

One handbook per catechist and/or family, please!

August 2015

Dear catechists and families,

We are embarking on yet another school year of ‘forming intentional disciples’ at St. Joseph the Worker! Thanks are due to YOU, the catechists and families, for the special role you play in helping to educate the children of our parish in the great Faith we profess. Our hope is that the Parish School of Religion (PSR) does well to supplement the faith formation already experienced by our children in their homes, under the care and guidance of parents and grandparents.

This year, we plan to incorporate some additional, fun ‘incentives’ to encourage participation in weekly classes by our students. For our teachers, we plan to help them work towards Certification by further study of Catechetics, Theology, and Scripture. Programs will also be made available for all parishioners to take part in ongoing faith formation through the Internet, as well as through sessions held on-site. With these efforts, we hope to build on the wonderful programs already in place at St. Joseph the Worker and strive to help everyone in the parish grow in knowledge of – and love for – our Catholic Faith.

Please take and read the attached **Handbook** so as to familiarize yourself with the current mission, directives, calendar, and other items pertinent to PSR. The **Handbook** was developed utilizing material from existing PSR guidelines and best practices. If you have any comments, questions, concerns, or notice anything that needs corrected in the **Handbook** text, please contact J.B. Kelly, Director of Religious Education (417-827-2464, sjwdre@saintjosephozark.org).

Please sign and return the ‘Acknowledgement’ form by September 20.

The weekly parish bulletin will be a primary form of communicating updates related to PSR as well as to Adult Faith Formation programs. Please remember to read the bulletin each week to ‘keep up’ with your parish family and the great things happening at St. Joseph the Worker!

May this year be one of blessing for you and yours...

In Jesus and Mary,

Rev. Fr. Scott Sunnenberg, Pastor

J.B. Kelly, Director of Religious Education