

Holy Family Catholic Church

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Please review the following expectations carefully before registering for the 2020-2021 year:

Procedure for Registration 2021-22:

*Documents found on our Religious Education Webpage: <https://holyfamilychurchluling.com/religious-education>.

1. Download & read "[Fr Steve's Letter](#)" and the Expectations below
2. Update Your Family's Information, in 1 of 3 ways:
 - Option 1: Email [Patricia](#) for your personalized "Update Information" Form from 2020. Update & email/send to the parish office.
 - Option 2: Use our online [Google Form Registration](#)
 - Option 3: Download & print a blank Registration form under "PSR Documents", and email or send to the office.
3. Payment Options:
 - Mail or Drop-off your check, or use [Online Giving](#) ("PSR Fees" + Memo)
 - Email [Patsy](#) in accounting to be sure your payment was processed with your registration.
 - **No child will be turned away due to excessive financial burdens.*
 - Those wishing to assist other families, please prayerfully consider doing so.*
4. Volunteering as Parents/Guardians:
 - On the Registration form, mark one option & offer to help at least twice each year.
 - Safe-Environment: email [Sandy](#) to schedule a date or renew your completed training online (every 3 years). For the session for children, let us know if you prefer to opt-out.

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Registration Deadlines & Fees: The fees listed below help offset our expenses.

On campus Registration Days: Sunday-Monday, April 11th - 12th, 5:30 – 7:00pm

Early Registration: on or before April 12 th	\$50/child; \$150 max per family
Registration: April 12 th - May 15 th	\$60 full price/child; \$175 max per family
Late Registration: May 16 th -August 1 st	\$60 + \$10.00 fee, per child, \$30 max/family.

After August 1st? Returning members registering after August 1st are asked to speak with the Fr. Stephen in person to discern their entry into the 2021 session.

2020-2021 Schedule:

The first PSR session is tentatively scheduled for the weekend after Labor Day.

Based on the current number of catechists & volunteers, the PSR schedule is TENTATIVE as:

Grades 6-11 Sunday – 6:15 p.m.

Grades 1-5 Monday – 5:30 p.m.

**The Schedule depends heavily upon the number of catechists & other volunteers involved. The more help, the more easily the schedule may meet everyone's needs.*

**Sessions for grades 8 and below last one hour unless otherwise noted. High School may be longer.*

**We hope to have a Draft calendar over the Summer, and a Final calendar in August.*

***VERY IMPORTANT:** Please connect to the PSR FACEBOOK PAGE for program updates.

“Holy Family PSR Parents-Luling”

****Parental Involvement:** A primary ingredient in true faith formation of a child is the parent. To demonstrate the consistency of values from home to class, we are asking every parent to commit to the program in the following or similar ways during the year. **If you are unwilling to volunteer in some way, please speak with Fr. Stephen before registering your child:**

Catechists/Presenters: this team coordinates the 15-20 Faith-Formation sessions for each grade. Teaching experience is helpful when feasible.

Room Moms/Room Dads per grade: This team offers a supportive role during the sessions, and helps in communication & logistical needs, or planning movies, excursions, or service opportunities, etc.

Safe Environment: Given the concern of everyone involved, Safe Environment Training will be required for all parents or guardians who have a child in this program. If you have already done so, it should be renewed every 3 years through a simple online webinar. Multiple dates and times will be posted soon, so as to accommodate everyone. Please see Fr. Stephen if you are unable to fulfill this safety requirement. Children also receive a session on Safe Environment. As their primary educator, please use the form to let us know if you prefer to opt out of that session for your child.

Adult Faith Formation: In addition to guest speakers and our adult Tuesday Night sessions throughout the year, *this summer* we hope to provide formation opportunities for parents, grandparents, and volunteers in our PSR program. We all need to equip our minds & hearts to mentor our children through these often confusing & challenging times.

Attitude: Once again, it is presumed that your family is attending because you desire to get a lot out of this, and that their behavior will reflect this desire. If your child is unable to keep from disrupting the session or disrespecting any volunteers or parents, you will be asked to attend all sessions to support your child. If the disruption persists, out of respect for others involved, we will have to ask you to apply again next year and program fees will not be refundable.

**High School Parents:* if, by the end of April of their 9th grade year, your child does not wish to continue, please do not have them advance in the program if they are unwilling to come with an open mind.

Sacraments & Sunday Mass:

Families with youth preparing to receive a Sacrament: 2nd grade and 11th grade:

- **2nd graders** are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Communion for the first time. **11th graders** are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Especially these families should be exposing their children to weekly Sunday Mass and regular Reconciliation, showing them by example the importance of the Sacraments in ordinary Christian life.

*Our 2nd-grade volunteers have asked that families sign-in after they go to Mass, supporting our efforts to explain something the children have actually seen.

Confirmation entails a decision made with full awareness and full consent of their own. The months of preparation are meant to assist in that discernment. Please speak with your 11th grader before committing your family to this portion, which renders them Confirmed witnesses of Christ, alive and active in His Church and striving to grow in understanding & willingness to trust and follow His Ways.

Specific for High School:

High School Summer Reading: After previous feedback, we are upgrading our booklist on the webpage, for our 9th – 11th grade participants to choose any 1 book or audio to review. They are to write a very light, half-page commentary about something they took-away from that reading. You yourselves may wish, as a family or among friends, to share and discuss what was read. You are also welcomed to utilize the **formed.org** free resources from our parish web page.

High School Service Hours: A reminder that 2 of their 10 Sacramental Service Hours will entail a presentation, transmitting a topic of the faith to a younger group live or through a video. In general, all other sacramental hours should have some relational element, as opposed to simply fulfilling chores which is more appropriate their higher number of school service hours.

High School Summer Retreats: In addition to retreats required through Holy Family, please consider one of these events to help “jumpstart” a renewed openness or to deepen their Faith life:

Echo Summer Retreat -- <https://www.dumboxministries.com/echo.html>

TEC Retreats for teens -- <https://www.tecneworleans.com/>

Steubenville Conference -- <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/>

***Financial scholarships are available where needed for these events.*

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We recognize the challenges families are facing in passing-on the Faith to the next generation, and we want this to be a meaningful experience for them. Fr Steve is always available if you would like to meet in person. Thank you again for saying yes to the gift of parenting, and for all you have done thus far for your children and their exposure to the Faith. We greatly appreciate your prayerful commitment and flexibility as we continue to strive for a more engaging opportunity for our families and young people!