

**Annunciation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Parish & School**

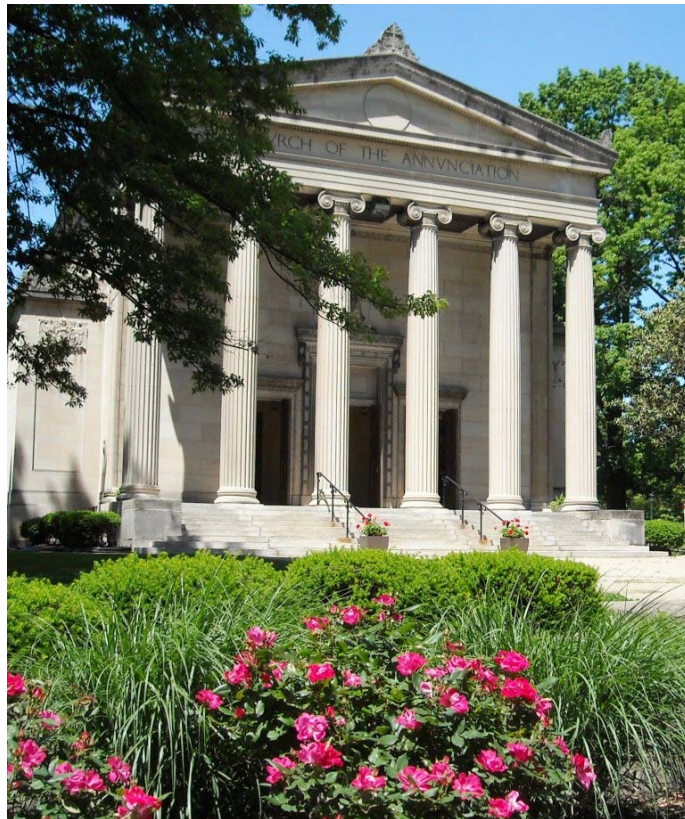


**Religious Education/
Faith Formation
Parent/Student Handbook
August 2011-June 2012**

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Annunciation Parish



Established in 1910

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August 15, 2011

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Religious Education/Faith Formation at Annunciation Parish and Annunciation Parish School. We are a Roman Catholic Parish and School, and we follow the curriculum and policies of the Roman Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. We respect the faith traditions and backgrounds of all parents and students participating in any religious education/faith formation effort at Annunciation. Parents and students from other faith traditions or Christian denominations other than Roman Catholic do need to understand that by choosing to enroll in Annunciation Parish School, and/or any component of faith formation at Annunciation Parish, it is the Roman Catholic tradition which is the focus of all religious education/faith formation efforts at Annunciation.

All parents, as well as all students fourth grade and above, are expected by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Annunciation Parish to read this handbook, and sign and return by August 29, 2011 the agreement form found on page 50.

Any questions or concerns regarding religious education/faith formation at Annunciation Parish and Annunciation Parish School should be addressed to me at 513-861-1295 or faithformation@annunciationbvmparish.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandra Chakeres
Director of Faith Formation

Annunciation Parish Pastoral Council Vision/Mission Statement

Vision Statement

Annunciation Parish is a Catholic Christian faith community that exists to be an inviting and transforming sign of God's healing, reconciling and empowering presence to the Clifton neighborhood of Cincinnati. This vision has guided our efforts in our first one hundred years in the Clifton community, and we renew our commitment to this vision for the next one hundred years.

Mission Statement

We will be the sign of God's presence by our commitment to faithful worship, by our commitment to sharing and handing on our faith through formational and educational efforts, by our outreach and service to those in need within our community and neighborhood as well as by our witness to peace and justice, and by our being a gathering place for significant events in the larger community.

Religious Education/Faith Formation Philosophy at Annunciation

Our Catholic Christian faith is about relationship - relationship with Jesus Christ and Christ's Body, the Church. Catholic Christians are formed in faith through Word (Scripture), Sacrament, and Calendar (the Church or Liturgical Calendar). Faith formation is intergenerational and ongoing, with full, conscious, active participation in our faith as the goal.

Annunciation Catechetical Team

Catechesis is comprehensive formation into a Christian life of faith. The **Catechist is one who facilitates communication between a person and the mystery of God.*

Pastor: Rev. Todd Grogan

Director of Faith Formation: Dr. Sandra Chakeres

Director of Music: Mrs. Mary Malloy

Principal: Ms. Cindy Hardesty

Sacramental Preparation Catechists:

Baptism & RCIA: Rev. Todd Grogan & Dr. Sandra Chakeres

Eucharist & Reconciliation: Rev. Todd Grogan, Dr. Sandra Chakeres, Ms. Melissa Booth

Confirmation: Rev. Todd Grogan & Dr. Sandra Chakeres

Liturgical Catechesis Catechists: Rev. Todd Grogan, Dr. Sandra Chakeres, & Mrs. Mary Malloy

Sunday Sowers Catechists:

Mrs. Angie Smith & Mrs. Meredith Turner

Annunciation Parish School Catechists:

Preschool: Ms. Stephanie Phair

Kindergarten: Mrs. Amy Voegel

1st Grade: Mrs. Mary Ann Gemmell

2nd Grade: Mrs. Jean Ann Tucker

3rd Grade: Mrs. Allison Hader

4th Grade: Mrs. Kelly Berger

5th Grade: Mr. David Schuster

6th-8th Grades: Mr. Eric Froese

Admission Policies & Tuition/Fees

Sacramental Preparation:

Baptism Preparation: Parents anticipating the baptism of an infant or young child at Annunciation Parish are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Evening Prior to Scheduling the Baptism. At least one of the child's parents must be a practicing Roman Catholic. Godparents are also encouraged to attend the Baptism Preparation Evening. Parents are asked to register for Baptism Preparation by calling Annunciation Parish Office at 861-1295. There is no fee for Baptism Preparation.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

All persons who are of catechetical age (7 years of age and older) who have not been baptized and desire to enroll in the process of becoming Catholic do so through the RCIA process. Persons in this process are prepared to celebrate the sacraments of initiation: baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. Those interested in the RCIA process for themselves and/or their children should contact either Father Grogan or Dr. Chakeres at 861-1295. Please note that any minor interested in the RCIA process must have the permission of his/her parent or legal guardian. *Those who have been validly baptized in a Christian denomination other than Roman Catholic who desire to become Roman Catholic should also contact Father Grogan or Dr. Chakeres for further information. Someone validly baptized is already a member of the Christian Church, and is not "re-baptized." There is no fee

for involvement in the RCIA process.

