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ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

FIAT NEWSLETTER

# Thanksgiving Outreach

Dear Friend of Annunciation Parish & School,

Annunciation Parish and School will once again this year conduct a Thanksgiving food drive and outreach benefiting the clients of the St. George Food Pantry. School students, preschool-8th grade, will bring their donations to their homerooms November 12-19, with their donations being blessed at our 8:15 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, November 20. Parishioners bring their donations to our 9:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day, at which time they will be blessed. Find more details on our [Parish Outreach here](#), and more on our [School Outreach here](#). You may not be aware that non-food items cannot be purchased with food stamps. Food pantry clients struggle to purchase diapers, hygiene products and dental care items. If you prefer not to shop, a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated and used to make purchases for the requested items. Please use this opportunity to talk with your family about serving others. Feeding the Hungry is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy.



Sincerely,

Dr. Sandi Chakeres,  
Director of Faith Formation

## Down on the Farm...



Annunciation Catholic School students, Kindergarten-3rd grade, recently took a field trip to Parky's Farm in Winton Woods, learning about fall, farms, and pumpkins! View more photos [here](#).

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### Special points of interest:

- Mark your calendars for our annual *Annunciation Advent Wreath Making* on Sunday, December 2nd at 12:00 Noon (following 11:00 a.m. Mass). Learn more about Advent customs and traditions and make an Advent Wreath for your home. \$15 per wreath covers all materials. Call 861-1295 to register!
- Follow us on *Facebook* to get all our latest news and see all our latest photos!

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# Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini - Patron of Immigrants

Where were you born? Was it here in Cincinnati? Or were you born in another city or state? Or maybe you were born in another country, like Kenya, or Peru, or India, or Germany. What about your parents, or grandparents, or great-grandparents? On November 13 the Church remembers [Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini](#), the patron saint of immigrants.



Maria Francesca Cabrini was born in 1850 in the province of Lombardy in northern Italy. Maria was the youngest of thirteen children. She was very small and weak as a child. But she was very religious. Maria's father would tell his family many stories about the missionaries. Maria loved these stories, especially the stories about the missionaries who went to countries like China. Maria went to school to study to become a teacher. After teaching school for several years, Maria was asked to go to Codogno in Italy to be in charge of an orphanage for young girls. This was in 1874. Three years later, Maria professed religious vows. In those days, religious Sisters usually took a new name when they professed their vows. Maria took the name Frances Xavier. Frances was a form of her middle name, Francesca. And she took the new middle name of Xavier after [Saint Francis Xavier](#), who had been a famous missionary to the Orient.

On November 14, 1880, Sister Frances Xavier Cabrini founded a new religious order called the [Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus](#). As the head of this religious order, the other Sisters called her "Mother." In 1888 Mother Cabrini started two missions in Rome, Italy. There she met a bishop who had just founded an institute to minister to Italians who had immigrated to other countries, and were now living outside Italy. Many of these Italians had immigrated here to the United States. The bishop asked Mother Cabrini to leave Italy and become a missionary here in the United States working with the Italian immigrants. When Mother Cabrini arrived in the United States she couldn't speak English, but she worked very hard to help the Italian immigrants. She founded orphanages for the Italian children whose parents had died. She also founded hospitals to care for the immigrants who were sick. In 1909 Mother Cabrini became a citizen of the United States. She died in Chicago on December 22, 1917. She was canonized a saint in 1946, and is the first citizen of the United States to be canonized a saint. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini is the patron saint of immigrants, orphans and hospital administrators. Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini is a wonderful role model for us. Her life and good works remind us that we are all part of one world, and that we are always to welcome those who might be new to our country or parish or school.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Monday, November 12: Begin [School Thanksgiving Collection](#) benefiting the clients of the St. George Food Pantry
- ◆ Wednesday, November 14, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: [Eucharistic Holy Hour](#)
- ◆ Thursday, November 15, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Morning Prayer
- ◆ Thursday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.: Reconciliation Family Preparation
- ◆ Tuesday, November 20: [School Thanksgiving Donations](#) blessed at 8:15 a.m. Mass
- ◆ Thursday, November 22, 9:00 a.m.: Thanksgiving Day Mass. [Parish Thanksgiving donations](#) collected and blessed at Mass.
- ◆ Tuesday, November 27: [Giving Tuesday](#)
- ◆ Tuesday, November 27, 6:00-9:00 p.m.: Parish Plenary Pastoral Council Meeting

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

## Giving Tuesday—iGiveCatholic



Beginning November 12, visit [iGiveCatholic.org](#) to make an advanced day [#iGiveCatholic](#) gift in support of your favorite parishes, schools, and ministries or "Give Catholic" on [#GivingTuesday](#), November 27!

For the first time, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is delighted to participate in the [#iGiveCatholic](#) Giving Day! Now in its 4th year, [#iGiveCatholic](#) is celebrated annually on [#GivingTuesday](#), a global day dedicated to giving back. The giving day kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back to the organizations that shape our souls: Our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries. Beginning November 12, you can make an advanced day gift. Visit the [Archdiocesan page](#) and search for [Church](#)