

Our class begins at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. We only have an hour for class so we ask the children to be prompt so we can begin our classes on time. Students in grades P4-4th should not be released from the classroom until a parent comes to retrieve them. We assign the students to complete the (quiz) review section of each chapter with a parent/guardian and/or with their families if possible. We prefer to call this "Family Faith Sharing" rather than homework because it helps families learn and share how to live their Catholic faith. When you and your child have shared and completed the chapter review section (or other assignments), please sign or initial it, put it in the folder and send it along with their books to class. Your child will receive a treat, praise and credit for this. We also give awards at the end of the year for best attendance and "Family Faith Sharing" assignments completed. We may also do other activities and service projects this year. We ask you to please review the parent/student handbook with your child as well.

Each child has been given a list of prayers that the fourth graders are to know. Your child will be asked to say them individually during this PSR year. Prayer Certificates will be given for knowing all of the following prayers: The Sign of the Cross, The Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, Apostles' Creed, Prayer to St. Michael, and the Prayer of Fatima. These and many other catholic prayers are listed in the blue section of the student's books. Please review these prayers with your child. Another great way to learn many of these prayers is to pray the Rosary every day. Our parish also offers the opportunity to pray the Rosary in church, individually or as a family. The Rosary Group prays the Rosary after every 9:00 a.m. Mass during the week, and it is also prayed at 10:30 a.m. in the church every Sunday morning. Prayers can be found on the website: <http://www.smareligioused.catholicweb.com/>

We feel very blessed to be able to share our Catholic faith with our parish children. Please pray that we (parents and catechists/PSR staff) can "TEACH AS JESUS TAUGHT" and that our children (and all of us) can be open to receiving and living His message.

Let us know if your child has allergies or other special needs. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We know you, as parents, are your child's primary teachers of the faith. May God bless us all as we serve and give glory and honor to Him; and help lead our children and all others to the Kingdom of God.

Yours in Christ,

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TEACH AS JESUS TAUGHT

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Dear Fourth Grade Parents/Guardians,

We are very pleased to have your child in our Fourth Grade PSR class. The books and resources we will be using are from the *Faith and Life Series* Revised Edition from Ignatius Press. Our fourth grade book is titled *Jesus Our Guide*. It is an interesting series and one that is educational and faith-filled. We recommend all families have a *Catholic Bible*, a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and a Rosary. Our bookstore here at St. Michael the Archangel should have these items in stock if you need to purchase them.

On a personal note, we would like to introduce ourselves to you~~~~

Greetings! My name is Mary Mendez and I am your child's fourth grade PSR co-catechist. My husband, Mark, and I have been married for over 27 years and have two adult children, Kristen (26) and Michael (24). We moved to Woodstock (and this parish) in August of 2001 from Valparaiso, IN. I received 12 years of Catholic schooling and have been involved in Religious Education through our parishes for the last 20 years. I enjoy being actively involved in my parish and community. I am an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, a member of Rosary Group, a volunteer for Ministry to the Sick and Shut-In, and a division leader for Adoration here at St. Michael the Archangel. I also enjoy many community activities as well. I look forward to teaching your child and meeting all of you.

Hi, my name is Jennifer Hanford and I am excited to be teaching fourth grade this year! I have taught third grade PSR for the last three years, having taught first and second for over six years prior to that. I have a 10-year-old son who is also in fourth grade this year. I enjoy being involved in my community. I am currently a co-chair and board member of the PTA. I have volunteered at the Hosea Feed the Hungry for the past 9 years. I have been a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church for over 30 years (ever since I was a little girl). I have a busy schedule like most of you- filled with baseball, meetings and running my own business. I also love gardening, watching movies and reading. I look forward to meeting all of you!

We will be sending home the lesson each week via your child's folder. Please be sure your child brings their folder with any chapter assignments and BOOKS with them to each class. We recommend keeping all the chapter assignments as we may play games and have quizzes/tests and your child will need them for review. The student books are **NOT** theirs to keep! They are to be used for reference and learning only so please keep them in good condition. They will be used by students every year so please do **NOT** write or mark in them in any way. The *Activity* books (or activity pages from them) may be sent home with them and they are for the student's use throughout the year. They are expected to do assignments and bring them back to each class.