



The Season of Advent

Dear Parents,

Sunday, November 27th marks the beginning of both a new liturgical season, and a new Liturgical Year. The First Sunday of Advent, November 27th, ushers in the Year of Grace 2012. Advent is a very rich season, full of customs and traditions.

Christians of many denominations keep the Advent Season with an Advent Wreath in their home. Please join us here at Annunciation at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, November 27th when we will host our annual Advent Wreath Making. You will have an opportunity to make a live Advent Wreath for your home. The \$10 fee includes live greenery, a wreath mold, a set of four candles, ribbons and ties. More Advent information will be available, and refreshments will be served. All are welcome!



Annunciation Parish will also host the Uptown Parishes' (Annunciation, Holy Name, St. Monica-St. George) Advent Communal Celebration of Reconciliation here at Annunciation Parish on Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m. Please join us.

And don't forget that weekly Sunday Sowers gatherings for children 3-12 years of age begin again on the First Sunday of Advent - November 27th - from 10:10-10:50 a.m.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandi Chakeres
Director of Faith Formation

Girls on the Run



Father Grogan gave a Blessing to our students who are participating in Girls on the Run, and their running partners, prior to their November 1st practice run. The girls were also cheered on by other students, faculty, and parents. It was a beautiful day, and the girls ran in great time!



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Special points of interest:

- November 22nd is the Feast Day of St. Cecilia, one of our Annunciation Music Classes' Patron Saints!
- Each student and parishioner will receive a notebook size calendar for the Year of Grace 2012 the week of November 27th. These will be inserted into our November 27th Sunday Bulletin for parishioners, and will be distributed to students at school on December 1st.

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When the Saints Go Marching In!

Our school students have been, and continue to, keep this month of November by learning more about the lives of the Saints. For example, our kindergarten students dressed up and gave reports on the Saints who are featured in the artwork for the Liturgical Calendar for this upcoming Year of Grace 2012. First and second graders also had the opportunity to dress as Saints as they joined together for an All Hallows' Eve celebration which focused on symbols of the Saints (made out of food, no less!). Upper grade students created Saints' mosaics. Art students created Days of the Dead art work to grace our cafeteria for our November 1st Soul Cake Social, as well as our other gatherings this month, such as this past Sunday's Meet and Greet. And this is just touching the surface of what our students have been doing to learn about the Saints! Enjoy the photos below, and view all the photos on the Photo Gallery page of our web site, www.annunciationbvmparish.org.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thursday, November 17th, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Morning Prayer & Liturgical Catechesis
- ◆ Thursday, November 17th, 7:00 p.m.: Baptism Preparation
- ◆ Thursday, November 24th, 9:00 a.m.: Thanksgiving Day Mass
- ◆ Sunday, November 27th, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: Sunday Sowers
- ◆ Sunday, November 27th, 12:00 Noon: Advent Wreath Making
- ◆ Wednesday, November 30th, 7:00 p.m.: Advent Communal Reconciliation Celebration
- ◆ Thursday, December 1st, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Morning Prayer & Liturgical Catechesis
- ◆ Thursday, December 1st, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Gathering for anyone interested in becoming Catholic

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Annunciation!*

Thanksgiving

It is hard to believe, but next week it is Thanksgiving! Mass will be celebrated here at Annunciation Parish at 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning, and all are welcome! Our annual Parish Thanksgiving Food Drive, benefiting the St. George Food Pantry, will be brought forward at the Preparation of Gifts at Mass that morning.

Our preschool and school students are concluding their Thanksgiving Outreach Drive this week. Each student, preschool-8th grade, is reminded to bring in to their homeroom at least one can of vegetables by Wednesday, November 16th. Donations from students K-8 will be Blessed at Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 17th. Following Morning Prayer, Karen Imbus of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and Janet Cavanaugh, Director of the St. George Food Pantry, will speak to our students about their ministries of outreach to those in need. You are welcome to join us! Our preschoolers will bring their donations to be Blessed at 10:20 a.m.

