

**High School PSR**  
**Church of the Gesu**  
2017-2018

All 18 sessions will begin promptly at 10:00 until 11:10 in the music room.

**Sept 10**  
**Sept 17**  
**Sept 24**  
**Oct 1**  
**Oct 8**  
**Oct 15**  
**Oct 22**  
**Oct 29**  
**Nov 5**  
**Nov 12**  
**Nov 19**

**Dec 3**  
**Dec 10**  
**Dec 17**  
  
**Christmas Break**  
  
**Jan 7**  
**Jan 14**  
**Jan 21**  
**Jan 28**

**Thanksgiving Break**

The dates are not all consecutive Sundays in a row, so please post them on your master calendar.

High school PSR at Gesu follows a four-year cycle which addresses four critical areas of religious education. This year's course will consider the second of four critical questions: *What does it mean to be religious?* It follows a four-year cycle examining what it means to be human, religious, Christian, and Catholic. There is no more fundamental question than "Does God exist?" How we answer this question shapes how we answer all questions about ourselves and the universe. This year, we will focus on issues like basics of logic, the nature of faith, faith and science, religion, atheism, agnosticism, arguments for the existence of God, the nature of God, world religions, suffering and God, and prayer.

The ultimate success of this course depends on you, the parent. If you truly value this, then they will as well. If you make their religious education a priority, then they will treat it as if it is important. The parents of Gesu have demonstrated in the past that spiritual development is as important as academic, athletic, or social activities. I am confident that this will continue this year. I promise to do my part to teach sound Catholic theology. Together, we can help communicate the good news of Jesus Christ to the youth of this parish. Here are some basic rules that we will abide by:

- #1 **Be on time and attend all the sessions.** Just as a coach demands his athletes to attend all practices, I need the students to be there consistently in order to learn.
- #2 **Come prepared to learn and work, not to socialize.** I expect my students to show personal discipline.
- #3 **Keep a positive attitude.** I will try to make it interesting and thought-provoking.

I look forward to another great year of teaching. In advance, thank you for supporting this important endeavor.