



# Catholic College Students

Dear Friend of Annunciation Parish & School,

If you are a local college student, or you know a local college student who is Catholic, make sure you have checked out the [UC Society of Saint Paul!](#) SSP is a community of Catholic students committed to faithfully and joyfully living their Catholic identity. The UC Society of Saint Paul was established in 2012, and officially recognized by the University of Cincinnati at the beginning of 2013. It has the full support of the Archbishop of Cincinnati, and is based at Annunciation Parish in Clifton, near the UC campus. The Society is involved in comprehensive ministry and service to the Church.



January took SSP all the way to Indianapolis with their friends at the Newman Center for FOCUS' SEEK Conference; to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life with their friends from Northern Right to Life at NKU; and then back home to UC for a hilarious game night and their most recent meetings.

For more information, you can email [SSP!](#)

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandi Chakeres,  
Director of Faith Formation

## Last Year's Palm...This Year's Ashes



As part of our Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration on Tuesday, March 5th we will celebrate Evening Prayer and the Burning of Palm. The blessed palm branches we received this past year on Palm Sunday are burned to provide the ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday. Please gather your blessed palm branches from home and bring them to church. There are baskets at the doors of church marked for this purpose.

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### Special points of interest:

- Know a family who will have a child in kindergarten next year? If so, invite them to our 2019 [Kindergarten Round-Up](#) on Friday, February 22, from 8:00-9:30 a.m.!
- Make sure your calendars are marked for our March 5th [Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration](#) - including our Pancake Dinner!
- Follow us on [Facebook](#) to get all our latest news and see all our latest photos!

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## Watch one hour with me... (see Matthew 26:40)



“Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the ‘King of Glory,’ respectful silence in the presence of the ‘ever greater’ God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2628)

Holy Hours are the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. You can watch a video about Adoration from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [here](#).

Annunciation Parish celebrates a Eucharistic Holy Hour once a month, on the Second Wednesday of the month. The Holy Hour begins at 7:00 p.m. with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by brief prayer and song. Most of the hour is a time for quiet, personal prayer, reading, meditation, contemplation and adoration. At the end of the hour at 7:45 p.m., there is again a time of brief prayer, with Scripture and song, concluding with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.

Why make a Holy Hour? We spend time with those persons who are important to us. A time in prayerful adoration is time with Jesus in the Eucharist. In the midst of very busy and over-scheduled and noisy lives, the prayerfulness and quiet before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is sure grounding in the spiritual life.

All are welcome at our Holy Hour, including families with young children. If you cannot stay the entire hour, please join us for as long as your schedule permits.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Monday, February 18: Presidents’ Day; Parish Office & School Closed 8:00 a.m. Mass as usual
- ◆ Thursday, February 21, 9:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer
- ◆ Friday, February 22: [Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter The Apostle](#) (8th Grade Feast Day)
- ◆ Friday, February 22, 8:00-9:30 a.m.: [Kindergarten Round-Up](#)
- ◆ Tuesday, February 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Annunciation School Historical Figure Night
- ◆ Thursday, February 28, 9:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer
- ◆ Thursday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.: [Baptism Preparation](#)
- ◆ Monday, March 4: No School.; Faculty Faith Formation In-Service 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Decorate for Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras celebration at 1:00 p.m.; Gym closed all day

***It’s Happening at  
Annunciation!***

## Sacramental Preparation

Two young Annunciation parishioners, accompanied by their parents, recently completed preparation for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



# ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Kindergarten Round-Up!

### Enroll Now!

#### All 2019-2020 Kindergarten Families

Join us at Annunciation School for our Annual Kindergarten Round-Up. Prospective students will shadow with the current kindergarten class and parents have an opportunity to ask questions and

Academics

Diverse Student

Body

Catholic Identity

Holistic formation of the  
student

EdChoice Scholarship

Dynamic Parent Teacher  
Organization

**Friday, Feb. 22 from 8 – 9:30 AM**

To Register/Inquire: Call the school office at [5132211230](tel:5132211230)

Or email Principal Ertel at [ertel@abvmcincy.org](mailto:ertel@abvmcincy.org)

--Coffee/Bagels/Fruit provided for parent forum

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