Middle School Youth Group)

CHAOS will meet sporadically throughout the year for a social or service activity or event off the premises. CHAOS events are open to all middle school youth and friends are welcome at most activities. Parent chaperones/drivers are needed to make each event successful. In keeping with Diocesan policy, all volunteers working with minors complete a screening form, youth work references, and a request for criminal records check and authorization and attend one session of 'Protecting God's Children'.

Inclement Weather and Cancellation

When Lee's Summit schools close due to inclement weather, PSR is canceled. If weather worsens during the day, cancellations will be made by email and social media.

Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect

All diocesan employees, bishops, priests, deacons, parish staff members, and volunteer teachers are required by Missouri law to report any actual and/or suspected instances of child abuse or neglect to the Division of Family Services.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City—St. Joseph.

Service

All children are asked to do community service. Over a one-year period (April 1-March 31), we recommend one hour of service above the grade your child is in. For instance, a first-grade child is asked to do two hours of service. Service is doing something for someone else within the church or community yet outside their own home and NOT receiving payment or a gift.



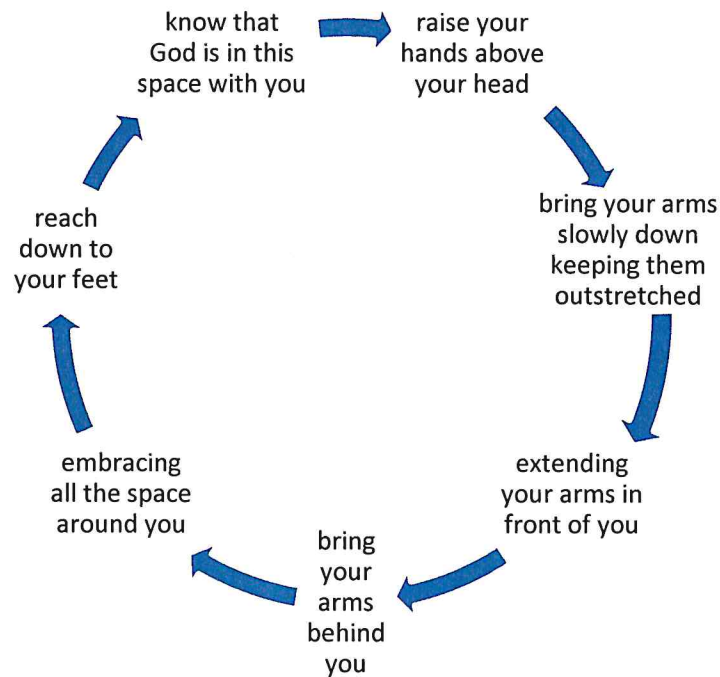
Presidential Service Award

Children who do a specific amount of community service over a period of twelve months (April 1st – March 31st) will receive the Presidential Service Award. This award is a certificate, medal, and letter from the President of the United States. Service hours are DUE March 31st. Hourly requirements for this award are:

| Hours by Award | Bronze | Silver | Gold |
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| Kids (age 5-10) | 26 – 49 | 50 – 74 | 75 + |
| Teens (age 11–15) | 50 – 74 | 75 – 99 | 100 + |

Safe Touch and Abuse (Diocesan required)

All Catholic schools and churches are mandated to give 'safe touch' classes to our students. Our diocese uses the *Circle of Grace* curriculum. *Circle of Grace* is the love and goodness of God that surrounds us and all others. It is the recognition that God is with us always and is here to help us in difficult situations. Through the *Circle of Grace* program, adults assist children to recognize God's love by understanding that each of us lives and moves within a *Circle of Grace*. Your *Circle of Grace* holds your very essence in body, mind, heart, soul, and sexuality. A visual way of looking at it is:



This is your ***Circle of Grace***.

This concept includes all senses which allows children to identify uncomfortable situations long before inappropriate touch may occur. The *Circle of Grace* program teaches children to seek help from a trusted adult, reinforcing God's presence in their real-life struggles. It will help educate and empower children to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.

- Grade 1:** The Stoplight: Feelings, Touch and Secrets Safety Plan
- Grade 2:** The Stoplight: Feelings, Touch and Secrets Safety Plan
- Grade 3:** Boundaries and our limits of our *Circle of Grace* Action Plan
- Grade 4:** Internet Safety on phones and computers
- Grade 5:** Understanding the Influence of the Media on our *Circle of Grace*
- Grade 6-8:** Fluctuates

Sacramental Preparation

Second grade is the earliest children receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Children should have at least one previous year of religious education with good attendance either at this or their former parish.

Readiness for Sacraments: It is reasonable to expect that the child

- ❖ Has a desire to receive
- ❖ Knows basic knowledge of the Catholic faith
- ❖ Has been participating in Sunday Mass on a *regular* basis as well as attending Holy Day of Obligation Masses
- ❖ Knows responses and prayers of Mass especially the Creed and Our Father
- ❖ Knows the Hail Mary
- ❖ Children will be interviewed by Father or the DRE prior to receiving Eucharist.

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) Some children over the age of 6 have not been baptized. Along with weekly class, children take part in a special formation process which prepares them for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

Reconciliation In the fall, students in 2nd grade and older prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Children must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to receiving their First Eucharist.



Eucharist In February children 2nd grade and older prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Children are required to attend a retreat on a Saturday morning. First Communion celebrations will take place at a special Mass.

Confirmation In the Diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph teens prepare for Confirmation in September of their freshman year.

Anointing of the Sick Is available to all baptized Catholics as needed.

What your child's Catechist (teacher) will do

Catechists will follow the curriculum, adhere to program policies, keep attendance, and communicate with parents. In most cases, they work in a team of two adults. In keeping with Diocesan policy, all volunteers working with minors complete a screening form, have a criminal background check, and attend 'Protecting God's Children' session.

What we need from the Parents

The catechists and I are available to assist parents in the spiritual growth of your child. It is our hope that each child will hear stories of our faith at home as well as in their religion class. Just as you schedule soccer, dance, etc. schedule your family to attend Mass. Make going to Mass a priority on Sundays as well as Holy Days of Obligation. Discuss the Readings on the way to church and homilies going home. For assistance,

<http://www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm>

PSR Schedule for Grades 1-5

2022-2023

Wednesday 5:30 - 6:45pm

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| September 14 September 21 September 28 | Opening Night |
| October 2, Sunday October 5 October 12 October 19 October 26 | First Reconciliation Parent Meeting at 11:30am No Class – R-VII Parent Teacher Conferences |
| November 2 November 9 November 16 November 23 November 30 | No Class (Thanksgiving Break) |
| December 5, Monday December 7 December 14 December 21 December 28 | First Reconciliation Service 7:00pm (tentative) Family Christmas Activity Night No Class - Christmas Break No Class - Christmas Break |
| January 4 January 11 January 18 January 25 | No Class - Christmas Break |
| February 1 February 5, Sunday February 8 February 15 February 22 | First Communion Parent Meeting at 11:30am No Class - Ash Wednesday |
| March 1 March 8 March 15 March 22 March 29 March 31 | No Class - Spring Break Service Hours due |
| April 5 April 12 April 15, Saturday April 19 April 23, Sunday April 26 | <i>Stations of the Cross during part of class</i> First Communion Retreat 9:00am – 11:00am First Communion (tentative) Last Day of class with award ceremony |

