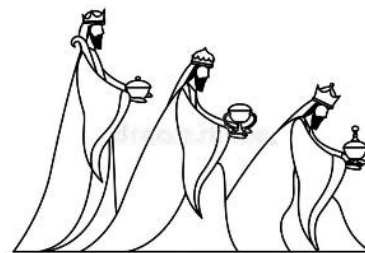


# St. Joseph's

## PSR January Newsletter 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful break! It has been several weeks since we have had PSR, and we are so glad to have you all back!

Last year, the Diocese started a new safe environment training called "Empowering God's Children" that we are required to teach 1x/year. These lessons are taught in a group setting and will take place on January 28<sup>th</sup> for grades K-2 and 3-5 & 6-8. If we run out of time, the 6-8 will be taught on February 11<sup>th</sup>. I have attached an opt-out form to this newsletter. Please fill it out if you do NOT want your child to take part in this lesson and return it to me via in person, text, or email by January 27<sup>th</sup>. ALSO – if you have any questions about the lessons that will be taught, would like the information sent home to you, or have any concerns or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Our second graders have started preparation for their sacrament of First Reconciliation and will be receiving the sacrament very soon! Please keep them in your prayers!

As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions/concerns/comments!

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### SECOND GRADE ONLY

Our second graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Church at 6PM. There will be an ice cream party to follow. This event will take place with all of our second graders from our Tri-Parish community. More information will be given closer to the event date!

### THIRD GRADE ONLY

If you have not already decided who you would like as your sponsor, now is the time! Also, your confirmation saint is due to Emily by February 1st! Please make sure you are working on your service project! All students should have their tri-fold poster-board. Please contact Emily if you do not! Our next Parent/Sponsor/Candidate meeting is on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7PM. Please put this on your calendars and let sponsors know!

### CHILDREN'S MASS

Mark your calendars! Just like in October, we will be having another Children's Mass on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. This Mass will consist of all the children in our PSR program fulfilling the ministries during the Mass. We will give out parts a couple weeks prior to the Mass so that children are able to practice/talk about it at home to prepare! Thank you in advance for allowing your child to be a part of this!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

January 27<sup>th</sup>: Safe Environment Opt-Out forms due  
January 28<sup>th</sup>: Safe Environment Lesson grades K-2 and 3-5, and 6-8

February 1<sup>st</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Confirmation Saint due  
February 11<sup>th</sup>: Safe Environment Lesson grades 6-8, if not completed on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>.

February 14<sup>th</sup>: ASH WEDNESDAY

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Children's Mass at 9:00AM  
Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders First Reconciliation (at St. Josephs) 6PM