St. Mark Catholic Church

PSR Handbook

2019- 2020

**PSR Objective** is to ensure that every student completes each year of the program with the religious knowledge appropriate to his/her age.

**Registration -** is held each year from February – March. (Late registration incurs a late fee)

**Attendance -** It is of utmost importance that you attend all sessions. Faithful class attendance and participation is an integral factor in determining advancement to the next grade level. Absences (excused or not) may result in a requirement to repeat that grade the following year. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that homework is completed and turned in to the teacher if he/she is absent for a class.

**Tardies -** Students are expected to be on time for each class. Please use the class date schedule to make arrangements for work, sports, etc. If you arrive after the bell has rung, go to the office to check-in.

**Parking/Student Drop off/Pickup –**The main church parking lot is where ALL drop off, pick up and parking will occur. Due to safety issues we will not allow drop off, pick up or student parking in the Admin/Grotto parking areas. This area will be reserved for teachers and workers ONLY.

**1-8th grade students** must be escorted to his/her classroom on the 1st day and the **white sheet must be handed to the teacher**. For your convenience the sheet containing information on whomever may pick their child up during the 2 weeks of class is enclosed but may not be turned in until the first day of class.

**Dress -** Students are required to dress appropriately for class. Part of the class time may require visits, classes or even Mass in the church. This means that shorts should be knee length and no leggings. Hats/hoodies may not be worn by boys or girls while in the buildings/classrooms/church. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

**Disabilities/Health Issues -** Please make teachers aware of any learning disabilities/health issues that a student may have at the beginning of the school year.

**Electronic Devices -** Students are allowed to bring electronic devices to class, but are not allowed to use them unless authorized by a teacher or an administrator. If this rule is not followed the device will be confiscated and returned ONLY to the student’s parent/guardian.

**Penance Services**

Parish penance services will be held during the seasons of Advent (before Christmas) and Lent (before Easter). Please check the church bulletin announcements during December and in the Spring and make an effort to attend these services or the individual Rite of Reconciliation (Saturday, 3:00 PM).

**Confirmation students will be required to attend the Advent Reconciliation service.**

**(Date is not yet released - sign in will be at 6:15).**

**Inscription Mass for 2nd & 11th Grades**

**Saturday, August 24, 2019, 4 p.m.**

**2nd Grade Prep dates (9 – 11 a.m.)**

**for First Reconciliation & First Communion**

November 16, 2019

January 11, 2020

1st Reconciliation – TBA

February 15, 2020

March 7, 2020

April 25, 2019 - Practice

**First Communion will be held on Sat. & Sun. May 2nd (4 PM Mass) & 3rd (11 AM Mass)**

**High School Requirements for Confirmation**

1. 3 Retreats – attending 1 retreat per year/or more is ***strongly*** recommended. Catch up is difficult!
2. Saint Report
3. Letter to the Pastor requesting Confirmation
4. Sponsor Form
5. Service Hours – 15 Church & 15 Community (some hours are flexible for either)
6. Interview
7. **Confirmation students will be required to attend the Advent** **Reconciliation service.**

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**Retreat Dates**

**September , 2019 -** (6am – 6pm) This date is tentative.

11th grade Confirmation Retreat – Angola

High School Retreat – This retreat is TBD – students will be notified at a later date.

**Class Dates for All 9th-11th grade students:**

(6:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

August 18, 2019

September 8, 2019

September 22, 2019

October 6, 2019

October 20, 2019

November 3, 2019

November 17, 2019

December 1, 2019

December 15, 2019

January 12, 2020

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**Additional Dates for 11th grade students only:**

These dates are in **addition** to the regular PSR dates. These classes will ONLY be for those students who are in the 11th grade and scheduled to be **Confirmed on January 28, 2020.**

August 31, 2019 – Angola Retreat – 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM **– This is the proposed date. It will not be able to be confirmed until July 2019.**

January 26, 2020 – Confirmation Practice – 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

**Confirmation will be Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?

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