

PSR Newsletter

Annunciation Catholic Church



Feeding the Hungry

The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders participated in a service event to help feed the hungry on 11/28. The students and their parents donated bologna, bread, and cheese and then assembled the sandwiches for St. Anthony of Padua food pantry. These sandwiches were distributed to those in need in neighboring communities the next day. The sandwiches we made were enough to feed 70 families. Our special guest, Sr. Connie from St. Anthony, gave a brief presentation on St. Anthony (Patron Saint of Lost Things) and her Ministry. This was a great event to demonstrate to the students that service can be simple and FUN! Many thanks to the parents that shopped for the food items and came to assist. Also, thanks to volunteers that worked in the background helping to make our event successful.



Reflections on Reconciliation

As our 2nd graders are preparing for their first reconciliation, they are learning about making good decisions, being sorry for their sins, and asking for forgiveness. Most importantly they are learning of Christ's Mercy. God loves us knowing we are sinners and every time we go to reconciliation our sins are completely forgiven, even ones we may not remember, as long as we are truly sorry. As primary faith educators of your children, you can set a good example by going to reconciliation regularly. Here are some other ways:

- Go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
- Be the first to say I'm sorry
- Admit when you are wrong
- Read Bible stories and pray together
- Let others have their way instead of insisting on your way

Our second graders will celebrate this for the first time December 8.

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REMINDERS

No PSR Class
December 26 and
January 2

Classes resume
January 9

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STAY CONNECTED

Access pictures and
information about the
latest in PSR:
[Shutterfly website](#)

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JANUARY 1

Holy Day of Obligation-
Solemnity of Mary
Check bulletin for Mass
times for that work for
your family

Solemnity of Immaculate Conception

Saturday, Dec 8th is The Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. This day recognizes Mary being conceived without sin. See bulletin for Mass times.

Christmas Eve Family Liturgy

Please join us at Annunciation's Parish Family Liturgy on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. This Mass is celebrated in the gym and includes a children's choir and a Gospel Enactment of the birth of Christ. The children love this Mass, and it demonstrates what Christmas is all about. Mrs. Kelly and her family will attend, and she hopes to see our PSR families there.

Preparing for the birth of Christ



First graders (like Micah, left) are learning about Advent by creating their own Advent calendars to take home. In the coming weeks they will read stories about the birth of Christ and perform a play about the Christmas story.

Do you know the story behind the candy cane? Ask a first grader, or check out this video! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8QUD333Mm8

PSR celebrates Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday, November 14, PSR families gathered to give thanks to the Lord and celebrate the Thanksgiving season. Children had important liturgical roles in this Mass such as servers, readers, gift bearers, and choir. The focus of the evening was gratitude. Families were very generous in their donation of canned goods to help the less fortunate. A cookie reception followed the Mass. Thanks to all the families who participated and all the volunteers that assisted with the Mass and reception.



Pop quiz from our 5th grade class!

1. There are _____ candles in an Advent wreath.
2. The Advent wreath is a circle, a symbol used to show that God's _____.
3. Candles are reminders that Jesus is the _____ of the world.
4. On the third week of Advent, we light a _____ colored candle.
5. The color _____ represents the prayer and penance we do during Advent.

Answers: 1. four 2. eternity 3. light 4. rose 5. purple