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ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

FIAT NEWSLETTER

A New School Year

Dear Friend of Annunciation Parish & School,

Summer has gone by quickly and a new academic year is beginning. Here at Annunciation Parish, the first day of school is next week on Wednesday, August 28th.

2019-2020 looks to be a stellar year for Faith Formation at Annunciation Parish and Annunciation Parish School. The complete 2019-2020 Faith Formation Calendar of Events, as well as all faith formation/religious education information and policies for all aspects of faith formation in our parish and school, is included in our 2019-2020 Religious Education/Faith Formation Parent/Student Handbook.

Students enrolled at Annunciation School, preschool-8th grade, will receive this handbook the first day of school. Please note that all parents, as well as school students grades 4-8, must sign and return the agreement form included in this handbook by September 6th. This is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Annunciation Catholic School.

The handbook will be distributed to parents of children of Annunciation Parish as their children enroll in our various faith formation processes this year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandi Chakeres
Director of Faith Formation

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Works of Mercy



Over summer vacation, two of our young Annunciation parishioners/school students set up a lemonade stand at their home one beautiful Saturday morning. It was their desire that all of the proceeds from their lemonade stand be donated to our Annunciation Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, which helps provide emergency material assistance to our neighbors in need. These two sisters raised over \$60 for our SVDP Society! What a wonderful example of living the Works of Mercy!

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Special points of interest:

- On August 29th, the Church celebrates the Passion of Saint John the Baptist. Saint John the Baptist is one of the Patron Saints of our Annunciation Preschool.
- Our weekly celebration of Morning Prayer and Liturgical Catechesis starts up again on Thursday, August 29, from 9:30-10:15 a.m.
- Follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/annunciationbvmparish) to get all our latest news and see all our latest photos!

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Blessing Your Children at the Start of this School Year

The start of school always signals milestones in families' lives. Perhaps your child is beginning preschool or kindergarten this year. Or maybe he/she is entering first grade. For others the start of this school year might mark the transition to a new school or the beginning of high school. And for still others, it might be the time to send a son or daughter off to college.



Whether your children will be attending school here at Annunciation this year, or will be at another school/college - near or far away - please know that you and your children are always in our prayers. This is also a very fitting time for your family to celebrate a special prayer service, when you, as parents, bless your children as they start a new school year.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has provided the following Blessing for parents to use at the start of a new school year, but it can really be used at any time.

Placing a hand on their heads and tracing a small

cross, say:

May God bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine upon you.
May God give you peace.

OR

May God give the angels watch over you to keep you from harm.
I bless you in the name of the God who creates,
the God who redeems,
and the God who makes us all holy. AMEN.

(Adapted from *Family Prayer for Family Times*, Kathleen O'Connell Chesto)



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Monday, August 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Annunciation Catholic School Parent Assembly, Ice Cream Social & Open House for all currently registered school families.
- ◆ Wednesday, August 28: First day of school at Annunciation for the 2019-2020 academic year.
- ◆ Thursday, August 29, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Morning Prayer & Liturgical Catechesis
- ◆ Monday, September 2: Labor Day. Mass, as usual, at 8:00 a.m.; Parish & School Offices Closed
- ◆ Tuesday, September 3, 7:30 p.m.: SVDP Conference Meeting
- ◆ Sunday, September 8, 12:30-5:00 p.m.: [Festival of Faiths](#) at Cintas center
- ◆ Wednesday, September 11, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: [Eucharistic Holy Hour](#)
- ◆ Saturday, September 14, 5:00: [Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross](#)

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

It's All in the Family!

Next week the Church celebrates the feast of [Saint Monica](#) on August 27 and the feast of [Saint Augustine](#), Bishop & Doctor of the Church, on August 28. Saint Monica was Saint Augustine's mother!

Parents...never forget that you are the first and best teachers of your children in bringing them up in the faith. Statistics continue to bear witness to the fact that parents have more influence over their children's faith formation than any other person or institution. Children learn by example - and faith life is no exception. How do you share faith in your home?

The greatest gift we can ever share with our children is the gift of faith!



**Saint Augustine
Bartolome Bermejo, 1485**