

# PSR Newsletter

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Praying Together as a Community

We began our PSR year with a meet and greet popsicle party so families could meet the PSR team and spend time with their peers and other families. This year we are blessed to have over 55 families and 108 students in our PSR ministry. We love to have so much involvement in PSR. Our classes are learning more about our Catholic faith, and how to incorporate prayer into their everyday lives through Scripture, works of mercy, community prayer, and the Saints.

In October families met in the gym for Family Rosary Night to pray the Rosary together and lift up intentions. Our students took turns leading us in prayer with the help of our high school catechist assistants. It was beautiful to see how excited the students were in leading these prayers.

Father Mike, Mrs. Kelly, PSR Coordinator, and Amy Buehrle, PSR Co-Coordinator, have enjoyed spending time with families, greeting the students each week, and visiting the classrooms. Our eighth graders have been working hard participating in service activities and reflecting on the Mass readings as they prepare for Confirmation. The second graders are finalizing their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation coming up in December. Please continue to keep our children and families in your prayers.

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**12/3/22**

**2nd Graders First  
Reconciliation**

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**12/7/22**

**Collection for  
Parish Giving tree**

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**12/21 & 12/28**

**Christmas  
Break**

## A Season of Gratitude

This first semester has been full of blessings. We are very grateful to know and spend time with each of your families in this PSR ministry. Thank you for being part of our community, and continuing to grow in your relationship with Jesus.

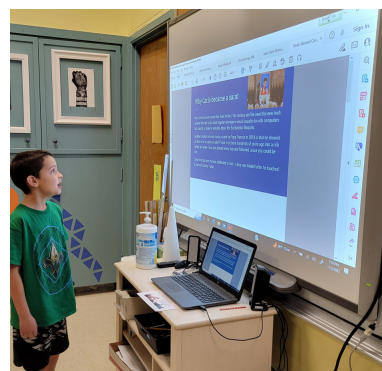


In November, we celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving, together with PSR families. The PSR students did a great job leading us in the various liturgical roles of the Mass. Families generously brought in over ten baskets loaded with food donations for Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Thank you for your offerings to those in need, and for joining us in celebrating the "Source and Summit" of our Catholic faith, the Eucharist.

**TO KNOW HIM**

**TO LOVE HIM**

**TO SERVE HIM**



## Saints in the Making

Our students are growing in their relationship with Jesus and his Church by spending time encountering Jesus in the Scriptures, worshipping together at Mass, sharing prayer intentions each week, and learning about the lives of the Saints. All of our classes participate in engaging activities to dive deeper into the Gospel stories. Our second graders are pictured above, role-playing with the Story of Creation. Our first graders created Fall pumpkins, then added the Saint pictures in celebration of All Saints Day (pictured top left). Our fourth graders created a PowerPoint presentation about a Saint they wanted to learn more about. They each shared their presentation in class with their peers (pictured top right). Our eighth graders recently spent time reading about different Saints and creating posters on a specific Saint that interested them as they continued to discern which Saint to choose for their Confirmation.

## Importance of Scripture

Classes continue to reflect on the Mass readings through monthly Scripture lessons that incorporate the upcoming Sunday Gospel into activities for children to encounter the Word of God more deeply. These lessons introduce students to the Liturgical Year, helping them to learn about the various Solemnities and Feast Days, as they focus on the Paschal Mystery. Each week our catechists incorporate Scripture lessons and Bible verses in their class lesson to help the students grow deeper in relationship with Jesus through the Word of God. We strive to help the children learn to feel more comfortable with reading and proclaiming the Scriptures, praying with their Bibles at home as a family, and learning the Bible stories.

## Bible Blessing Night

This year we continued the tradition of our Bible Blessing Family night, where the third and sixth graders receive their very own Bibles at a special prayer service! The students in these classes gathered with their parents, Father Mike, Mrs. Ann Kelly, and Catechists for a special Bible blessing. Father Mike explained the importance of allowing the Word of God to speak through them as they pray with the Bible. Mrs. Kelly reminded them of the sacredness of the Bible, and Mrs. Amy Buehrle, led the students and parents in praying Sacred Scripture through Lectio Divina and Visio Divina. Parents had discussion time with their children, then were given the opportunity to share with the group. It was a prayerful evening enjoyed by families.

### 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.