Reconciliation and Eucharist (First Communion) Preparation: Annunciation parishioners who are baptized Catholics and are at least 7 years of age by September 22, 2011 prepare for the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist (First Communion) in a family-centered, parish-based process, attended by both the child and his/her parents. Children must be prepared for the sacrament of reconciliation (penance) prior to being prepared for Eucharist. Parents of Catholic children who are enrolled in Annunciation Parish School should note that sacramental preparation **does not** take place in the school. Catholic children in the school need to register for family, parish-based sacramental preparation. Catholic families with children enrolled at Annunciation Parish School who are registered at a parish other than Annunciation should contact their pastor to find out what their parish requires for sacramental preparation. *“First celebration of the sacraments should take place within the child’s or youth’s parish community.”* (Archdiocese of Cincinnati Religious Education Policy 2107.06) Parents of Catholic children who are Annunciation parishioners should contact Dr. Sandra Chakeres at 861-1295 or faithformation@annunciationbvmparish.org to request registration materials for Annunciation Parish Family-Centered Sacramental Preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Registration materials may also be downloaded from our parish web site. Parents need to complete the registration form and attach a copy of the child’s

baptismal certificate (unless the child was baptized at Annunciation Parish). The registration fee is \$40 per child, payable to Annunciation Parish.

Confirmation Preparation: Annunciation parishioners who are baptized Catholics, who have already prepared for and celebrated the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist (First Communion), and who are at least 12 years of age by the start of confirmation preparation prepare for the sacrament of confirmation in a family-centered, parish-based process, attended by both the youth and his/her parents and confirmation sponsor. Parents of Catholic children who are enrolled in Annunciation Parish School should note that sacramental preparation does not take place in the school. Catholic children in the school need to register for family, parish-based sacramental preparation. Catholic families with children enrolled at Annunciation Parish School who are registered at a parish other than Annunciation should contact their pastor to find out what their parish requires for sacramental preparation. *“First celebration of the sacraments should take place within the child’s or youth’s parish community.”* (Archdiocese of Cincinnati Religious Education Policy 2107.06) Confirmation preparation takes place every other year. There will be no confirmation preparation gatherings for youth during this academic year. Family confirmation preparation gatherings will begin September 27, 2012 preparing for the celebration of confirmation during the Easter Season of 2013. Parents of Catholic children who are Annunciation parishioners should

contact Dr. Sandra Chakeres the summer of 2012 at faithformation@annunciationbvmparish.org or 861-1295 to request registration materials for Annunciation Parish Family Centered Sacramental Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

**Adults who have not been confirmed should contact Father Grogan or Dr. Chakeres for information regarding adult confirmation preparation.*

Liturgical Catechesis:

All students enrolled in Annunciation Parish School, K-8, along with their school catechists, participate in Liturgical Catechesis on Thursday Mornings when school is in session. There is Liturgical Catechesis most Thursday mornings during the academic year, immediately following Morning Prayer. (Depending on the Season or Feast, occasionally another form of prayer may be celebrated in lieu of Morning Prayer, i.e., Mass, Rosary, or Stations of the Cross.) On some Thursday mornings, all students K-8 participate in Liturgical Catechesis, and on other Thursdays the gatherings alternate between students K-3 and 4-8. There is no separate enrollment or fee for Liturgical Catechesis. All others (parents, guardians, grandparents, Annunciation parishioners, etc.) are also welcome to attend. Any children or youth who are not enrolled in Annunciation Parish School and who attend Liturgical Catechesis must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. There is no fee.

Sunday Sowers:

Sunday Sowers refers to the parable of the Sower and the Seed. (See Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; and Luke 8:4-15.) Our Annunciation Parish Sunday Sowers are youth 3-12 years of age who gather together on Sunday mornings from 10:10-10:50 a.m. (between our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses) to learn more about our Catholic faith by focusing on the Scripture readings proclaimed at Mass on Sunday. Sunday Sowers meet each week beginning in Advent and continuing through Pentecost (November 27, 2011-May 27, 2012). All children are welcome, but must be formally registered. Please contact Dr. Sandra Chakeres at 861-1295 to request registration materials. Registration materials may also be downloaded from our parish web site. The registration fee is \$40 per child per year.

Annunciation Parish School Religious Education Classes:

“Every child/youth enrolled in Annunciation Parish School must participate in the school’s formal Catholic religious education program.” (Archdiocese of Cincinnati Religious Education Policy 2102.01.) Religious education classes in the school are held during the regular daily school schedule for children preschool through 8th grade. This is part of the student’s required school curriculum. All students participating must be currently enrolled at Annunciation Parish School or Preschool. **Refer to Annunciation School 2011-2012 Parent/Student Handbook*

for school and preschool admission and tuition policies.

Annunciation Parish School Liturgical Choir:

The school Liturgical Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Malloy, is open to all students grades 4-8 currently enrolled at Annunciation Parish School. Registration is required, but there is no fee. Youth in the school Liturgical Choir sing at various scheduled Annunciation Parish and School liturgies. Liturgical Choir rehearsals are held the last period of the day on Tuesday afternoons when school is in session. Contact Mrs. Malloy at 861-1295 or 859-384-3701 for registration materials.

