

PSR Newsletter

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH



Back in Action

After a year and a half of online learning, the Parish School of Religion Community is back together again in-person! We are excited about several new activities that have been added to this year's calendar. We had our Popsicle Party/Meet the Teacher Night in September to kick off the year. Later that month, our 3rd and 6th Graders took part in a special Bible Blessing Family Night in church. Students received their very own Bibles and families prayed Scripture together.

Celebrating Our Lady of the Rosary during the month of October, PSR families gathered in the gym to lift up intentions as they prayed the Rosary together. Father Mike has enjoyed spending time with families and students at PSR events and while visiting classrooms. When he joined our 1st-Grade class, in the picture above, the students shared how much they are enjoying all of the class activities. Every month Catechists focus on a different Scripture lesson that connects with the Sunday Mass readings. Students also received new books this year!

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11/17/21
PSR Families
Thanksgiving Mass
Arrive 6:45 p.m.

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12/15/21
Last Day of
1st Semester

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1/5/22
2nd Semester
Begins

TO KNOW HIM

TO LOVE HIM

TO SERVE HIM

Staying Connected & Family Welcome Night

We are already coming close to finishing up our 1st Semester of the PSR year with 100+ students!

In addition to having many Annunciation parishioners participate in our PSR Ministry, we also have numerous students joining us from the parishes of Saint Michael the Archangel, Saint John Paul II, as well as several others. We are grateful to continue to build up one faith community, as we are all part of the one Body of Christ.



The first night of PSR was a successful Meet the Teacher Night that ended with a Popsicle party in our back parking lot. It was great to see all the students, families, and Catechists back together again!



Family Rosary Night

Our families gathered in October to pray the Rosary as a PSR community. The parents, students, and Catechists all participated with Fr. Mike and Ann Kelly, PSR Coordinator. Families shared that they felt it was a prayerful evening. With over 200 people lifting up intentions and praying together, it was a beautiful way to honor and celebrate the month of Mary and the Rosary. We are grateful that so many families could participate. As the evening began, Mrs. Kelly asked families to picture Jesus and Mary in their heart and reminded everyone that they are here with us in the present moment. She spoke about Mary being our Spiritual Mother and bringing our prayers to Jesus. The evening ended with cookies and waters to-go as families headed home.

Importance of Scripture

A goal in PSR this year is to bring even more Sacred Scripture into the PSR curriculum and experiences. We congratulate Amy Buehrle, the 6th Grade Catechist, on recently finishing her Master's in Theology and we are grateful for her assistance with this goal! Amy has already created monthly Scripture lessons for the Catechists that incorporate the upcoming Sunday Gospel into a lesson so children can learn more about the Word of God. These lessons introduce students to the Liturgical Year, the various Feast Days, and they focus on the Paschal Mystery.

Bible Blessing Night

This year the 3rd and 6th Grade classes received their very own Bibles! The students in these classes gathered with their parents, Father Mike, Ann Kelly, and Catechists for a special Bible blessing. Father Mike explained the importance of allowing the Word of God to speak through them as they pray with the Bible.

Mrs. Kelly reminded them of the sacredness of the Bible, and the students and parents were introduced to praying Sacred Scripture through Lectio Divina and Visio Divina by Amy Buehrle. It was a prayerful evening enjoyed by families.

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.