

*All Saints Catholic Church*

*Parish School of Religion*

*2017/2018*



Dear Parents,

Welcome to All Saints' Parish School of Religion! We look forward to working with you and your children this year. This handbook covers everything you need to know about the Parish School of Religion at All Saints. Please read it carefully and note those dates that pertain specifically to your child.

Fill out an application for each child who will be attending. Please note we have two applications. One is for the one-week summer program and the other is for either the Monday or Tuesday session. We are constantly updating our records so your accuracy is important. Mail the applications back to us or deliver them in person as soon as possible. The deadline for the one-week summer program is May 15, 2017. The deadline for the Monday/Tuesday Sessions is August 4, 2017. At the teachers' request, we are holding class size to 12 students so first come, first served. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. Teachers will call students with their classroom assignment prior to the first day of class.

If your child is in the Second Grade, we would appreciate your including a copy of their Baptismal Certificate with the application unless they were baptized at All Saints.

The volunteers and the staff have planned a wonderful program, but we are only part of the educational process. We are very much aware of the fact that parents are the primary educators of their children in the ways of faith and our role is simply to help and support you. Our role is made very difficult and is very much diminished if there is poor attendance by your child at class, and a failure to review the classroom lessons with your child at home. Also there is little point for our teachers to stress the importance of prayer and Mass attendance if the children see that these are neglected in the home.

The children will be exposed to a variety of Catholic traditions this year, but the exposure means so much more if these traditions are important to you and your family. You will be invited to all of our special family functions, and we look forward to your family joining us.

You, as parents, are the most important part of our team, and we welcome your comments and your suggestions. Please feel free to call our office with any suggestions you might have.

Sincerely,

Dozie Bowen  
Director

**ALL SAINTS  
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION**

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**SESSION SCHEDULE**

One-Week Summer Session  
June 5-9, 2017  
Grades 1, 3, 4 and 5

September 11/12, 2017 – April 23/24, 2018  
Grades Kindergarten – 5 grade and RCIC (Monday 4:45-6 p.m.)  
Grades Kindergarten – 5 grade (Tuesday 5:00-6:15 p.m.)

Fee: \$85/student or \$130 for a family of 2 or more

**SACRAMENTS**

Children in second grade must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church in order to receive Reconciliation and First Eucharist. A baptism certificate must be turned into the Religious Education office as soon as possible.

The Office of the Archbishop of Atlanta is requiring those students who are planning to make their First Penance and receive their First Communion during the 2018/2019 school year to be enrolled in First Grade in either a Parish School of Religion class or Catholic School during the 2017/2018 school year.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** will be held on Saturday, December 2 at 10.30 a.m. The parents meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. One parent must attend one of these meetings.

**FIRST COMMUNION** will take place on Saturday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m. The parents meetings will be held on Sunday, February 4 at 1:30 p.m and Thursday, February 8 at 7 pm. One parent must attend one of these meetings. Practices will be held Wednesday, April 18 and April 25, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

1. Good conduct, regular attendance and on-time arrival for class is expected from all students. All classes will be held in classrooms. Permission will not be granted for meetings outside the parish setting. Lunch will not be provided for the one-week summer session. Please send a bagged lunch and drink.
2. Homework may be part of your child's course this year. Parents should be familiar with their child's textbook; so please take time each class to check homework or discuss what has been learned.
3. Textbooks should be brought to class each week.
4. Announcements pertaining to the Parish School of Religion are published weekly in the parish bulletin. Please read these announcements.
5. Dismissal Procedure: Kindergarten students must be picked up at the classroom doors. All other students will be dismissed from the Front Door of the Parish Center. Cars should line up in the circle in front of the Parish Center. Both the children and the drivers must practice caution.
6. Students age 8 and older who have not yet received Baptism or First Eucharist will participate in an initiation process. Please call Dozie Bowen (ext. 19) for details.

