

# PSR Newsletter

Annunciation Catholic Church



## The Importance of Parish School Education (PSR)

*A message from Ann Kelly, PSR Coordinator*

PSR is off to an amazing start!! This is my second year as the PSR Coordinator. I love every minute of sharing our faith with the children and watching them grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

I'm often asked, What's PSR all about? To me, PSR is about prayer and community. In the PSR program, children learn about their Catholic faith and pray together in the classroom. They also participate in community service, learn how to lead in various liturgical roles, and enjoy family nights both in classrooms and at parish events throughout the year.

Thank you for all you do as parents, and for making your Catholic faith and PSR a priority for them.

## Celebrating A New Year with PSR

Wednesday, August 14, PSR students and their families enjoyed each other's company at a BBQ /Meet the Teacher night. Father Mike, Ann Kelly and the PSR ministry team organized the event to kick off the year. Families gathered in the cafeteria to eat dinner, socialize and hear about the upcoming year. Students met their teachers and other families in the classroom. Many thanks to all who attended. Special thanks to Mariann and Rick Wedel, and the PSR team, who donated the food.

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### SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, September 19,  
8th Grade Confirmation  
Parent meeting at Seven  
Holy Founders Parish  
6:30-7:30

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### CLASS PICTURES

October 2: Please have your  
students wear their T-shirts.  
Students who ordered new  
shirts will receive them in  
class this evening.

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### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Join Us! Walk for the Poor  
Saturday, September 29,  
9:00 a.m. All money raised  
stays in local areas



*Pictured: The fourth-grade class with Mrs. Verhoff meeting in the Annunciation courtyard during their prayer jar reflections.*

## Coming together in prayer

Each PSR class begins with a prayer that students say aloud together. Children are invited to reflect on an intention for their prayer, and in many classes children write notes and place them in a prayer jar.

As prayer is central to your faith, a goal of PSR is to help you as parents pass on your Catholic faith to your children. Everyone is on a different point in their faith journey, and learning to pray together as a community is part of that faith formation. One thing we can show our children is the importance of going to Mass to pray together and encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. Mass participation helps them engage and experience how they are part of our

Parish family and a bigger world family of Catholics.

As parents, educators, and witnesses in our faith, we want to show children how to give praise and thanks to our God and to value spending time with him.

## Student safety

Policies for the program are designed to accommodate parents while still ensuring the safety of our children. Please remember each of the following throughout the year:

**Attendance:** If you know your child will be absent, please email your child's PSR teacher (and cc Ann Kelly) as soon as possible. We will make calls home to check on all students who are absent without notice.

**Sign Out:** No child may leave the building without an authorized adult. Students in grades 7 and 8 may sign themselves and their siblings out of the classroom, and then need to be signed out by an adult at the welcome desk. Students in grades 1-6 need a parent or approved pick up person to go to the classroom to sign out the student.

**Emergencies:** On September 18, all classes will participate in safety drills. Catechists will verbally discuss safety procedures with students prior to that time.

Keeping students safe is a priority while they are in our care, so thank you for all your cooperation and attention to these policies.

## OUR 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.

We are grateful you have chosen to be a part of our PSR family this year! Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the PSR Team if you have questions. Names of members have been included in your PSR folders to help keep you connected.

Yours in Christ,

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