Other Annunciation Parish Faith Formation Opportunities: Throughout the year Annunciation Parish offers various other faith formation opportunities for adults and for families. These opportunities are open to all those who are interested. If registration and/or a fee is required, this is noted event by event.

Attendance Procedures

Sacramental Preparation: Children/youth attend sacramental preparation gatherings with their parents. Families are asked to contact the Parish Office in advance at 861-1295 if they will be absent on a given evening. Parents will be contacted in advance if a gathering is going to be cancelled for any reason.

Liturgical Catechesis: Liturgical Catechesis for Annunciation Parish School students is part of

their regularly scheduled school day. The attendance procedures are covered by the attendance procedures outlined in Annunciation School 2011-2012 Parent/Student Handbook.

Sunday Sowers: If a child enrolled in Annunciation Parish Sunday Sowers is going to be absent on a given Sunday morning, the parent must contact the child's catechist in advance. (Contact information and all other specific policies are provided parents of those registered.) Catechists will immediately follow up on any unexcused absences.

Annunciation Parish School Religious Education Classes: These classes are held as a required component of enrollment at Annunciation Parish School. All policies of the school, as outlined in the Annunciation School 2011-2012 Parent/Student Handbook apply.

School Liturgical Choir: The School Liturgical Choir rehearses during the regularly scheduled school day. All policies of the school, as outlined in the Annunciation School 2011-2012 Parent/Student Handbook apply to those students who participate in the Liturgical Choir. Parents will be notified in advance by Mrs. Malloy regarding procedures and policies for any Liturgical Choir event which takes place outside of the regular school day.



Parish Faith Formation Code of Conduct

It is expected that all persons involved in faith formation/religious education at Annunciation Parish will respect the rights, privileges, dignity and property of others.

To assure that the rights, dignity and property of each person are maintained, the following code of conduct has been established:

1. All persons will be treated with dignity and respect at all times.
2. No one is permitted in any undesignated area of the parish buildings, including the school, for any reason unless specifically requested by the Pastor, Director of Faith Formation, Director of Music, Principal, or the Catechist.
3. All property of the parish and school, as well as property of students and staff, is to be handled with care and respect. Accidental damage is to be reported immediately to the Pastoral Staff.
4. No person is permitted to smoke or be under the influence of alcohol or nonprescription drugs on the parish and school premises.
5. In the event that a student has in their possession any item that is causing a distraction or disruption to any faith formation endeavor, the catechist will take possession of the item and return it to the student or their parents at the conclusion of the activity.

Discipline Code

For the safety and well-being of all persons, a discipline code is in effect for all children and youth who participate in religious education/faith formation opportunities at Annunciation Parish and Annunciation Parish School. For classes/activities held during the regularly scheduled school day at Annunciation Parish School (school religious education classes, Liturgical Catechesis, school liturgies, and School Liturgical Choir) the school discipline code, as outlined in the Annunciation School 2011-2012 Parent/Student Handbook, will be followed.

For all other religious education/faith formation opportunities for children/youth, the following discipline code is followed: If a child becomes disruptive during a gathering, he/she will receive a warning. A second warning will result in a 5-minute “time out” from the gathering. If the child disrupts the gathering a third time, the parent/guardian will be contacted and the child will be removed from the gathering.

No child may be disciplined corporally or corrected with abusive language.

*The Director of Faith Formation retains the right to make exceptions to the disciplinary procedures.

Additional Related Activities

If any additional religious education/faith formation activities, not outlined in the procedure/policies/calendars for a given aspect of faith for-

mation are added, parents will be informed of this in writing, and will be required to complete and sign the release forms required by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The exception to this is when children are accompanying their parent/legal guardian, as part of an intergenerational gathering or outing.

Safety and Emergency Procedures

For those religious education/faith formation opportunities which meet as part of/during the regularly scheduled school day at Annunciation Parish School (Liturgical Catechesis, School Religious Education Classes, and the School Liturgical Choir), the safety and emergency procedures of the school will be followed, as outlined in the Annunciation School 2011-2012 Parent/Student Handbook.

For all other faith formation opportunities, should a medical emergency arise, the parent/designated emergency contact person will be notified. If the nature of the emergency so warrants, 911 will be called.

For any activity, children registered will only be dismissed to the parent/guardian or to another person the parent or guardian has authorized in writing to pick up the child. Any changes in this must be made **in advance** by the parent/legal guardian. The person picking up the child may be asked to produce photo identification.

No child will be dismissed early from any faith formation/religious education activity without the

prior written consent of the parent/legal guardian..
All early dismissals are discouraged.

In case of snow or inclement weather emergencies or cancellations, all faith formation/religious education opportunities which meet during the regularly scheduled Annunciation Parish School day will follow the school's cancellation procedures and policies outlined in Annunciation School 2011-2012 Parent/Student Handbook. In the case of cancellation of any other faith formation/religious education opportunity for which children have registered, parents will be notified of the cancellation in advance by phone or e-mail.

Child Protection

Annunciation Parish, including Annunciation Parish School, follows the policies of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati regarding child protection. The Pastoral Staff are required by the Ohio Revised Code and the Archdiocesan *Decree on Child Protection* to report suspected or actual child abuse or neglect to the proper authorities.

*For further information on Child Protection in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, please visit the Archdiocese on line at www.catholiccincinnati.org and click on the "Protecting our Children" icon.

Curriculum & Resources

Annunciation Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. *"All catechetical efforts in the archdiocese must comply with arch-*

diocesan curriculum guidelines.” (Archdiocese of Cincinnati Religious Education Policy 2101.01.)

Sacramental Preparation:

Baptism Preparation: We catechize from the Rite of Baptism, itself, focusing on the stations and symbols and the words and actions in the Rite of Baptism.

RCIA: Word (the Scriptures), Sacrament, and the Church’s Liturgical Calendar, celebrated in the midst of the community of faith, form the basis for the person’s preparation for the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation and Eucharist) and immersion into the life of the Church.