**DATES FOR PSR CLASSES  
2017/2018**

**Monday/Tuesday  
September 11 and 12  
September 18 and 19  
September 25 and 26**

**October 2 and 3  
October 9 and 10  
October 16 and 17  
October 23 and 24  
October 30 and 31**

**NO CLASSES COLUMBUS DAY**

**NO CLASS - HALLOWEEN**

**November 6 and 7  
November 13 and 14  
November 20 and 21  
November 27 and 28**

**NO CLASS – ELECTION DAY**

**NO CLASS - Thanksgiving**

**December 4 and 5  
December 11 and 12  
December 18 and 19  
December 25 and 26  
January 1 and 2**

**NO CLASSES - CHRISTMAS**

**NO CLASSES - NEW YEAR'S**

**January 8 and 9  
January 15 and 16  
January 22 and 23  
January 29 and 30**

**NO CLASS - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

**February 5 and 6  
February 12 and 13  
February 19 and 20  
February 26 and 27**

**NO CLASS – PRESIDENTS' DAY**

**March 5 and 6  
March 12 and 13  
March 19 and 20  
March 26 and 27**

**April 2 and 3  
April 9 and 10  
April 16 and 17  
April 23 and 24**

**NO CLASS - SPRING BREAK**

**LAST CLASS**

**- CURRICULUM -**

STORIES OF GOD'S LOVE – RCL Benziger (K)

BLEST ARE WE – Silver Burdett (Grades 1-5)

Faith and Word Edition

- Grade 1      This text focuses on the theme of the Trinity, God the Creator, Jesus, His Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Grade 2      The emphasis shifts to a study of the Sacraments as the children review Baptism and prepare for the reception of Eucharist and Reconciliation.
- Grade 3      The Church is the focus of this text as the students learn about the beliefs held by Catholics.
- Grade 4      Morality is emphasized in this text through a study of the beatitudes and of Jesus as the example of Christian living.
- Grade 5      The seven Sacraments are presented as sacred signs and celebrations in this text.
- Special Ed    Children with special education needs are assigned to a special ed teacher and mainstreamed into a class on their grade level.

School Year 2017/2018

## **DISCIPLINE POLICY**

According to the document on education from Vatican II, the parents are the primary religious educators of their children.

It is our function to help the parents in their work.

Our teachers are all volunteers working with about twelve students per class. The behavior of one cannot interfere with the learning of the others in the class. Our policy, therefore, is as follows:

If a teacher finds it impossible to meet the needs of the entire group due to the disruptive behavior of one, that disruptive child will be removed from the classroom. The administrator will then call the parents to take the child home. The child will only be readmitted to class if accompanied by the parents to the following class for discussion with the teacher.

If the child is unable to function in the community of the classroom, the parents will be given appropriate materials for his or her religious education in the home.

Monsignor Hugh Marren

Pastor

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Young peoples' mass at the 8:45 mass.

### SERVICE PROJECTS

Back to School	School Supplies for IOH
Thanksgiving	Food Boxes for IOH
Advent/ Christmas	Support existing parish projects
Lent/Easter	Rice Bowls
VBS/Summer PSR	St. Vincent de Paul Food Collection
On Going	Pull for the Ronald McDonald House
On Going	Children's Book Collection – Christ Child Society

### FAMILY EVENTS

August 6, 2017	Back to School Blessing – 8:45 mass/ 10:30 mass
October 7, 2017	Blessing of the Animals - 10:00 am – in front of church
October 23, 2017	Children's Living Rosary - 5:30 pm - Social Hall
December 2, 2017	Dessert with Santa - 9:00 am - noon
December 18, 2017	Christmas Pageant - 5:30 pm in the church
March 26, 2018	Children's Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm in church
May 6, 2018	May Crowning 8:45 mass

### ONE WEEK PSR

June 4-8, 2018	8:45am – 3:00pm
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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 11-15, 2018	9:00am – noon.
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**TEACHER and ASSISTANT EVENTS TBA**

**CHAMPS – FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE YOUTH GROUP**  
TBA