

February 22, 2019



ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

FIAT NEWSLETTER

# Coming Soon...SVDP Drive

Dear Friend of Annunciation Parish & School,

Since 1869, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Cincinnati has been providing immediate, emergency assistance to our neighbors in need through programs such as rent and utility assistance, a charitable pharmacy, clothing and furniture from their thrift stores, food and more.

Through the seven local St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store and Donation Centers, nearly \$750,000 of clothing, furniture and household items were provided at no cost to struggling families through a voucher program. Additionally, all proceeds from other items sold benefit the many programs of St. Vincent de Paul described above.

We are asking for your help in ensuring the St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores have enough clothing and household items for those in need and those shopping!

Please donate at the collection truck in the Annunciation parking lot on

- ◆ Saturday, March 23rd (Noon–6:30)
- ◆ Sunday, March 24th (10–3)

All clothing and household items are needed. Our most requested items include shoes (especially children's and men's), men's clothing, and household items such as small appliances and kitchenware.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Visit [www.SVDPcincinnati.org](http://www.SVDPcincinnati.org) for more information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandi Chakeres,  
Director of Faith Formation



## Cadette Scouts Learning to Sew...



**FIAT: Faith In Action Today**  
**Annunciation Parish & School**  
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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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# Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle: February 22nd

February 22 is a special day on the Catholic Church's Calendar. It is the [Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle](#). Why do you think we would celebrate a Feast Day about a chair? This day isn't about just any chair. It is about a special chair, and the person who sits in that chair.

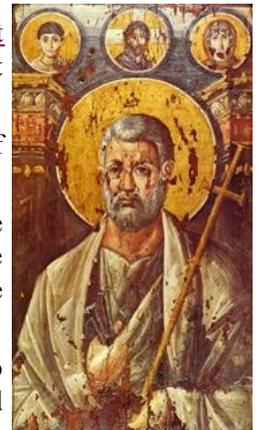
Saint Peter was one of Jesus' apostles, and he was also the very first Pope. The Pope is the leader of all of the Catholics in the world. The Chair of Saint Peter symbolizes the office of the papacy.

The ancient Latin word for the chair that important officials sat in is "cathedra." This is the word the Catholic Church uses for the Bishop's chair. The Pope is the Bishop of Rome. But every diocese has a bishop. And the church where the Bishop's chair is located at in each diocese is called the "cathedral" church of that diocese, because of the bishop's chair – the "cathedra."

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle is a symbol of the authority that Jesus gave to Saint Peter to lead the Church. Saint Peter is often pictured holding keys, as another symbol of his leadership and authority. In the Bible (Matthew 16:18-19), Jesus says he is giving the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Peter.

Saint Peter was a martyr, put to death for witnessing to his faith. When Saint Peter, who was the first Pope, died, the Church community chose a new Pope. And when that Pope died, they chose yet another new Pope. Since the time of Saint Peter, we have had 266 Popes! Our current Pope is [Pope Francis](#). On the Feast of the Chair of Peter, Apostle, we not only celebrate Saint Peter, but we celebrate the office of the papacy – the office of leadership of our Catholic Church.

The Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter has been celebrated since the Fourth Century. In ancient Rome, between February 13 and February 22, people used to have a special celebration honoring their relatives who had died. At their celebration, they would leave a chair, or a "cathedra", empty in honor of their deceased relatives. Since it is not known on exactly what date Saint Peter died, the people began honoring him in a special way on February 22. They were celebrating his leadership of the Church of Rome – our Roman Catholic Church! Saint Peter is also the patron of our 8th grade class.



**Saint Peter**  
5th or 6th Century  
Saint Catherine's Monastery,  
Mt. Sinai

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Tuesday, March 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: [Shrove Tuesday Evening Prayer, Burning of Palm, Pancake Supper, and Mardi Gras Celebration](#)
- ◆ Wednesday, March 6: [Ash Wednesday Masses](#)

***It's Happening at  
Annunciation!***

## Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior



Did you know...the fish has been a symbol for Christians from the time of the early Church. The Greek word for fish is "ICHTHYS", and the acronym, "ΙΧΘΥΣ" is for "Iēsous Christos, Theou Yios, Sōtēr", which translates into English as "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior"