

Parish School of Religion Policies for St. Elizabeth and Our Lady of Lourdes 2016-2017

General Information for Parents:

Classes for all students begin on Wednesday, September 7, 2016. We will have class on every Wednesday unless noted on the attached calendar. May 10, 2016 will be the last day of class.

Classes will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center at St. Elizabeth. Students should arrive no later than 6:15 p.m. and **before classes begin, students in kindergarten through eighth grade should gather in the multi-purpose room of the Parish Center for a time of song and fellowship.**

Please talk with your child about their cell phone. Students with a cell phone are asked to keep the phone on silent and no texting during class time. It is the discretion of the teacher if students are permitted to have cell phones during class.

P.S.R. Mass and Reconciliation Services:

Please check your calendar for any time that your child is scheduled for Mass or Reconciliation (Confession) in church. You are encouraged to join us for these services. Reminders will be sent home via Facebook, email and the REMIND messaging system.

If Robinson Schools cancel because of weather, we will not have PSR classes that evening. In case of bad weather later in the day, listen to the local radio, check Facebook, email and the REMIND messaging system for cancellations.

Class Placement:

- All children should be placed in the same grade level of their educational venue.
- A religious education class proficiency test is required for advanced placement.

Knowledge of Common Church Prayers:

- Children who have not started religious education with their respective class or have skipped a class or more will be given an oral examination by the

pastor/parochial administrator. They are to demonstrate their knowledge of common church prayers. The parents are responsible for obtaining a copy of these prayers no less than 3 months prior to the exam. The parents are also responsible for tutoring their children at home and preparing them for the exam. This should be a bonding time of Christian devotion within the family setting.

First Reconciliation:

· Via an oral examination, the pastor/parochial administrator will determine who has successfully mastered the prayers and book requirements in preparation for First Reconciliation.

Receiving Communion:

· If already baptized and in the second grade or above, all children that have attained the age of reasoning (7 years old) can receive communion providing they meet all the requirements of the Parish School of Religion. Students who were not baptized at St. Elizabeth or Our Lady of Lourdes will be required to show proof of baptism. A copy of their baptismal record will be kept on file.

· In preparation for the First Communion exam, children should be given the “Golden Book” and any other approved class materials to study at home. The Second Grade teacher can also assist with the materials. Upon passing the exam, children may receive communion. The final decision is left to the priest. Keeping in mind the sacredness of this sacrament, parents are encouraged to inform us when they think that their child may not be ready or mature enough to understand the actual meaning of the Holy Communion.

Confirmation:

Confirmation takes places when a student is in 8th/9th grade. Confirmation takes places every other year and classes are held in addition to regular Wednesday night PSR classes. Any student not baptized at St. Elizabeth or Our Lady of Lourdes must provide documentation of their baptism. Any student that did not receive their First Communion at St. Elizabeth or Our Lady of Lourdes must provide documentation of the sacrament.

In preparation for the Confirmation exam, candidates will be given a textbook, a list of requirements for Confirmation, a class schedule and any other approved class materials to study at home. Upon passing the exam, candidates will be confirmed. The final decision is left to the priest.