



Virtue **CHARITY**

Saint of the Week: St. Monica

Loving God with all your heart, mind, and strength and your neighbor as yourself

Welcome to our first night of PSR Class!

Please remember to park on the cafeteria side of the school and not in the front parking lot.

All families (parents and children) are invited to gather together in the Parish Center Gym for “Opening Prayer Service”. Children will then be dismissed by class and grade level to the classrooms for first class.

Any children who are without parents should be brought to the cafeteria for dismissal. Parents will have to come into the building to pick up the children.

Folder should be picked up in office. And you will want to arrive a little early to set up your classroom. One Attendance sheet will need to be completed tonight but we may have some students just “show up”! Hopefully, we will straighten it all out by next week. Remember to place one copy of attendance sheet outside the door. **All teachers and aides will be seated just inside door to the right of the stage and your own children may be seated with you. We will have the class signs in Gym.**

It may be a little chaotic as parents and children try to find the proper classrooms, so I ask everyone to help out as need to direct everyone to the proper place. **Parents will be released to the classrooms about 20 minutes before class ends for you to address your specific rules, and requests. Parents and children will listen to closing prayer and then be dismissed from the classrooms. Next week we will dismiss outside from the safety box.**

- **Fall Festival Raffle Tickets and letters need to be given to all children. Signups and other info will be emailed to all families.** September 13 & 14 is Fall Festival...set aside the dates! We need volunteers!!!! See parish website <http://www.stpatrickwentzville.org/fallfest>
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- **There are folders and books in cabinet.** When there are handouts to go home sometimes it’s helpful to have the children place them in their folders at the beginning of class so that you don’t run out of time and/or forget.

All “C” (except, 2C) & “B” & “D” & “E” Teachers: please have students stack chairs at end of class for the cleaning staff. Thanks

- if you need to adjust the thermostat, please let us know and we will instruct you. In fact, you may simply call on phone to 242# for any assistance.
- If you are sending a note home to parents each week please remember that I need to have a copy before it goes home. Thanks in advance for the lesson plans!
- Let us know if you need poster board or other supplies!
- **Remember to park on side of school by cafeteria or up at church. (Remind volunteers also)**
- **Remind 7th & 8th graders to bring the bibles they received last year.**

Your computer log-in is PSR(class name) eg. PSR1A, PSR1B, etc. It may take a little time the first time you log in to set up.



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For next week Dismissal: **Review your manual for dismissal procedures: 1st and 7th grades, 2nd and 8th grades will be paired with buddies. You will have the lists in your box next week. 7th & 8th grades should go to buddy's classroom at 6:05 and 7:50 to introduce themselves to buddies and pray closing prayer together before going out to the safety boxes:**

- Remember that all teachers remain with children until parents have picked up children. There will be clip boards and check out sheets in your cabinet .

- Spaces will be marked in the safety box for each grade.

8th & 2nd Grade	8th & 2nd Grade	8th & 2nd Grade	6th Grade	5th Grade	4th Grade	3rd & 4th Grade	3rd Grade	7th & 1st Grade	7th & 1st Grade	7th & 1st Grade
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school

front office

This is marked as you are looking out at parking lot from school.

Bibles will be presented to the Sixth Grade PSR students during a special Prayer Service in Church on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 5:10pm for "A" session and at 6:50 pm for "B" session. The Seventh Grade classes who received their bibles last year will also participate. The bibles have been generously donated by our St. Patrick Knights of Columbus Council. **All parishioners, parents and Knights are cordially invited to attend.** Please remind students of both grades that parents are invited and encouraged to attend. You may want to have students make cards inviting parents to this special celebration. It will take about ½ of class for the prayer service.

There will be a **Parent First Sacraments Meeting** in Social Hall on **Thursday, October, 3 2019 at 7:00 PM.** This is an obligatory meeting for the parents of all children in the Parish who will be receiving First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year.





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As catechists our job is to make each and every child in a class feel welcome and special. The Catholic Church has always been a welcoming community. This sense of welcome begins early in a child's catechetical life. As you prepare for the coming year, there are many different ways to show that you are glad the children are a part of your class.

Activities. Do various activities in the first few weeks to get to know the children. Let them toss a small stuffed animal or foam ball to each other as they respond to questions that help them to get to know each other, such as asking about a favorite color, favorite game, a food that is disliked, a favorite class in school. Think of all the things you can ask! Repeat this activity throughout the year, with seasonal questions such as which is the worst Halloween candy to get or most creative costume, favorite Christmas celebration, Easter traditions, etc.

Greeting and Departing. Get to class early, and welcome each child as they enter. Talk individually to those who are first to arrive and get to know something unique about them. As children leave class, stand at the door and say something special to each one. This is an opportunity to reinforce what you know about each: "Good luck with try-outs this week," or "Ace that upcoming test."

Personal Note. Send a personal note (snail mail, not email) to each child throughout the year, congratulating them for something positive they have added to the class. Since receiving regular mail is the exception these days, receiving a note in the mail is something special.

It may be challenging at times to discover the special quality in each child. A prayer to the Holy Spirit will help open your eyes to see how unique and wonderful each child is - even the ones that may, at first, appear to be a bit of a challenge! Your job as a catechist is to discover the talent in everyone.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." As catechists, we are to teach as Jesus did. We are called to make all children feel special. This year, make an effort to do something with the children in your class so that each one can say he or she is the "teacher's pet."

A New Beginning

Dear God,
You know how nervous I am!
My mind says,
"Don't be ridiculous; they're just kids."
But my emotions say otherwise.
What if I start out all wrong,
Get off on the wrong foot?
What if the children are hard to control?
What if they simply won't listen?
What if they don't like me?
What if, what if...

Be with me loving God,
To strengthen and guide me.
Keep your hand on me
As I begin anew
To proclaim your holy Word,
To share my Catholic faith.
Holy Spirit, my helper, inspire me.
Jesus, my Savior, shine through me. Amen
Keep your hand on me, Dear God.

(A Prayerbook for Catechists, Gwen Costello
Twenty-Third Publications, 1999)



Catechist Notes

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