

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish School of Religion (PSR)

The Parish School of Religion at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is designed for the children of our parish. Children attending Catholic Schools are encouraged and welcome to attend, this will help to reinforce their faith education and foster friendships with the other children of our faith community.

PSR aims to educate and form our students in our rich Catholic faith including preparing them for the reception of sacraments as well as deepening and reinforcing the knowledge of their religion and values for living.

Parents are reminded that they are the primary educators of their children and that their home is the first church. The PSR faculty, consisting of volunteers, is here to walk with you in accomplishing the goal of a closer and personal relationship with Christ and into a deeper sacramental life in His Church for your children.

The PSR program conducts regularly scheduled classes on Sundays from 9:30 – 10:45 AM, August through May. There are about 30 classes a year, grades 1st through 8th. Participation is expected and attendance records are kept.

Our program currently has 54 registered students, with two teachers in each class. This year we have six children preparing to make their First Holy Communion and ten children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Each year we participate in a variety of activities:

- Our 8th grade Confirmation class attends a retreat at the beginning of the PSR year. This retreat helps the students to bond with one another and begin to spiritually prepare them to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. In the spring, we hold a retreat for the 5th, 6th and 7th grade students. The kids enjoy time away, creating new friendships while encouraging and reinforcing them to have a personal friendship with Christ. We could not do this without the leadership of our Youth Ministers, high school student leaders and parents volunteering their time to make the retreats a huge success.
- With the help of our choir and teachers, the students perform a Christmas play focusing on the Birth of our Savior at our parish wide Christmas party. On Christmas Eve, two of our children carried up Baby Jesus while the rest offered a gift of their love wrapped in small packages and offered them at the altar.
- Vacation Bible School is held each year for both St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Henry parishes for ages K5 - 5th grade. This year VBS took place on June 18 – 20, 2018 in the parish hall. Our theme was "Growing with the Saints on the Vatican Express". With the help of our high school students, PSR teachers and parent volunteers, we fed, taught lessons and songs to 32 of young kids.