

## **OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE Family of Parishes**

Assumption ✝ St. Bartholomew ✝ St. Bernard ✝ St. Clare ✝ Mother of Christ ✝ St. Vivian

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August 1, 2023

Dear Our Lady of Divine Providence Family:

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a part of the religious education community that meets on Sunday mornings to build and connect your children's Catholic faith with the parish community and the world in which we live. **NEW this year, families from all the parishes of Our Lady of Divine Providence are invited to participate together in a unified program!**

### Parish School of Religion (PSR)

What is the purpose of PSR? PSR teaches the tenets, truths, and traditions of our Catholic faith to children who are not attending Catholic schools. The classes are the religious education to inform and explain what we believe and give children a solid foundation. We create a faith-filled and fun environment for children to learn and explore their Catholic faith while building community and lasting friendships. PSR supplements and complements parents, who are the first teachers of the faith for their children, and works in tandem with immediate preparation when the child is getting ready to receive a sacrament.

**PSR will meet from October 1 through April 21 for 2023-2024.** We are grateful to the three catechists who are willing to continue teaching at St. Clare. However, we are not staffed to hold classes weekly. Please see the enclosed schedule for the days we are meeting and mark each on your family's calendar. Consistent attendance will benefit your child and your child's catechist to keep the continuity of lessons. It also is important for your family to be active members and attend Mass every Sunday to support and affirm what the children are learning.

### Class Details

**We will meet in the Undercroft of St. Clare Church. Sunday mornings begin with prayer at 9:10am.** Parents are invited to stay for prayer. After the prayer, the children are dismissed to their respective classes. **The classes end at 10:15am.** You can enter the undercroft via the Salvia Street door and parking is available on the street and in the parking lot off Salvia Street marked for St. Clare. ***On the first day of class, we will hold a parent meeting while the children are in class. Please make every effort to have at least one parent attend.***

**We will be using *Family of Faith* by Sophia Institute.** We will use Volume II which covers the Sacraments, the second of four pillars in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Parents provided input about the materials and were pleased with the monthly thematic structure, strong Catholic content, and variety of activities. Some families used the Parent's Guide of Volume I, Profession of Faith, at-home with their children. We plan to have the catechists use the Parent's Guide in class with the children and send some activities home to reinforce classroom learning.

## How Parents Can Be Involved

**First and foremost, sharing your faith through word and lived example is how parents can be involved in their children's faith development.** Attending Mass, praying as a family, reading the Bible, and serving others are a few examples of how you can nurture your family's faith.

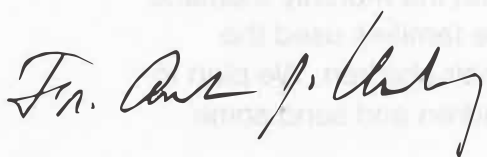
**Second, we would appreciate your help to reinforce classroom learning.** Please be sure to complete any lessons or activities that your child brings home; it will be beneficial especially when class is not in session. **NEW this year!** At the end of last year, parents suggested organizing service, prayer, or social activities on some of weeks when class is not in session to supplement the in-class lessons and link religious education with lived faith. Some examples could be attending a Baptism, helping at a food pantry, or sending notes to homebound or military who are away from home. **On the first day of class, we will hold a parent meeting while the children are in class.** Please make every effort to attend so that we can generate a diverse selection of events for the year.

**Finally, parents can be involved as catechists.** Catechists do need to be approved to work with children before they can start. We provide materials and will give as much help as you need to get you going in a new ministry. Maybe you don't think you're ready this year. Would you consider shadowing a catechist this year to take on the role potentially in the following year? **Volunteer catechists are the backbone of PSR and the most important quality is the willingness to share your faith with children.** You can indicate your interest as a catechist on the registration form or call Donna (513-541-2100).

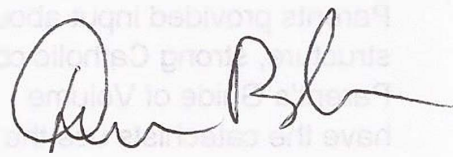
## Registration Information

Enclosed you will find a registration form, Archdiocese permission form, and a calendar for the year. **Please fill out the registration and permission forms and return them to the St. Clare Parish office by September 1.** Please provide your email address as it will be used for communication. Please respond by the due date the names and grades of the children who will be attending so that materials can be ordered and ready for the first day even if you need time to send the payment. The cost for PSR this year is: one child = \$40.00; two children = \$50.00; three or more children = \$60.00. Checks are payable to St. Clare Church. If your child will not be attending PSR, please let us know.

If you would prefer to homeschool with the Sophia Institute materials, you will need to purchase the parent's guide for your use. Please indicate as such on the registration form and include the additional payment of \$20 for the parent's guide.



Fr. Andrew Umberg



Donna Booker

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### Class Dates for Parish School of Religion 2023-2024

**St. Clare Undercroft, 9:10am-10:15am**

*(use Salvia Street entrance)*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Season/Feast</b>	<b>Please note:</b>	
<b>Oct 1</b>	26th Ordinary Time	<b>Parent meeting during class time</b>	
Oct 8	27th Ordinary Time		
Oct 22	29th Ordinary Time		
Nov 5	31st Ordinary Time		
Nov 19	33rd Ordinary Time		
<b>Nov 26</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>NO PSR</b>	
Dec 3	1st Advent		
<b>Dec 17</b>	<b>Meet at ST. BART 10-11am</b>	<b>**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL** Fr. Umberg will share his Nativity display with PSR Families!</b>	<b>10am at St. Bart Church 11:15 Mass at St. Bart</b>
<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	<b>NO PSR</b>	
<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	<b>NO PSR</b>	
Jan 7	Epiphany		
Jan 21	3rd Ordinary Time		
Feb 11	6th Ordinary Time		
Feb 25	2nd Lent		
Mar 10	4th Lent		
Mar 17	5th Lent		
<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>EASTER</b>	<b>NO PSR</b>	
Apr 14	3rd Easter		
Apr 21	4th Easter		



