



St. Edward the Confessor Church

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Dear Parents,

Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes for the 2019-20 school year will begin on August 12, 2019. Classes for students in all grades (1-11) will be held in our school building on **Mondays from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m.** To register children for this school year, please complete a registration form for each child and submit it (them) along with the registration fee to our Parish Center. If your child was enrolled in our program last year and will not be returning this year, please inform us by mail, e-mail at thuster@steddy.org, or call the church office at 888-0703.

Families who live outside the boundaries of our church parish must obtain a letter from the church parish within whose boundaries they reside in which permission is granted for their child to attend PSR in our parish, *if the child is new to our PSR program*. This letter must then be submitted to our Parish Center.

You must also familiarize yourself with our policies and procedures, which are contained in our PSR "Parent Handbook." Please keep the PSR Parent Handbook for reference throughout the year. The calendar schedule of classes for the year may be found on the back page of the PSR "Parent Handbook." Parents of students in Grades 9-11 are to pay special attention to our "Service Project Requirements," which may be found on page ten of the "Parent Handbook." If you have access to the internet, this handbook (as well as other PSR documents and forms) can be found in the "Parish School of Religion" section under the "Faith Formation" link of our parish website, www.steddy.org. All PSR documents and forms are available for viewing, downloading, and printing from this website – as well as by request, from our Church Office (aka Parish Center).

Once enrolled, please bring your child to the gathering space beneath the bell tower in front of the church no later than 4:15 p.m. on class dates, where your child's teacher will then meet your child. Please pick your child up from the gathering space in front of church when class is dismissed promptly at 5:30 p.m. Students in Grade 6 and younger must be escorted by an adult while walking across our parking lot at both arrival and dismissal. If your child is in 6th Grade or younger, please park your automobile and escort your child to and from our church's gathering space. At arrival, wait in the gathering space with your child until your child's teacher calls your child for class.

Ongoing formation in the Catholic Faith is not only expected, but also strongly encouraged, all throughout the life of any Catholic of any age. All children are expected to satisfactorily complete 1st and 2nd Grade Catholic religion classes prior to receiving First Holy Communion during their 2nd grade year. Also, high school students are expected to regularly attend these classes (or a Catholic high school) for the entire length of their 9th, 10th, and 11th grade years in order to be confirmed during their 11th grade year. Eleventh grade students must register separately for Confirmation and have additional requirements to meet prior to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

Sincerely,

Trevor D. Huster
Director of Religious Education and Pastoral Assistant