Confirmation Preparation: The primary print resource is *Confirmed in the Spirit*, published by Loyola Press.

Eucharist Preparation: The primary print resource is *God’s Gift: Eucharist*, published by Loyola Press.

Reconciliation Preparation: The primary print resource is *God’s Gift: Reconciliation*, published by Loyola Press.

Liturgical Catechesis: The primary resource is the actual experience of the liturgy (the prayer of the Church). Liturgical Catechesis prepares for the celebration of the Christian liturgy and reflects back upon that experience so that the symbols, the rites, and the environment of the liturgy lead the community to full, conscious and active participation.

Sunday Sowers: Sunday Sowers utilizes Lection-

ary Based Catechesis which integrates catechesis with the ongoing life of the parish community at Sunday Eucharist, the greatest prayer of Catholic Christians. The curriculum is centered on the Scriptures proclaimed during the Liturgy of the Word each Sunday at the celebration of the Eucharist. The primary resource is the *Celebrating the Lectionary* series published by Liturgy Training Publications. This series is published new each year and coordinates with the current year's Sunday Lectionary Cycle (the Scripture readings proclaimed at Sunday Mass).

Religion Classes at Annunciation Parish School, Preschool through Eighth Grade: All catechetical efforts in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati must comply with the Archdiocesan curriculum guidelines as outlined in the document, *Graded Course of Study for Early Childhood and Elementary Catechetical Programs*, ©2009. (Archdiocese of Cincinnati Religious Education Policy 2101.01.) Textbooks for the school religion program are chosen from the *Preferred Religion Textbook/Program* list, updated each year by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. (Archdiocese of Cincinnati Religious Education Policy 2102.02.) The minimum time allotments for instruction in the Catholic faith in a Catholic Elementary School are strictly followed. (Archdiocese of Cincinnati Religious Education Policy 2103.02.)

Preschool: The religion textbook series used in our preschool at Annunciation Parish School is the *God Made Everything* early childhood program

published by Loyola Press. Please note that since our preschool class is multi-aged, we utilize a two-year *God Made Everything* curriculum. Year I utilizes the text for three-year-olds, *God Made Me*, while Year II utilizes the text for four-year-olds, *God Made the World*. The preschool catechist adapts the materials for the various age levels and abilities of the students enrolled. This 2011-2012 academic year, our preschool students are in Year I of this cycle.

Kindergarten: The religion text used in our Kindergarten class at Annunciation Parish School is *God Loves Us*, published by Loyola Press. Each text comes with an accompanying booklet, *A Child's Bible*.

Grades 1 - 8: The religion textbook series used in grades 1-8 at Annunciation Parish School is the *Finding God* religion series published by Loyola Press. The web site for this textbook series is www.loyolapress.com, which provides numerous resources for parents, children, and teens. Parents and students are encouraged to take full advantage of the wonderful resources provided on this web site.

*Please note that 7th and 8th grade classes are combined at Annunciation Parish School, utilizing a two-year *Finding God* curriculum. Year I utilizes the text *Finding God: Following Jesus*, while Year II utilizes the text *Finding God: Celebrating Church*. This 2011-2012 academic year, 7th and 8th grade students are in Year I of this cycle.

**This textbook series also includes family newsletters, which are published on the Loyola Press web site at various times throughout the year. In addition, each school family receives one copy of *A Parent Guide to Prayer*, which accompanies the *Finding God* religion series.

***If parents of students grades 1-6 are interested in purchasing a Family Learning Guide which can be used in conjunction with the Children's Book to assist parents in instruction and faith formation in their home, please contact Dr. Sandra Chakeres at faithformation@annunciationbvmparish.org or 861-1295. Parents of junior high students can download the junior high Family Learning guide at <http://www.loyolapress.com/finding-god-for-junior-high-home-learning-guide.htm>.

Textbooks: Each student at Annunciation Parish School, preschool-8th grade, receives one religion textbook each year. These religion textbooks will be sent home with students for home assignments, and they also include excellent supportive parent/family pages. Students are expected to bring their religion textbooks to school with them the school day after the student has brought the text home. Damaged or lost religion texts will be replaced at the current cost, paid for by the student.

School Liturgical Choir: The primary resource used with the School Liturgical Choir is the hymnal, *Blest Are We: Song Book for Grades 1-8*, published by GIA Publications.

Additional Religious Education/Faith Formation Resources: All religious education/faith formation components at Annunciation Parish, including Annunciation Parish School, utilize additional/supplemental materials approved by the Roman Catholic Church and reviewed by the Director of Faith Formation. Many of these resources are written specifically for Annunciation parishioners and Annunciation Parish School students by Annunciation Pastoral Staff members Rev. Todd Grogan and Dr. Sandra Chakeres, both of whom are published authors in the realm of Liturgy and Faith Formation.

NCEA/ACRE Assessment

The NCEA ACRE Assessment must be administered in every parish and school annually. (Archdiocese of Cincinnati Religious Education Policy 2108.02.) The National Catholic Education Association Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education (NCEA ACRE) is given to Annunciation Parish School students in fifth and eighth grades. This is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for all Catholic schools. This assessment is designed to give us information for evaluating and planning our religious education programs. The results of NCEA ACRE will provide an overall picture of the catechetical/religious education efforts of our school. Please note that this assessment is used to evaluate our religion curriculum, not the performance of students or faculty.

Classroom Patrons Saints

Saints are an important part of the Teaching and Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. Each classroom at Annunciation Parish School has been assigned two Patron Saints, as follows:

- Preschool:** Saint Elizabeth of Hungary;
Saint John the Baptist
- Kindergarten:** Mary, the Mother of Jesus;
The Archangel Gabriel
- 1st Grade:** Saint Therese of the Child Jesus;
Saint Nicholas
- 2nd Grade:** Saint Lucy;
Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary
- 3rd Grade:** Saint Mary Magdalene;
Saint Martin of Tours
- 4th Grade:** Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha;
Saint Vincent De Paul
- 5th Grade:** Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton;
Saint Francis of Assisi
- 6th Grade:** Saint Josephine Bakhita;
Saint Jerome
- 7th /8th Grade:** Saint Catherine of Siena;
Saint Paul

Faith Formation Room

Our Faith Formation Room is located on the first floor of Annunciation Parish School. Parish and School catechists are encouraged to make regular use of this room. This room is also used for School Liturgical Choir rehearsals, catechist meetings, sacramental preparation gatherings, and vari-

ous adult formation gatherings. Annunciation parishioners and parents of Annunciation students are welcome to visit this room on the days/hours that Annunciation Parish School is in session. For access to the school building and the Faith Formation Room during these hours, please sign in as a visitor at Annunciation Parish School Office. If you would like to arrange for a tour of our Faith Formation Room to familiarize yourself with its resources, please contact Dr. Sandra Chakeres at 861-1295.

Communication

Any questions or concerns regarding religious education/faith formation at Annunciation Parish or Annunciation Parish School should be directed to Dr. Sandra Chakeres, Director of Faith Formation. Dr. Chakeres' office is located on the second floor of the Annunciation Parish Rectory/Office building at 3547 Clifton Avenue, between the Church and the School. The Faith Formation Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and is closed on Fridays. To schedule a meeting with Dr. Chakeres, please contact her at 513-861-1295.

An **Annunciation Parish Parent Faith Formation Newsletter** is published **the first and third Wednesday of each month**, beginning August 17, 2011 and concluding June 6, 2012. This newsletter is also published occasionally over the summer months. This newsletter is sent via e-mail to all Annunciation parishioners and all Annunciation

School parents/legal guardians. In the case that an Annunciation School parent/guardian does not have an e-mail address, this newsletter will be sent home with the youngest child in each family enrolled in the school. It is the student's responsibility to see that his/her parent/guardian gets this newsletter, and it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to read this newsletter. The current newsletter, as well as all archived newsletters, may also be accessed on our Annunciation Parish web site, www.annunciationbvmparish.org.

As is necessary, Dr. Chakeres will send additional communication to parents via e-mail or hard-copy.

Parents are also encouraged to frequently visit the Annunciation Parish web site, www.annunciationbvmparish.org, for updates on faith formation/religious education at Annunciation Parish and Annunciation Parish School, as well as to make use of all of the wonderful resources accessible via this web site.

Liturgy/Prayer

Mass: The celebration of the Eucharist each Sunday is at the center of our Catholic Christian prayer life. All baptized Roman Catholics are expected to faithfully participate in Mass each Sunday. Sunday Mass at Annunciation Parish is celebrated each week on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (Vigil), and at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday. While all are welcome to join us for Mass, only baptized Christians who are in communion with the Roman

Catholic Church receive Holy Communion, as reception of the Eucharist is an act of unity and belief in all the Roman Catholic Church holds and teaches. Weekday Mass is celebrated at Annunciation Parish daily at 8:00 a.m. Annunciation Parish School students, K-8th grade, attend Mass as a student body on special Feast Days during the year. Individual classes are also encouraged to attend Mass on other occasions, such as their classroom patronal feast day and during the Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter Seasons.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at Annunciation Parish on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., or at other times by appointment with the pastor, Father Grogan (513-861-1295). Annunciation Parish also joins with St. Monica-St. George Parish and Holy Name Parish for communal celebrations of reconciliation during the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent. Catholic students attending Annunciation Parish School also have the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation by scheduling to celebrate this sacrament with Father Grogan.

Morning Prayer: Morning Prayer is one of the “hours” in the Church’s “Liturgy of the Hours” - the Church’s daily prayer. When we mark the various times of each day with prayer, we are “*praying without ceasing*” as Saint Paul tells us to do in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Most Thursday mornings that Annunciation Parish School is in session, the school student body, K-8th grade, celebrates

Morning Prayer. In conjunction with Morning Prayer, the student body engages in a time of Liturgical Catechesis. On Thursdays, Morning Prayer and Liturgical Catechesis begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 10:15 a.m.

*All Annunciation parishioners, Annunciation School Parents, younger siblings, indeed everyone, are welcome to join us for liturgy at Annunciation Parish, including Thursday Morning Prayer and Liturgical Catechesis.

**Preschool children at Annunciation Parish School participate in prayer experiences following a schedule determined by their catechist and the Director of Faith Formation.

Annunciation Service/Outreach Projects

St. Vincent de Paul:

- First Sunday of the Month a collection is taken up at the doors of church after each Mass to provide funding for our parish conference of SVDP as it assists local community residents with emergency funding needs.
- Donating your clothing, shoes, and smaller household items to help our less fortunate neighbors has never been more convenient. Look for the dark blue donation drop-box located at the old pavilion, next to the recycling bins on the An-



nunciation parking lot. For larger items, please call 513-421-CARE for truck pick up at your home or business.

- For further information about the work of the SVDP Society, visit our parish web site at www.annunciationbvmparish.org. If you would like to find out more about volunteering with our parish chapter of SVDP, please contact our parish office at 861-1295 or attend one of our Annunciation Parish SVDP meetings held in our cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday following the first Sunday of each month.
- If parents are interested in forming, organizing and coordinating an Annunciation Youth Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please contact our parish office at 861-1295.

St. George Food Pantry

- The first Sunday of each month there is a collection of personal care items, canned goods and non-perishable food items which is donated to the local St. George Food Pantry. Items may be brought to Annunciation Parish Church and placed by the side “Prayer Intention Book” alcove in the church. Our parish bulletin and web site always list items especially requested that month by the Food Pantry Director. Those interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry should contact its Director, Janet Cavanaugh, at 751-8771.
- Annunciation Parish School students participate in a drive for the St. George Food Pantry in September. Students begin bringing in their

donations to their school homeroom classrooms on September 19, 2011. The collected items will be blessed at Mass on Thursday, September 29, 2011. These items are then donated to the St. George Food Pantry in honor of the September 27th Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul.

- Thanksgiving Food Drive. Annunciation parishioners and Annunciation Parish School students participate in a Thanksgiving Food Drive in November, benefiting the St. George Food Pantry. School students begin bringing their donations of canned yams, canned cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing mix, and instant potatoes to their classrooms on November 7, 2011. The school donations are blessed at Morning Prayer on Thursday, November 17, 2011.

Advent Giving Tree

- During the season of Advent, in preparation for Christmas, there is an Advent Giving Tree in Annunciation Parish Church. Tags on the tree indicate the age range and sex of the gift recipient. All gifts are donated to the clients of the St. George Food Pantry. Parishioners and school students alike are encouraged to participate.

Operation Rice Bowl

- The Lenten Outreach Project for All Annunciation parishioners and all Annunciation Parish School students is Operation Rice Bowl. Operation Rice Bowl is the official Lenten Pro-

gram of Catholic Relief Services. Participation in Operation Rice Bowl is a way to respect human dignity and foster solidarity with the poor around the world.



- Operation Rice Bowl begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2012) and concludes on Holy Thursday (April 5, 2012). Annunciation School is closed on Holy Thursday, so the students' Rice Bowl Collections will be received and blessed at a special Prayer Service at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2012.
- For more information regarding Operation Rice Bowl, visit their web site at <http://orb.crs.org/>.

*Great occasions
for serving God come seldom
but little ones
surround us daily.*

St. Francis de Sales

A Annunciation's
G Green
A Awareness (for)
P Protecting (our)
E Environment



Annunciation Parishioner and fourth grade school teacher, Mrs. Kelly Berger, is our Annunciation Parish Representative to the *Catholic Climate Covenant: Caring for the Earth, Caring for the Poor* Archdiocesan Task Force.



What is the Catholic Climate Covenant?

A Catholic Climate Covenant and the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor, is a unique and unprecedented initiative in response to a growing desire by the Catholic community to respond, in faith, to climate change. It will also be a demonstration of a common Catholic commitment to care for God's creation and to stand with the poor and vulnerable people in our nation and around the world who face the impacts of a changing climate.

Catholic Climate Covenant

At the center of the Covenant is **The St. Francis Pledge** calling Catholic individuals, groups and institutions to make a serious commitment to all of the following:

PRAY and reflect on the duty to care for God's creation and for the poor and vulnerable;

LEARN about and educate others on the moral dimensions of climate change;

ASSESS our participation - as individuals and organizations - in contributing to climate change (i.e. consumption and conservation);

ACT to change our choices and behaviors contributing to climate change and;

ADVOCATE Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact the poor and vulnerable.

Non-custodial Parent Rights

The Director of Faith Formation, Dr. Sandra Chak-eres, needs to be informed by the custodial parent of the rights of the non-custodial parent of any child/youth enrolled in religious education/faith formation at Annunciation Parish.

Policy Changes

Parents will be notified in writing if any policies are added or amended.



**Annunciation Parent/Student
Religious Education/Faith Formation
Calendar: August 2011 - June 2012**

Abbreviations:

LC: Liturgical Catechesis (see page 11)

MP: Morning Prayer (see pages 27-28)

MP/LC: Morning Prayer & Liturgical Catechesis

PNL: Faith Formation Parent Newsletter (see pages 25-26)

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (see page 8)

SS: Sunday Sowers (see page 12)

School Religion Classes:

Religion classes for students preschool through 8th grade are held during regularly scheduled class periods during the school day, and are not otherwise noted on this calendar.

School Liturgical Choir:

The School Liturgical Choir usually rehearses the last period of the school day on Tuesday afternoons when school is in session, and rehearsals are not otherwise noted on this calendar. Any changes to this schedule will be provided to choir members by Mrs. Mary Malloy, Annunciation Parish Director of Music.

August 2011

Wednesday, August 17: PNL published

Tuesday, August 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m.: Annunciation Parish School Open House & Meet the

Teacher Night

Thursday, August 25: First school day for Annunciation Parish School

Thursday, August 25, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Prayer Service & Blessing of all Annunciation Parish School students, parents, faculty and staff, followed by a social for school parents.

September 2011

Thursday, September 1, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is "Preparing for Mass", Grades K-8)

Thursday, September 1, 7:00 p.m.: Baptism Preparation

Tuesday, September 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m.: Christian Formation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 7: PNL published

Tuesday, September 7, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Choir Formation

Thursday, September 8: Kindergarten Feast Day (Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; *There are numerous other Feasts of Mary - our Kindergarten Patron - during the course of the Liturgical Year)

Thursday, September 8: Annunciation Parish School students and faculty attend 8:00 a.m. Mass (Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Thursday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic

Tuesday, September 14: Annunciation Parish School students and faculty attend 8:00 a.m. Mass (Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

Thursday, September 15, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Mary: Our Lady of Sorrows”, Grades K-8)

Thursday, September 15, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Altar Server Formation

Sunday, September 18: Catechetical Sunday observed at 11:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, September 19: School Fall Outreach Drive begins

Tuesday, September 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Lector Formation

Wednesday, September 21: PNL published

Thursday, September 22, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Preparing for Mass”, Grades K-8)

Thursday, September 22, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Reconciliation Family Preparation

Tuesday, September 27: Fourth Grade Feast Day (Saint Vincent de Paul)

Tuesday, September 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Formation

Thursday, September 29: Kindergarten Feast Day (The Archangel Gabriel)

Thursday, September 29: Annunciation Parish School students and faculty attend 8:00 a.m. Mass (Feast of Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels); Outreach Collection Blessed

Thursday, September 29, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer
Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or
older who is currently not baptized and de-
sires to become Catholic

Friday, September 30: Sixth Grade Feast Day
(Saint Jerome)

October 2011

Saturday, October 1: First Grade Feast Day (Saint
Therese of the Child Jesus)

