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ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

# FIAT PARENT NEWS

## Summer is Coming!

Dear Parents,

It is a time of endings and beginnings here at Annunciation, as we continue living out the cycle of the year. In our Church Year, Eastertime has now ended, and we are in a period of time called Ordinary (or Ordinal) Time. Ordinal refers to ordinal numbers, as we count and keep track of the Sundays and weeks. Ordinal Time will continue until the end of November, when we begin a new Church Year the first Sunday of Advent. In our academic year, we conclude the 2009-2010 school year at Annunciation this week. Our kindergartners and eighth graders graduate Thursday, June 3rd, and Friday, June 4th is the last day of school this academic year. Our student body and faculty will join us for 8:00 a.m. Mass Friday morning, and you are also invited to join us to give thanks for all the blessings of this school year.



STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A LITURGICAL CATECHESIS YEAR-END REVIEW

While summer might signal vacation for many of you, please remember that we never take a vacation from God and Church. With children out of school, perhaps families can take the opportunity to attend 8:00 a.m. weekday Mass together, or make a family afternoon visit to church. This newsletter will inform you of other upcoming Annunciation celebrations, and don't forget to keep up to date with all that is happening via our web site, [www.annunciationbvmparish.org](http://www.annunciationbvmparish.org). Remember, *It's Happening at Annunciation!*

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandi Chakeres  
Director of Faith Formation

## Midsummer Nativity Lawn Party & Picnic

Please join us here at Annunciation on Thursday, June 24th for our annual Midsummer Nativity (Birth of John the Baptist) Celebration! We will begin in church at 6:30 p.m. with Vespers (Evening Prayer), immediately followed by a Lawn Party and Picnic. Please bring a picnic supper for you/your family, a blanket or lawn chairs for seating, and a dessert to share. This is a rain or shine event!



**FIAT: Faith In Action Today**

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### Special points of interest:

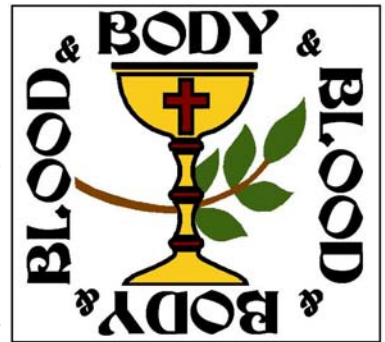
- Our FIAT Parent Newsletter is published occasionally over the summer months. All Annunciation news is updated regularly on our Annunciation Parish website, [www.annunciationbvmparish.org](http://www.annunciationbvmparish.org).
- Mrs. Chabot's Summer Art Club meets daily from 1:00-4:00 p.m. June 7th-11th.
- Mrs. Berger's Garden Lunch Club will meet Tuesday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-Noon.

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## Upcoming Feast Days

A “solemnity” is the highest ranking feast day we celebrate in our Roman Catholic Church Year. And the week of June 6th, 2010 we celebrate two solemnities!

Sunday, June 6th this year is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The Latin name for this feast is “Corpus Christi”, and this has been a feast day in the universal Church since the year 1246. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ emphasizes both our celebration of the Eucharist and our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. This feast day is a movable feast, meaning the date changes each year. The date is actually determined by the date of Easter, as the Easter Season ends on the 50th day - Pentecost, and the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ falls the second Sunday after Pentecost. Please join us here at Annunciation Parish to celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Mass on Sunday June 6th is at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (Vigil Mass is 5:00 p.m. Saturday, June 5th.) At the conclusion of our 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 6th, there will be Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration until 3:00 p.m., when we will conclude with Benediction.



On Friday, June 11th, 2010 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is another “movable” feast, as it is always celebrated the Friday after the Second Sunday after Pentecost. This feast day, which celebrates God’s love shown to us in Jesus’ heart, has been on our Liturgical Calendar since 1856. If we think of a heart as a symbol of love, what greater love is there than the love God has shown us through God’s Son, Jesus? And since Jesus’ ultimate act of love for us, dying for our salvation, occurred on a Friday (Good Friday), it is very appropriate that the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated each year on a Friday! Please join us for Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 11th. We also have a large statue of the Sacred Heart here at Annunciation in our parish church. It is located in the front of church, between the sanctuary and the Mary Altar. This would be a good time to make a visit to church for prayer, and if you have children, make sure to point this statue out to them. Children and teens enjoy spending time with the art in our church!



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thursday, June 3rd, 10:30 a.m.: Kindergarten Graduation
- ◆ Thursday, June 3rd, 1:00 p.m.: 8th Grade Graduation
- ◆ Friday, June 4th: Last Day of School. School students and faculty attend 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- ◆ Sunday, June 6th: Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ. Masses at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.; Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration from Noon-3:00 p.m.; Benediction at 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ Tuesday, June 8th, 7:30 p.m.: Annunciation Parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference meeting
- ◆ Thursday, June 10th, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Gathering for anyone interested in becoming Catholic
- ◆ Thursday, June 17th, 7:00 p.m.: Baptism Preparation
- ◆ Thursday, June 24th: Midsummer Nativity Celebration: Vespers at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Lawn Party & Picnic

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## Congratulations, Father Grogan!

Our pastor, Father Todd Grogan, celebrates the 20th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood this Wednesday, June 2nd. We thank him for his dedication and pastoral leadership, and we keep him in our prayers that God will continue to bless him in his ministry. Ad Multos Annos, Father Grogan! The intention at our 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, June 2nd is for Father Grogan. If your schedule permits, please join us!

