

St. Catherine of Siena PSR Upper School 2020

MISSION: St. Catherine of Siena Parish School of Religion is dedicated to fostering the faith of our young parishioners and supporting their parents in teaching them the faith. We believe that our role as a parish is to help the parents in their role as being the primary educators of the faith for their children. We are ready to help parents in any to help awaken and inspire their faith of their children.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (5-7th Grade) PROGRAM: The Middle School PSR Program is designed to facilitate an encounter with the Lord Jesus through prayer, the sacraments and an active learning environment that instills the knowledge of the faith both in the students' hearts and minds leading to a living out of their faith as disciples of Christ and the young Church of today.

The program will have two phases. (1) The summer session will include a 5-day camp experience hoping to create an openness of heart and facilitate an encounter with Jesus with catechetical instruction. (2) During the school year, the student's faith will be deepened by his or her parents utilizing the *A Family of Faith* program by Sophia Institute with adaptations to fit our particular parish needs. The instruction in the second phase is given to *the parents* and requires their attendance. For more information on *A Family of Faith* program, see page 4 of this document.

HIGH SCHOOL (8-10th Grade) PROGRAM: The High School PSR Program is designed to facilitate an encounter with the Lord Jesus through discipleship, prayer and the sacraments, and an active and engaging environment for critical thinking and discussion equipping them to be missionaries of the Lord in their families, schools, and communities.

The program will have two phases. (1) The summer session will be a 5-day camp experience to deepen their intimacy with Jesus and apologetical instruction on the faith. With access to trained educators, the students will focus on their experience of faith and the most popular opposing arguments against the Catholic Faith. (2) During the school year, students will be given assignments to be completed on Google Classroom. These assignments will include a catechetical and evangelistic video along reflection questions. Quarterly meetings at the parish will help further clarify points of discussion from their reflections. For more information on the course work for the school year, see page 5 of this document.

EXPECTATIONS: We desire our PSR students to be committed to attending and actively participating in the activities and instructions throughout the year.

DATES & TIMES:

Summer Session (both programs): July 20 - 24, 2020, 8:30am – 3:30pm

Middle School Class Dates (For Parents): Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 12 (6-7:15 pm)

High School Class Dates: Sept. 14, Nov. 9, Feb. 8, Apr. 12 (7:30-8:30 pm)

COST: \$100 per student for the entire year's program. Checks payable to St. Catherine of Siena.

SCS PSR Summer Session 2020

DATES & TIMES: July 20 - 24th 8:30am – 3:30pm. Drop off will be from 8:15-8:30am and pick up will be from 3:30-3:45pm. There will be no before or after care.

LUNCH & SNACKS: Lunch is included in the cost of the PSR Summer session (provided by Pigeon Catering). If there are particular needs for a student to bring their lunch, that is to be discussed with Fr. Andrew. PSR Students are encouraged to bring snacks. Water is available throughout the day.

REGISTRATION: Registration must be paid in full along with all completed forms to the SCS parish office by Friday, June 12.

DRESS CODE: PSR students should wear comfortable clothes (shorts and athletic shoes) for physical activity. Modesty is expected and required. Sun screen is also highly recommended.

DEVICES AND VALUABLES: We will limit the use of technology. Devices such as portable video games, iPhones, etc., are not allowed. PSR Students are allowed to bring them in case of emergency, but they will be asked to give their cell phone to the adult chaperones to be kept during the day. We believe that this will help enhance the experience of the PSR Summer session and facilitate greater ease in building relationships without the distraction of phones. Students should also not bring valuable items to the summer session. SCS will not be responsible for lost or damaged items brought to camp.

NUT ALLERGIES AND GUM: Please be mindful when packing snacks to refrain from products with nuts in them. Due to students with nut allergies, SCS strives to be a nut free camp. Chewing gum is prohibited at PSR Summer Session.

MINISTRY TEAM: Fr. Andrew Gutierrez is the director of the PSR Summer Session and can be reached at (504) 835-9343 or frandrew@scschurch.com. Fr. Andrew and Meagan Barras, our new parish Youth Minister, are working with a team of high school theology teachers who are experienced with youth ministry and preaching the Gospel of our Lord in an engaging way appropriate for youths.

SCS PSR Upper School 2020 - Registration Form

Submit one form for each student. Please print single sided.

