

St. Mary's Parish School of Religion Parent Handbook

The Corporal Works of Mercy

To feed the hungry
To give drink to the thirsty.
To clothe the naked.
To visit and ransom the captives.
To shelter the homeless.
To visit the sick.
To bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

To admonish sinners.
To instruct the ignorant.
To counsel the doubtful.
To comfort the sorrowful.
To bear wrongs patiently.
To forgive all injuries.
To pray for the living and the dead.

Three Theological Virtues

Faith, Hope, Charity

Four Cardinal Virtues

Prudence, Justice, Temperance, Fortitude

Four Marks of the Church

One Holy Catholic Apostolic

Four Last Things

Death, Judgment, Hell, Heaven

Seven Capital Sins

Pride Envy Anger Sloth
Greed Gluttony Lust



“Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul and mind.”

-Matthew 22:35-40

God's Two Great Commandments

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your sole, with all your mind.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

10 Commandments

- 1 I am the LORD your God. You shall have no gods before me.
- 2 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- 3 Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
- 4 Honor your father and your mother.
- 5 You shall not kill.
- 6 You shall not commit adultery.
- 7 You shall not steal.
- 8 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- 10 You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

7 Sacraments

Initiation:

Baptism

Confirmation

Eucharist

Healing:

Reconciliation

Anointing of the Sick

Vocation:

Holy Orders

Matrimony

Sacramental Preparation Policy

1. Before a student may receive the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation, he/she must have regularly attended two consecutive years of a Catholic Religious Education Program.
2. In order to assist parents in the preparation of their children for the reception of the Sacraments, St. Mary's provides Parent Meetings for each Sacrament. These Parent Meetings are a required part of the program. The parent meetings are designed to refresh and familiarize parents with Church teaching, and to hand on methods that promote and increase family participation in the reception of the Sacraments so as to extend the process of catechesis to the home.
3. Sacramental preparation is geared to help students, parents and families prepare for the Sacraments not just on the first occasion but for continued participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

P.S.R. Mission Statement

Recognizing the obligation of parents to educate the children to whom they have given life, the primary purpose of the St. Mary's Parish School of Religion (PSR) Program is to provide assistance and support to the those students who attend public schools and to their parents.

Baptismal Certificates

Each new student should present a copy of his/her baptismal certificate with registration or as soon as possible. A copy of the certificate must be on file in the office for a child to receive any sacrament.

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom Understanding
Right Judgment Knowledge
Courage Reverence
Wonder and Awe

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Catholic tradition lists 12 fruits:
charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness,
modesty, self-control, chastity.

Beatitudes

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Liturgical Seasons

Ordinary Time: Green
Advent: Purple
Christmas: White
Lent: Purple
Easter: White

Important Information

Class times are 9:00 – 10:15 am. Please be sure your child is on time for PSR so we can begin our morning announcements and prayer on time.

Student Pick-Up – Students Kindergarten through 3rd grade MUST be picked up by a parent or older sibling (4th grade or older) at their classrooms at the end of PSR. Teachers will not allow students K - 3rd grade to leave the building unattended.

Policy on Student Absence – Students missing 8 classes must re-take the class the following year.

In the event of student absence – Please contact your child’s teacher via email to inform them of the absence and get the homework assignment.

Inclement Weather – In the event of bad weather or power outages – please check your emails; we will try to inform you of PSR cancellation before 8:30 am.

Baptismal Records – Please include a copy of your child’s baptismal when registering New students. **Baptismal records are required for 1st Communion and Confirmation.**

Classroom Volunteers – Volunteers must attend “Protecting God’s Children” class. Go to www.dio.org for a list of times and locations the course is offered.

Cell Phones - No cell phone use is allowed in classrooms. Cell phones should be turned off during class. No texting.

PSR Website – www.stmaryedw.org Click on Parish Ministries for the PSR tab. Sacramental Information and upcoming events will be posted on the website.

Prayers

Sign of the Cross

(Using RIGHT hand, touch forehead) In the name of the Father, (touch center of chest bone) and of the Son, (touch left shoulder followed by right shoulder) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen.