

## **PSR/Sunday School Information 2023-24**

St. Isidore the Farmer Parish

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### **Tuition**

We are asking a fee of \$30.00 per student for 1st through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; \$15 for Sunday School, with a cap of \$60.00 for a family. For non-parishioners, the fee is \$40.00 per student. No one will be turned away from the program if this is a financial hardship. Send completed registration form and check to St. Isidore the Farmer Parish, 19812 E. 1000<sup>th</sup> Ave., Dieterich, IL 62424. Make check payable to St. Isidore Parish. **Teacher's children are free, but we still need the registration form signed.**

### **Classroom Location**

**Bishop:** PreK-K – 1st floor Rel. Ed. Bldg.; 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades - Rel. Ed. Bldg.; 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades – new hall; 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades basement old hall; 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades upstairs old hall

**Grove:** PreK-K – Grove Hall; 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades Grove Hall; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades – rectory

\*Any changes of class location will be announced in the bulletin or by email.

### **Times of Instruction**

Wednesday evening PSR class time starts at 6:45 and concludes at 8:00 p.m. The children should not arrive before 6:30 p.m. They should go directly to their classrooms and stay there. Please be prompt. Preschool and Kindergarten classes will meet Sunday mornings during the Mass at both locations.

### **Class Lists**

Class lists for Bishop location will be emailed closer to our start date.

### **FORMED**

If you have not yet signed into our parish subscription of FORMED, you are missing out on a great resource for your family. Go to [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org). Click "Sign Up". Choose "I belong to a parish." Go to parish name and type "62424". Select "St Isidore Parish". Click "Next". Enter your name and email address. Click "Sign Up". There will be an authentication email to verify. Once these steps are complete, you and your family can browse through the many Catholic movie or audio options.

Please sign into this platform now. Teachers will be encouraging children to view some of the information on-line with their family.

### **Cell Phones**

If cell phones are an issue in the classroom, teachers may ask students to leave them at the door. If a student is using a cell phone in class routinely (without permission) it may be taken away for that class period. Parents will be notified if this continues to be an issue.

### **Traffic**

**Bishop** - Please maintain a 25-foot fire lane in front of Bishop Hall until 8 pm. Traffic should enter from the east side of St. Aloysius Church. Cones will mark areas to drive. Create two lines to get cars off 1000<sup>th</sup> St. Double row of cars will drop to a single row as you approach the entry of the buildings. Drive SLOWLY and watch for children. Exit to the west, behind the church.

**Grove** –Parents will enter the parish center at 8:00 p.m. to meet their child.

**\*Parents – Please refrain from using your cell phone while picking up or dropping off your students. \***

### **Cancellation of Classes**

Please do not assume that religion is canceled because your school district is closed. Please listen to radio stations WCRC, WXFJ or WIKK for cancelation notices. Cancelations will appear on our parish Facebook page and an email will be sent from the PSR Office.

### **Rules for Absenteeism and Tardiness**

If a student cannot attend class, please notify the teacher before 6:00 pm

If there are two or more absences in a row, without notification to the teacher, the CRE will call the parents.

If high school students do not attend PSR and parents have not called or sent a message to our PSR office, parents will receive an email.

### **Discipline**

First offense: Warning will be given by the teacher.

Second offense: Parents will be notified.

Third offense: The teacher, area director, parish coordinator and Fr. Frank will consider the best course of action.

Fr. Frank will serve as the appeal if parents feel there is an injustice.

### **Personal Safety Training**

The Office of Child and Youth Protection in Washington, DC requires the safe environment training for children in religion education programs. This year we will begin using the VIRTUS Empowering God's Children program to teach personal safety concepts in an age-appropriate manner in accordance with Catholic tradition and theology. Lessons are on a 4 - year rotation cycle with a new lesson presented each year to the children. This annual training is REQUIRED for the children. Parents are welcome to view these trainings with their child or opt-out completely. Each class (PreK-11) will have a scheduled time during PSR to complete this personal safety training program. Grade 12 will complete the Safe Haven Program from Catholic Mutual Group closer to the end of the school year.

### **Youth Ministry – High School**

We are blessed to have a strong youth ministry program. Activities are planned throughout the year such as canoeing, skiing, volleyball, and dodgeball. Parents of high school students, please sign-up at registration to chaperone or assist with the program. Encourage your high school student to participate in our Youth Ministry events. If you do not sign up, you will be assigned a month or activity.

### **Reconciliation**

The PSR program will provide one opportunity for all children (Grades 2-12) to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation during this upcoming school year. The teachers will assist in preparing the children for the reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation. A Reconciliation Schedule will be posted in the bulletin. Please note that your child should be receiving this sacrament with your family, ideally every other month. Fr. Frank is available for confessions on Saturday afternoons or by appointment. Look to other local parish websites or bulletins to find additional opportunities for Reconciliation that fit into your family schedule. Ensuring that your child receives the sacrament is YOUR responsibility as his/her parent. A child who witnesses their mother and/or father receiving the sacrament, learns a very valuable faith lesson.

### **PSR Directors**

Bishop: Stephanie Shadle & Pam Apke

Island Grove: Jesse Jansen

Coordinator for Religious Education: Rosina Esker

Parish Council Representative: Emily

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**Questions or Concerns?** If you have concerns, please speak first with your student's teacher. If your issue is not resolved, please work through your area director, CRE, and then to your Parish Council representative.

