

PSR Newsletter

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



Supporting Those in Need

During the month of November, PSR focused on Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, especially as 8th Graders began their Confirmation Preparation. We collected supplies for Saint Anthony's of Padua Food Pantry. Normally, PSR families gather for service nights to make sandwiches, but due to Covid-19 precautions, the pantry requested supplies instead. Sister Marie, from the pantry, called when she received the supplies to tell us how much they will help the families, and that they appreciate the support our parishioners and PSR families have provided to them over the years. We look forward to when our service nights can resume, but for now, we will offer our prayers and serve where needed.

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12/16/20
Last Day of
1st Semester

2

12/24 & 12/25
Christmas Masses
Live-streamed or
sign-up for a time

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1/6/21
2nd Semester
Begins

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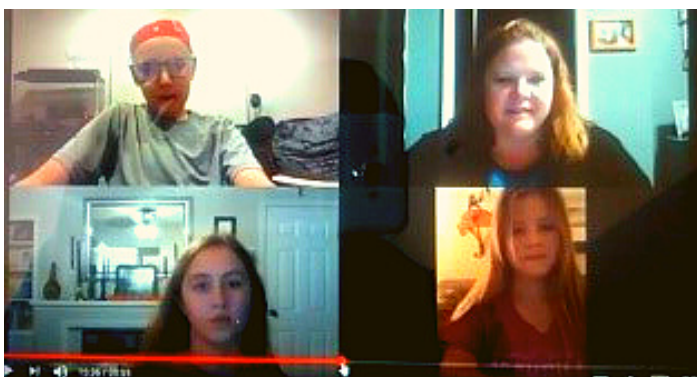
Staying Connected & Family Welcome Night

We are already finishing up our first semester of the PSR year with 80+ students! Although this year has been quite different due to the pandemic, we have learned new ways to stay connected, and we continue to grow together in our relationship with Jesus Christ as a faith community.

We began the year with a Zoom Family Welcome Night in September, where Fr. Mike Esswein and our PSR Coordinator, Ann Kelly, introduced committee members and spoke about the new and engaging online program. Families met with their grade level Catechists on Zoom. Classes continue to meet online monthly to pray together and build community while discussing the weekly online lessons.

PSR in the Home

PSR has implemented an engaging online program this year. It gives parents the opportunity for more involvement in their children's faith formation and education, while keeping safety and flexibility a top priority during the pandemic. As the home is the Domestic Church where children learn how to live their faith, it was important to find tools to help families stay connected and receive support, so they can continue to grow in their Catholic faith during the pandemic. Families are able to progress through the weekly online lessons on their own schedule. They also receive weekly emails with additional resources and family activities. Monthly Zoom meetings are scheduled with Catechists, the PSR Coordinator, and Fr. Mike. Parents are invited to join their children on Zoom as classes pray, reflect on their lessons, and form community with their peers in the virtual classroom. Parents have shared how they appreciate the flexibility and ease of use of the online program, as well as the opportunity to pray with their children more at home.



Advent - A Time of Renewal

December is already here and we are into our second week of Advent. It has been quite the year in 2020, and I think we are all looking forward to a renewal in 2021!

Advent marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year, inviting us into deeper reflection, transformation, and renewal in Christ. Advent means 'coming' in Latin, and it's a time where we can reflect on the three 'comings' of Christ. Christ came to save us all as he entered into our human history as the little baby Jesus in a manger, who's birth we celebrate at Christmas. Christ will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. May we all remain alert and prepare well for his second coming, so that we will be found in him when we meet our merciful God face to face. Lastly, let us not forget the gift Christ gives us every day, to meet him in the present. He gives us all of the graces we need to grow in our relationship with him, especially through the Church and the Sacraments.

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.

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