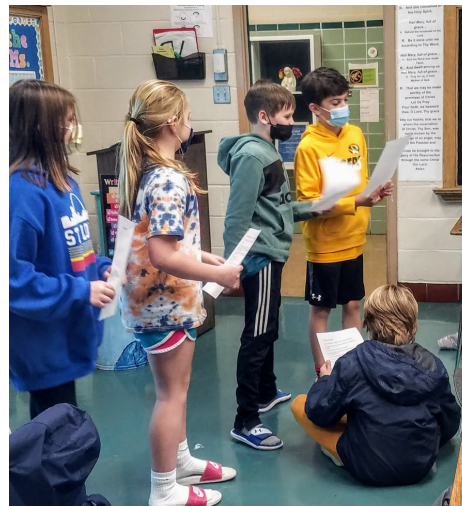
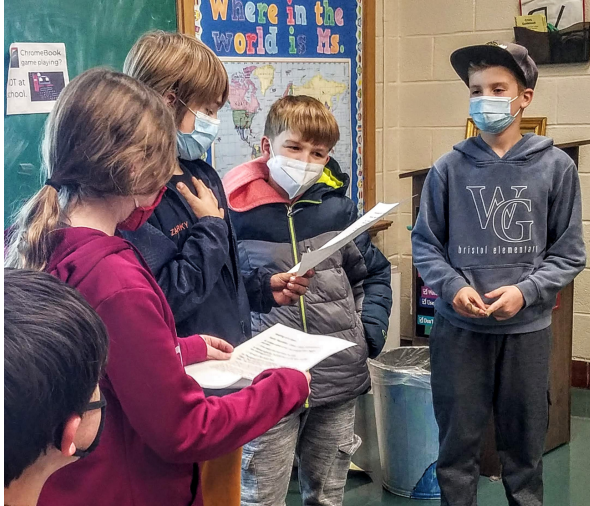


PSR Newsletter

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



Faith in Action

It is hard to believe, but we have completed our first three quarters of the PSR year already! Our 4th - 8th Graders discussed lessons on virtue formation and chastity education. They focused on how our Catholic faith can help us in our relationships. They learned how to treat themselves and others with love, respect, dignity, and the importance of living lives that are happy and holy. The classes are learning new ways to pray. They are also focusing on our salvation history, through skits, praying Scripture together, and preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

Our PSR Community is preparing our hearts for Easter by reflecting on the practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving with our families. We celebrated Mass with Father Mike on Ash Wednesday, and the students did an excellent job leading us! Classes had the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross. Our upper grades celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through prayer and the Sacraments, we will continue to receive God's grace to live out the Paschal Mystery in our own lives.

"Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return."

This season of Lent began Ash Wednesday, March 2. We journeyed together as a parish and PSR community, recalling where we have been, where we are headed in the eternal life to come, and reflecting on the beautiful blessings in this life. Lent is a very fruitful time for each of us, as we embrace all that it offers. We are called to deepen our relationship with Jesus during this season of Lent.



How can each of us allow this mark of ashes to be a part of our Lenten journey, and transform the rest of our life. Lent is an opportunity to step back from our ordinary, busy lives, and focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. How can we fill our time differently? May the Lord guide us this Lent to make small sacrifices, so we can love more and reflect him to others each day.

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Triduum Services
April 14-17

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Last PSR Class
Wednesday, May 11

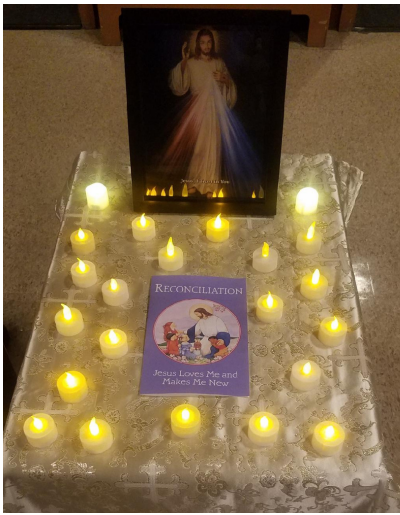
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End-of-Year PSR Mass
Wednesday, May 18



Grace in the Sacraments

Our Second Graders received their First Reconciliation during a blessed prayer service with Fr. Mike and a few other wonderful priests. Once they received Jesus' grace and forgiveness, they placed a lighted candle on a table as a representation of the light of Christ they now carry in their hearts. They



look forward to encountering Christ more deeply when they receive their First Holy Communion. Students were given luminary bags with

candles from Mrs. Kelly to remind them to bring Christ's light to the world. They also enjoyed gift bags!

Faith in the Classroom

The students continue to work on so many faith activities, discussions, and projects in the classroom. Some activities were: writing out a timeline of our Salvation History, having discussions about the real presence in the Eucharist, writing out their Lenten goals, praying with Scripture, and bringing to life the Word of God through action. The classes have been busy having fun! We look forward to learning about the Triduum, understanding the Sacraments in the Church, and learning how to live out the grace we receive in our own lives. It is great to hear the students talk about how their faith has changed, and to see them put it into practice through prayer, kindness, and learning the teachings of the Church.



PSR Community Events

In our last quarter, we are excited about so many community events. We look forward to the Reconciliation service, preparing for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, studying and praying the Scriptures, and learning about the liturgical seasons of the Triduum and Easter. We culminate the year with a PSR family end-of-year Mass, where children participate in various liturgical roles, such as lectors, gift bearers, and choir. Blessings on you all as we near the end of the PSR school year.

Annunciation's Parish Mission

Our Mission, as the prayerful community of Annunciation, is to announce the good news of Jesus Christ by living and sharing our Catholic faith.