Sunday, October 2: Sacrament of Anointing of
the Sick celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, October 4: Fifth Grade Feast Day (Saint
Francis of Assisi)

Tuesday, October 4 (Memorial of Saint Francis of
Assisi), 7:00 p.m.: Blessing of Pets

Wednesday, October 5: PNL published

Wednesday, October 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:
“Understanding the Revised Mass Texts:
Part I”

Thursday, October 6, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC.
(LC focus is “Dedicating a Church”,
Grades K-3)

Thursday, October 6, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Reconcilia-
tion Family Preparation

Friday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.- Midnight: Annuncia-
tion Oktoberfest (Adult Only Evening)

Saturday, October 8, 6:00-11:00 p.m.: Annuncia-
tion Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 9, 1:00-8:00 p.m.: Annuncia-
tion Oktoberfest

Thursday, October 13, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC.
(LC focus is “Dedicating a Church”,

Grades 4-8)

Thursday, October 13, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic

Tuesday, October 18: Annunciation Parish School students and faculty attend 8:00 a.m. Mass (Anniversary of the Dedication of Annunciation Church)

Wednesday, October 19: PNL published

Thursday, October 20, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Grades K-3 gather in church to pray the rosary.

Thursday, October 27, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Grades 4-8 gather in church to pray the rosary.

November 2011

Tuesday, November 1 (Solemnity of All Saints - a Holy Day of Obligation): Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Annunciation Parish School students and faculty attend 8:00 a.m. Mass.; 7:00 p.m. Mass is followed by a Soul Cake Social. All are welcome.

Tuesday, November 2 (Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed/All Souls Day), 8:00 a.m.: Mass

Wednesday, November 2: PNL published

Thursday, November 3, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is "Catholic Social Teaching", Grades K-3)

Thursday, November 3, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Reconciliation Family Preparation

Sunday, November 6, 3:00-5:00 p.m.: Annunciation School Open House

Monday, November 7: Begin School Thanksgiving Food Drive

Wednesday, November 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:
“Understanding the Revised Mass Texts:
Part II”

Thursday, November 10, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC
(LC focus is “Catholic Social Teaching”,
Grades 4-8)

Thursday, November 10, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer
Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or
older who is currently not baptized and de-
sires to become Catholic

Friday, November 11: Third Grade Feast Day
(Saint Martin of Tours)

Wednesday, November 16: PNL published

Thursday, November 17: Preschool Feast Day
(Saint Elizabeth of Hungary)

Thursday, November 17, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC.
School Thanksgiving Food Drive Collec-
tion blessed at Morning Prayer. (LC focus
is “The Harvest of Justice”, Grades K-8)

Thursday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.: Baptism
Preparation

Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving Day): Par-
ish morning Mass is at 9:00 a.m., rather
than the usual 8:00 a.m. weekday time. All
are welcome.

Sunday, November 27: First Sunday of Advent
and beginning of the new Liturgical Year,
The Year of Grace 2012

Sunday, November 27, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: Sunday
Sowers (SS) begins

Sunday, November 27, 12:00 Noon: Advent

Wreath Making; Opportunity for participants to make an Advent Wreath for their home and classroom.

Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 p.m.: Advent Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (date to be confirmed in late August)

December 2011

Thursday, December 1, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Birth & New Beginnings”, Grades K-8)

Thursday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic

Sunday, December 4, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Tuesday, December 6: First Grade Feast Day (Saint Nicholas)

Tuesday, December 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m.: Christian Formation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, December 7: PNL published

Thursday, December 8 (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - a Holy Day of Obligation): Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Annunciation Parish School students and faculty attend 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sunday, December 11, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Tuesday, December 13: Second Grade Feast Day (Saint Lucy)

Thursday, December 15, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Advent in Story & Song”,

Grades K-8)

Thursday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic

Sunday, December 18, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Wednesday, December 21: PNL published

Wednesday, December 21: School Advent Market

Sunday, December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Annunciation Parish Christmas Mass Schedule:

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.;

Sunday, December 25: 12:00 a.m. Midnight; 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

Friday, December 30: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

January 2012

Sunday, January 1: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Tuesday, January 3-Friday, January 6: Annunciation School students celebrate Christmas & Epiphany; School Christmas Parties

Wednesday, January 4: Fifth Grade Feast Day (Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton)

Wednesday, January 4: PNL published

Thursday, January 5, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is "Preparing for Mass", Grades K-8)

Thursday, January 5, 6:30 p.m.: Planning Meeting for Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration (parents & students encouraged to be involved)

Thursday, January 5, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic

Sunday, January 8: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 8, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Monday, January 9: Annunciation Parish School students and faculty attend 8:00 a.m. Mass (Feast of the Baptism of the Lord; **last day of the Christmas Season*)

Thursday, January 12, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Vocation”, Grades K-3)

Sunday, January 15, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

January 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Wednesday, January 18: PNL published

Wednesday, January 18: NCEA/ACRE Assessment for grades 5 & 8 at the school

Thursday, January 19, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Christian Unity”, Grades 4-8)

Thursday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic

Sunday, January 22, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Wednesday, January 25: Seventh/Eighth Grade Feast Day (Feast of the Conversion of Paul, Apostle)

Thursday, January 26, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Preparing for Mass/Candlemas”, Grades K-8)

Sunday, January 29, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Sunday, January 29: Catholic Schools Week begins; Annunciation Parish School Open House: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

February 2012

Wednesday, February 1: PNL published

Thursday, February 2, Annunciation Parish School students and faculty attend 8:00 a.m. Mass (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord)

Thursday, February 2, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: First Communion Family Preparation

Thursday, February 2, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: “The Mass: What We Do and Why We Do It: Part I”

Friday, February 3 (Memorial of Saint Blase); Blessing of Throats at 8:00 a.m. Mass;

Sunday, February 5, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Wednesday, February 8: Sixth Grade Feast Day (Saint Josephine Bakhita)

