



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION



Upcoming Dates:

2/9 - PSR Class

2/16 - PSR Class

2/21 -
Confirmation
Retreat (8th
grade)

2/23 - PSR Class

3/2 - PSR
Class/Mass at
6:30 in gym

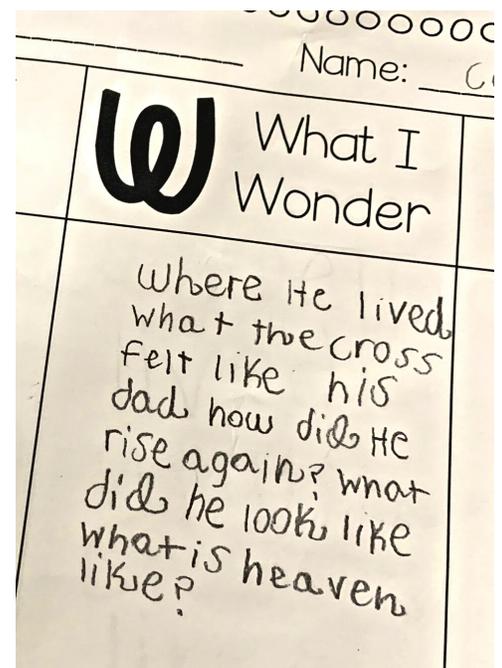
What's Happening in PSR

PSR Families,

Happy February - I hope everyone enjoyed the snow days last week!

In January I was able to sub in 2nd grade and our lesson centered around the life of Jesus. His birth and death are widely known, but there is much to learn about what he did on earth between that. Students wrote down all they knew about Jesus and brainstormed what they wondered. Some questions had simple, objective answers such as where he lived, which we know through logic and reason. Others required reflection and prayer. This is exactly what our faith should be - a combination of faith and reason working together. It's the two together that lead us to truth in Jesus Christ.

I encourage you to ask your children what they wonder about the faith. Encourage their thinking and wondering, and do not be shy to seek answers with them, through reason and through prayer.



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Sacramental Preparation

First Communion

Second graders continue to learn about the life of Jesus. They have looked closely at the parable of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Like any good shepherd, Jesus feeds and cares for us, His flock. He also protects his flock, guarding us against evil, giving us strength to do the right thing, and calling us back when we wander astray. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His flock.

Below are some ideas for discussion with your child at home to reinforce what they're learning at PSR:

- Ask your child what a shepherd is and what a shepherd does. Help him/her with ideas, look at photos or videos online.
- Ask, as your shepherd, how does Jesus lead you? Feed you? Protect you? Know you? Lay down his life for you?
- What can you do as a way of laying down your life for others?

Important Dates:

Saturday April 23rd, 9:00-11:30am

Mini retreat day in school building. One parent should attend with child.

Saturday April 30th, 9:00 & 11:00am

9:00, Mass for last names L-W

11:00, Mass for last names A-K

**Group photo at 10:15 in church.*

Confirmation

Moving on from Church teaching and history, students are learning more of the practicals of living the faith daily, a commitment made through Confirmation. They are learning about sacraments, vocations, works of mercy, and prayer.

Below are some discussion prompts and questions for you and your 8th grader to reinforce what's being learned in the classroom this month:

- Share about a time you've helped bring the joy of the faith into the world or someone has shared it with you.
- Can you share an example of the works of mercy? Why do you think practicing the works of mercy leads to happiness?
- Why is it so important that lay people (not ordained) share the faith? Why can't we just leave that work to priests and religious?

Important Dates:

Monday, February 21, 9:00am-2:00pm

Retreat day for 8th graders.. Please eat breakfast before; lunch will be provided. A permission slip will be coming home this week for parents to sign, since this is outside regular PSR class time.

Tuesday, May 3rd, 7:00pm

Confirmation Mass

St. Michael Prayer

PRAYER AT DISMISSAL FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in our day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.