

PSR Newsletter

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



A Season of Gratitude

It is hard to believe, but we have completed our first half of the PSR year already! The children, families, and ministry team enjoyed spending time together this first semester participating in many liturgical celebrations, Scripture reflections, service opportunities, and in-classroom learning activities. As we enter into semester two, we are looking forward to continuing to grow in our faith together as one community in Christ.

The fall Thanksgiving season was filled with gratitude, service, and Mass celebrations. Families gathered at the Thanksgiving PSR Mass in November thanking God and offering food donations and written prayers of gratitude during the offertory. In November, PSR and parish families donated a variety of supplies so the students could make kits for those in need. Students created over 100+ winter kits for the homeless and included handmade cards to brighten their day (picture on page 2). Advent began with our 3rd - 8th Graders celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a prayer service with Father Mike. Prayer and service filled our Christmas season with JOY.

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1/12/22

2nd Semester Begins

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1/22/22

Annunciation Parish
Chili Cookoff (after
5 p.m. Mass).

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3/2/22

Ash Wednesday Mass
PSR & Parish 7 p.m.
Families Meet in
Church 6:45 p.m.

TO KNOW HIM

TO LOVE HIM

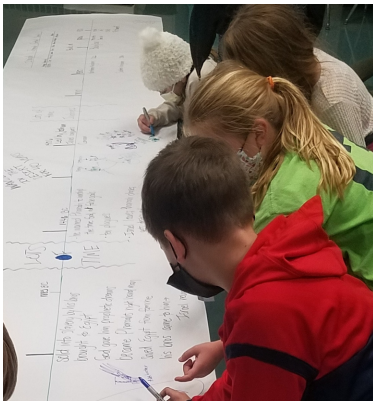
Celebrating as a Community at Mass

Mass is central to our Parish School of Religion Community and faith experience because the Eucharist is truly Jesus and we are the Body of Christ. When we receive Him in the Eucharist, we are participating in His divine life and letting Him live in us. A big thank you to all who brought donations to the Thanksgiving Mass for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. They said they were overjoyed by the large donation and generosity of our families, so thank you!



On December 8th, our PSR and parish community celebrated Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Mary gave her yes to God, and it is a reminder for us all that it is God's will that will bring us peace and joy.

TO SERVE HIM



O Come, O Come Emmanuel

The classrooms were full of excitement these last couple of months as preparations took place to be ready to celebrate the special day of our Lord's birth. We prepared by studying the Saints, learning about and reflecting on the Word of God, and preparing our hearts for Christ's coming while remembering how Christ comes to us now, most especially in the Eucharist. Diving into Scripture, the 5th Grade class worked on a timeline of our Salvation history (top left photo). Serving others, the 1st - 3rd Graders made cards to be included in our Winter Kits for the homeless (middle photo above).

Saints in the Making

Students have fun learning about the life of a Saint each month during their monthly Scripture lessons which include an engaging classroom activity. One of the Saints we learned about was Saint Therese of Lisieux and her good deed beads. Catechists helped each student make these kindness beads and explained that for each good deed completed, they move a bead closer to the crucifix on their Saint Therese beads.



These small acts of kindness help us to be more like Christ. Pictured on the left are 1st Graders participating in the re-enactment of the Annunciation.

Serving Those in Need



This PSR year has been packed full of service opportunities thus far. Our PSR community was excited to be able to adopt two families this Christmas. The generosity of those who were able to donate was astounding, and these families were assured to feel God's love and presence through your support. Thanks to you Jesus could reach these families in need. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of our Savior.



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.