**PLEASE RETURN to ST. CLARE PARISH OFFICE by SEPTEMBER 1. Thank You!**  
**OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE Family of Parishes**  
**PSR Registration 2023 – 2024**

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

BAPTIZED? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

CHURCH & YEAR OF BAPTISM \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**PSR FAMILY FEES = one child = \$40, two children = \$50, three or more = \$60**

Check payable to: St. Clare Church.  
1443 Cedar Ave.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45224

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ (OVER)

EMERGENCY CONTACT IN CASE PARENT CANNOT BE REACHED:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES: (FOOD & MEDICAL) \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL CONDITIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in being a catechist for the 2023-24 school year.

If you have a grade preference, please list it here: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in shadowing a catechist for the 2023-24 school year.

If you have a grade preference, please list it here: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I could substitute as a catechist in a PSR class as needed.

**HOMESCHOOL OPTION:**

If you would prefer to homeschool your child with *Family of Faith* by Sophia Institute, you will need to purchase an activity book (\$20) for each child and a parent guide (\$20). You will need to pick up the materials from the St. Clare rectory and make check payable to St. Clare Church. Please indicate here how many you need of each:

Number of activity book(s) for child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Parent's Guide(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? Contact Donna Booker  
([dbooker@saintclareparish.org](mailto:dbooker@saintclareparish.org), 513-541-2100).**

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI  
PERMISSION, RELEASE AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT (rev. 06-2020)**

1. I, the parent or lawful guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Child"), give permission for my Child to participate in the activity described on the *Activity Information* form (the "Activity") and release from all liability and indemnify Our Lady of Divine Providence Family of Parishes/St. Clare Parish ("School"), the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (the "Archdiocese"), the Archbishop of Cincinnati (the "Archbishop"), both individually and as trustee for the Archdiocese, and all parishes and schools within the Archdiocese, their respective officers, agents, representatives, volunteers, and employees, and all priest, bishops, clergy, and religious of the foregoing entities, from any and all liability, claims, judgments, damages, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising out of any injury, death, illness, or infectious disease, such as MRSA, influenza, or COVID-19, (including any injury, death, illness, or infectious disease caused by the negligence of School, the Archbishop, the Archdiocese, any parish or school within the Archdiocese, and/or their respective officers, agents, representatives, volunteers or employees) incurred by my child while participating in or traveling to or from the Activity and further agree not to bring or prosecute or allow to be brought or prosecuted (including but not limited to prosecution through subrogation) in my name, or on behalf of my Child, any claims, lawsuits, or actions against School, the Archbishop, the Archdiocese, all parishes and schools within the Archdiocese, and their respective officers, agents, representatives, volunteers and employees.

2. I further understand that my Child's participation in the Activity is purely voluntary and is a privilege and not a right, and that my Child, and I on behalf of my Child, agree to my Child's participation in the Activity in spite of the risks.

3. I agree to instruct my Child to cooperate with the Archbishop or his agents in charge of the activity.

4. I appoint the Archbishop or his agents who are acting as leaders of the Activity to seek medical treatment of my Child in the event any injury, illness, infectious disease, or medical emergency occurs during the Activity or related travel. I understand that the agents of the Archbishop will make a reasonable attempt to contact me as soon as possible in the event of a medical emergency involving my Child.

5. I  agree  do not agree that the Archbishop or his agents may use my Child's portrait or photograph for promotional purposes, website, and office functions and use social media and technology to communicate to my Child regarding ministry related activities.

6. This acknowledgement and release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the State of Ohio, and if any portion hereof is declared invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. This acknowledgement and release shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, except for the choice of law provisions thereof.

7. School, the Archdiocese, the Archbishop and their agents, employees, and volunteers shall have no liability whatsoever in the event the Activity is cancelled due, in whole or in part, to any present or future pandemic, epidemic, widespread disease or illness, public health concern, or circumstances arising therefrom, or from actions taken by any governmental or municipal authority to prevent, avoid, or mitigate the impacts thereof, irrespective of whether formally declared as a "pandemic", "epidemic", or the like by any public health entity or governing body.

I have carefully read and understand and accept the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this Permission, Release and Authorization to Seek Medical Treatment shall be effective and binding upon me, my Child, and my own and my Child's personal representative or estate, assigns, heirs, and next of kin and that I have signed this agreement of my own free will.

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Witness Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Phone No. (cell): \_\_\_\_\_; (other Phone No.): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone No. (cell): \_\_\_\_\_; (other Phone No.): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Medical Information — Completed by Parent or Guardian — Please Print**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
Medications \_\_\_\_\_  
Chronic Conditions (e.g. epilepsy, diabetes) \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Insurance Co. \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITY INFORMATION  
Completed by Church Agency - Please Print**

**A. On-Going Program**

Church Agency OLODP Family of Parishes Program or Group PSR  
Starting Date Oct 2023 Ending Date April 2024  
Registration Fee \$40 one child /\$50 two children /\$60 three or more  
Usual Location St. Clare Church Undercroft Usual day and time Sunday 9:10-10:15am  
Routine Activities class instruction  
Group Leader Donna Booker Telephone No. 513-541-2100  
Other Information \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Check here if any additional information is attached. (Note: any additional activity information (e.g. schedule, list of specific activities, etc.) may be attached to further inform parents(s) or guardian(s).