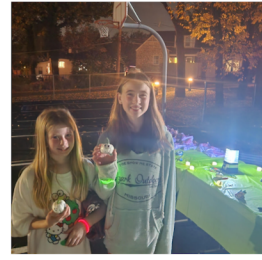


# PSR Newsletter

## ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



### Family Rosary Night and Fall Festival

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 come together as a community in prayer.

After praying the Rosary together, families gathered outside around fire pits for some fall festival fun! Students and their families enjoyed kettle corn, apple cider, pumpkin decorating, and glow sticks! It was a fantastic fall evening of prayer, community, and fun! Thank you to all the families who donated their fire pits and to everyone who helped organize and clean up this fun, family event.

This prayer night builds on our PSR curriculum to help students learn the importance of prayer, community, and bringing Jesus to others in their everyday life. All PSR grades focus on a *Saints Spotlight* each month. September focused on St. Therese of Lisieux and her *little way* of sharing Jesus with others through her everyday life. The students made *good deed beads* that slide on a string between the crucifix at one end and a St. Therese of Lisieux medal at the other. Each time they do a good deed, they move a bead from the medal to the crucifix, as they learn the importance of prayer and service.

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Family Night  
in Church with Fr. Mike

All Grades

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3/13 &amp; 3/20

NO PSR  
SPRING BREAK

3

3/27/24

Family Night  
in Church with Fr. Mike

4th - 8th Grade

### All Saints' Day Mass

The first semester in PSR 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. May we all continue to grow in our relationship with Jesus as one faith community.



In November, we celebrated All Saints' Day Mass together with PSR families and Annunciation Parish. The PSR students did a great job leading us in the various liturgical roles of the Mass. Thank you for joining us in celebrating the "Source and Summit" of our Catholic faith, the Eucharist.

In PSR, our curriculum is centered on the Mass, and is strongest when our children participate in Mass on Sundays.



## Rite of Enrollment Confirmation Mass

In October our PSR joined all HCA parishes in participating in the Confirmation Rite of Enrollment Masses at each parish. Our PSR students who were parishioners from Annunciation and Our Lady of Providence went to the Our Lady of Providence commissioning Mass, and our PSR students who attend Seven Holy Founders and Saint Michael the Archangel attended those parishes for their commissioning Mass and blessing.

The Mass marks the beginning of their journey toward Confirmation, and it was a beautiful witness to their faith. Students were invited to approach the Altar to receive a blessing after the Homily and formally make their commitment with promises proclaimed in front of the entire faith community. Parishioners also gave their witness and commitment to pray for our 8th Graders during their Confirmation preparation. This year Confirmation will be celebrated in April at the Cathedral Basilica. Please keep our candidates in your prayers

## Popsicle Party Kickoff

Wednesday, September 6 began our PSR year with a meet-and-greet popsicle party for families to meet the PSR team and build community with their peers and other families. Students and families heard from Mrs. Kelly and Father Mike about the year, then met catechists. The evening concluded with playground time and cool treats.

This year we are again blessed to have over 100 students in our PSR ministry. We love to have so much involvement in PSR. Our classes continue to learn more about their Catholic faith, and how to incorporate prayer into their everyday lives through Scripture, works of mercy, community, and the lives of the Saints.

## Advent Service in Love

This year we continued the tradition of service in love during Advent. Families gathered in the cafeteria to make care packages for the homeless. Included in the packages were cards students made with prayerful messages, and supplies that families put in bags, such toothbrushes, toothpaste, snacks, handwarmers, and water. Thank you to all of the PSR families who provided the donations.

Mrs. Kelly spoke about the importance of service to others, and everyone prayed for those who would receive the kits. Families left with several kits to keep in their cars to offer to anyone they encounter who is in need.

## 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.