

St. Anthony/St. Mary
Office of PSR
145 Center St.
Milan, Ohio 44846

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Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you to another exciting year of PSR and the opportunity for our staff to work with you and your child in sharing our Catholic faith.

As you have probably figured out at this time, our program will be slightly different this year. Your child's safety and wellbeing has always been our main priority, however during this difficult time with Covid-19, we are being extra cautious where colds, flu, and viruses are concerned.

Our schedule will be the most significant change. At this time we are looking at alternating our class days:

- Preschool -3rd grade will attend the first Sunday of the month for classroom discussion, activities, assignments and instructions for the remainder of the month. We are also looking at some online options to partner with on the weeks they are not in the classroom. (2nd grade is the exception).
- Fourth grade – Eighth grade will come the third Sunday of each month (8th grade being the exception.)
- **Sacramental students (2nd & 8th Grade) will have class each week.**

In following this format we are able to utilize our larger classrooms for each grade, enabling us to social distance our students. Students will also be asked to wear a mask when they are entering and leaving the classroom, or at any time they are not distanced from others. Once they are in their seats, the children will be permitted to remove the masks with parents' permission.

Other safety measures we are taking will include:

- Asking parents to take your child's temperature before bringing them to class.
- Hand sanitizer & Clorox wipes will be in all of the classrooms
- Classrooms will be sanitized before and after all classes to insure a clean and healthy environment.
- Staff members will be required to wear a mask.

Our classes will begin on Sunday, September 13th @ 9:00 a.m. (**Grades Pre K – 3rd**) and Sunday, September 20th for **Grades 4-8**; with 8th grade coming each week at this time.

The enclosed calendar should help to keep everyone organized.

A copy of our calendar will also be posted on our web site, www.milanstanthony.org along with our bad weather policy and other important information under the PSR tab. It will also be handed out on opening day.

Parents you are the primary educator of your child/ children; however attendance in class is vital when preparing to receive the sacraments. We only have the students one hour a

week and time is crucial in providing our students with a quality religious education experience. I also understand and share your concerns at this time, and the decision to send your child or keep him/her home is respectfully the parents. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. Together and with the grace of our heavenly Father, we can work through this.

PSR is about providing for the youth of our parishes, a sincere love, desire and understanding for their Catholic Faith. Please join us as we look forward to another faith filled year with the children of St. Anthony/St. Mary parishes.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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