

SAINT GERARD PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Welcome back to another school year! I hope that your family had a blessed and relaxing summer. I know we all are looking forward to this school year and having our love, faith and knowledge of God grow. Our goal is to bring our Catholic faith alive to students and families, to help all of us to know, feel and see Jesus' love for us. Enclosed you will find the registration form, emergency medical form, calendar, Family Learning Agreement, photo release, and policy information.

St. Gerard Parish School of Religion (PSR) provides religious education for the public school children in our parish. Classes for grades K-8 meet on Sunday mornings from **9:40am to 10:50am** beginning **September 8, 2024 through May 5, 2025. Please be on time.** The first class will meet in the parish hall.

Registration and payment of tuition is required of all students who attend our PSR. Registrations can be completed at any time prior to the beginning of the first day of classes. Registrations may be turned in after mass on Aug. 24th or 25th, dropped off or mailed to the parish office. Tuition is \$50 per student with a maximum charge of \$150 per family. This fee is used to cover the costs of textbooks and other instructional materials. We do not want to exclude any family from our school because of an inability to pay. Arrangements may be made through a meeting with Shandra Parker, PSR / Director of Religious Education, at sparker@sgslima.org or (419) 224-3080.

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

St. Gerard Parish School of Religion assists and supports the parents of our students as they nurture the Gifts of Faith in their children. It is our goal that, as the children hear the Gospel message, they will respond to the presence of God and continually seek to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Within the Christian atmosphere of the parish, community, and classroom, the student will be led to an increasing knowledge and understanding of the Gospel and the teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church. Through a total religious educational experience that integrates learning with service, prayer, and liturgical experiences, the Parish School of Religion will foster values, attitudes, and an experience of community, which will translate into a living faith consistent with the call of the Gospel and the mission of the Church.

STUDENT EVALUATION AND ATTENDANCE POLICY

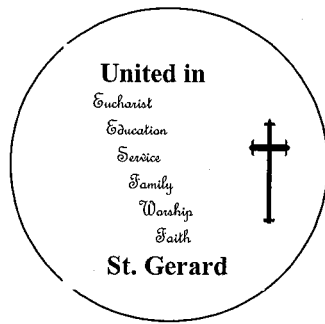
The base proponents of the evaluation and attendance policy are as follows:

- Signed and agreed to *Family Learning Agreement*
- Compliance with written attendance policy
- Written student evaluation provided by catechist to parents at the end of each grading period.

Attendance Policy:

Student presence in the classroom for instruction is an important component of the evaluation of each individual student. The expectation is that students will attend class, participate, and turn in all assignments on time. Students are expected to turn in all make-up assignments for classes that were missed. **If more than 4 classes are missed in the school year (with incomplete make-up assignments), the class must be repeated during the following school year.**

If there are excessive absences during any sacramental preparation years (2nd grade and 8th grade), the preparation for the Sacrament will be considered incomplete and those sacraments will be postponed until the following year.



Family Learning Agreement for St. Gerard Parish School of Religion 2024/25

We, the Catechetical Team at St. Gerard, acknowledge that you as parents are the primary educators in the faith life of your children. We affirm that faith life, as practiced in your home, is the most convincing example that can be provided at this stage in your children's lives. Thank you for asking us to join you in partnership in this process of passing on the Catholic faith to your children. In order to maximize this learning experience and to make clear our expectations in this partnership we ask you to sign the following learning agreement.

We, as the Catechetical team of St. Gerard Parish School of Religion for the scholastic year of 2024-25 promise to provide:

- an atmosphere where it is evident that we are eager to pass on our appreciation for our Catholic Christian Faith to the next generation
- role models displaying Catholic Christian values and lived practice of Catholic teachings
- a team who love working with youth and are in touch with the developmental stage and needs of the students they teach
- well prepared lessons based on the Diocesan Course of Study for Religious Education
- a safe environment
- a climate where respect is modeled and expected
- communication with you if we have a concern regarding your student's attitude, behavior, etc.

We, as parents of a child involved in The Parish School of Religion for the scholastic year of 2024-25 promise to:

- take our children to celebrate Eucharist at week-end Liturgies and on Holy Days
- review with our children in all grade levels the subject material learned in class and make sure that their homework is completed after every class
- review the prayers the children are required to know (For example, morning, evening, and meal prayers)
- contact the catechist to receive make-up assignments and have the lessons completed and returned in case of illness or absence from class
- offer encouragement, support, etc. for our children's regular attendance and participation at all classes; provide transportation to and from classes
- call when we have a concern

If you have concern or disagree with any aspect of this learning agreement please contact our Pastor, Fr. Mike Sergi at 419-224-3080.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____