Student Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Age: ____ Gender: M/F School: _____ Grade entering: _____

Sacraments Already Received: ___ Baptism ___ Reconciliation ___ First Communion

Parent 1: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Parent 2: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Cost: \$100 due by Friday, June 12th

Emergency contacts other than guardians/Adults allowed to pick up PSR Students:

	Name	Relation to student	Phone
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

List any information concerning your child's medical or physical condition (medications, allergies, ailments, etc.) that PSR staff should know about (attach additional info is necessary):

Medical Insurance Coverage

Name of provider: _____

Provider's Address: _____

Policy Holder's Name: _____

Policy/Group Number: _____

Family Physician: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Parental Consent: I hereby give written permission for my child to attend the PSR at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. As a parent/guardian, I do hereby authorize the treatment by a qualified and licensed medical doctor in an emergency which, in the opinion of the attending physician, may endanger his/her life, cause disfigurements, physical impairments, or undue discomfort if delayed. Enrolling a student into the St. Catherine of Siena PSR Program constitutes the consent of his parents/guardians for the student's name, voice or likeness to be used in news publications, audio-visuals, and other electronic transmissions including the St. Catherine of Siena website.

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

A Family of Faith Catechesis

Middle School Program

ENGAGED FAMILIES: Many parishes are looking for ways to help families practice their faith and participate fully in the parish. With A Family of Faith, families come together regularly — growing in relationship with one another and learning the truths of the Catholic Faith and how to apply them in their lives. In the parish and at home parents and children have the opportunity to build strong relationships through discussion and reflection on topics that matter in their lives.

LEARN TO FOLLOW JESUS: As families continue to come together to learn about the life of Jesus Christ, His teachings, and the Catholic Faith, they desire to know Him better. The home becomes the place of deep learning as families desire to follow Jesus more closely. Families are introduced to the spiritual treasures of the home, the domestic church. Parents can learn and share with their children practices such as grace before meals, reading and praying with Scripture, and learning about the lives of the saints. All these are included in the monthly Our Catholic Home feature.

REBUILD THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: As parents and children engage in discussion about what they are learning, spiritual curiosity is awakened and families desire to deepen in their understanding. Each month parents have the opportunity to choose from a variety of activities and discussion that they can do as a family to explore the concepts that are taught in each lesson. Younger children might learn through the experience of coloring one of the beautiful illustrations while older children might meditate on the Scripture.

Families using A Family of Faith attend Mass regularly, learn and practice prayers together, and engage in spiritual conversations at home, helping them to grow in holiness.

HOW IT WORKS? A Family of Faith follows a four-year cycle: one pillar of the Catechism is covered per year from September through May. Parents are given a detailed picture of authentic and vibrant Catholic family life, the tools to implement this life in their home, and age-appropriate readings, games, crafts, and other activities to help them deepen among their children a love for Christ and His Church.

Each year is self-contained, and so families may join at any time in the cycle. After four years, families will have been guided through the entirety of the Catechism and will have developed a broad understanding of the Church's teachings. Families then cycle through the program again in order to deepen their knowledge and develop the habits needed for life-long spiritual growth.

MEETINGS: There will be three sessions each Fall and Spring semester. The leader presents teaching to parents who then engage in small-group discussion and activities to deepen their understanding. Parents then assume the role as primary educators for their children using the Parent's Guide and Children's Activity Book for teaching at home in between meetings.

*Excerpts from Sophia Institute at <https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/shop/family-of-faith>

Coursework during School Year

High School Program

GOOGLE CLASSROOM: Fr. Andrew will set up a googleclassroom for the PSR High School Program. In order to join the class, students will need a google account. We encourage parents to also join the class to remain updated on the material being shared with the students. Fr. Andrew will have a video (usually 6-10 minutes) every two week which students are expected to watch and answer two questions: (1) What is one thing you learned from this video? and (2) What is one question you still have after watching the video? Students will be able to see each others responses and will be able to reply to other students' responses.

MEETINGS: Twice a semester, students are expected to attend a meeting where we will use the reflections, questions, and answers students have submitted as the primary material to be discussed. The style of the meeting is seminar where students will be able to engage deeper in the material with being able to receive guidance and answers from Fr. Andrew. This is where we will be able to better articulate difficult truths of the faith to understand as well as process how students are grasping the material.