Thursday, February 9, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Saint Valentine”, Grades K-3)

Thursday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic

Sunday, February 12, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Wednesday, February 15: PNL published

Thursday, February 16, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Mardi Gras/Carnivale”, Grades 4-8)

Sunday, February 19, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Tuesday, February 21, 6:00 p.m.: Evening Prayer & Burning of Palm, followed by Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras Celebration

Wednesday, February 22 (Ash Wednesday): Mass with the distribution of Ashes at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Annunciation Parish School students and faculty attend 8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 22: begin Operation Rice Bowl Lenten Outreach Project

Thursday, February 23, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Lent Overview: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Operation Rice Bowl”, Grades K-8)

Thursday, February 23, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic

Sunday, February 26, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Sunday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.: RCIA Rite of Election at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral

March 2012

Thursday, March 1, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Kindergarten Students gather in church to pray the Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 1, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: First Communion Family Preparation

Thursday, March 1, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: “The Mass: What We Do and Why We Do It: Part II”

Sunday, March 4, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Tuesday, March 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m.: Christian Formation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 7: PNL published
 Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.: Lenten Communal Celebration of Reconciliation at St. Monica-St. George Parish (tentative)
 Thursday, March 8, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: First & Second Grade Students gather in church to pray the Stations of the Cross
 Thursday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic
 Sunday, March 11, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS
 Thursday, March 15, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Third & Fourth Grade Students gather in church to pray the Stations of the Cross
 Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.: Baptism Preparation
 Sunday, March 18, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS
 Monday, March 19: Second Grade Feast Day (Saint Joseph, the Husband of Mary)
 Wednesday, March 21: PNL published
 Thursday, March 22, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Fifth & Sixth Grade Students gather in church to pray the Stations of the Cross
 Thursday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic
 Sunday, March 25, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS
 Monday, March 26 (Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - Annunciation Parish & Parish School Patronal Feast Day), Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; Annunciation

Parish School students and faculty attend
8:00 a.m. Mass; Feast Day Social follows
7:00 p.m. Mass

Thursday, March 29, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Seventh &
Eighth Grade Students gather in church to
pray the Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 29, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: First Com-
munion Family Preparation

Thursday, March 29, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: “The Mass:
What We Do and Why We Do It: Part III”

April 2012

Sunday, April 1, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Sunday, April 1: Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Pass-
ion; Blessed Palm Branches distributed
at all Sunday Masses; Procession with
Palms at 11:00 a.m. Mass

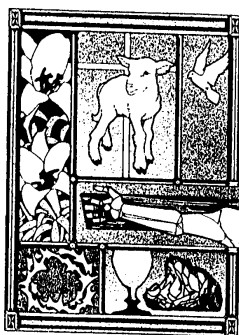
Sunday, April 1, 12:00 Noon (following 11:00
a.m. Mass): Palm Weaving Tutorial

Wednesday, April 4: PNL published

Wednesday, April 4, 1:45 p.m.: Prayer Service
for grades K-8 to conclude Operation Rice
Bowl School Lenten Outreach Project



The Paschal Triduum*



**For Roman Catholic Christians, the Triduum (meaning 'Three Days' in Latin) is the pinnacle of the entire Church Year. The 'Three Days' are counted from sundown Holy Thursday through sundown Easter Sunday, and are best understood as one continuous*

celebration. On Easter Sunday we begin the Easter Season, 50 days of rejoicing which concludes on Pentecost - the 50th day.

Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.: Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (includes procession with Operation Rice Bowl offerings); The church remains open after liturgy for prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, concluding with Compline (Night Prayer) at 10:00 p.m.

Friday, April 6, 3:00 p.m.: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 7, 9:00 p.m.: The Easter Vigil - the first Mass of Easter, and the highpoint of the entire Roman Catholic Year*

Sunday, April 8 (Easter Sunday): Mass at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

*Blessing of Easter Foods/Easter Baskets will take place immediately following the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses

Thursday, April 12: Annunciation Parish School students and faculty attend 8:00 a.m. Mass (Easter Season: Solemnity - Thursday within the Octave of Easter)

Thursday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.: Easter Egg Hunt Preparation Gathering

Thursday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic

Sunday, April 15, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Sunday, April 15, 12:00 Noon: Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 18: PNL published

Thursday, April 19, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is "Easter Mystagogia", Grades K-3)

Saturday, April 21, 6:00 p.m.: Gaslight Gala

Sunday, April 22, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Thursday, April 26, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is "Easter Mystagogia", Grades 4-8)

Thursday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic

Sunday, April 29: Seventh/Eighth Grade Feast Day (Saint Catherine of Siena) * This is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, which takes precedence in liturgical observance over the saint's feast day)

Sunday, April 29, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

May 2012

Tuesday, May 1: Second Grade Feast Day (Saint Joseph the Worker)

Wednesday, May 2: PNL published
 Thursday, May 3, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Saint Mary Magdalene”, Grades K-3)
 Sunday, May 6, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS
 Sunday, May 6, 5:00 p.m.: May Crowning, followed by a Social
 Thursday, May 10, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Saint Mary Magdalene”, Grades 4-8)
 Thursday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and desires to become Catholic
 Friday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.: Annunciation Parish School International Festival
 Sunday, May 13, 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS
 Sunday, May 13, 11:00 a.m. Mass: Celebration of First Communion
 Tuesday, May 15: Blessing of Garden after 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Wednesday, May 16: PNL published
 Thursday, May 17, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Kite Fly”, Grades K-3)
 Sunday, May 20: 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS
 Sunday, May 20: Parish graduates recognized at 11:00 a.m. Mass
 Thursday, May 24, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: MP/LC (LC focus is “Kite Fly”, Grades 4-8)
 Thursday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.: RCIA Inquirer Gathering for anyone 7 years of age or older who is currently not baptized and de-

sires to become Catholic

Sunday, May 27: 10:10-10:50 a.m.: SS

Thursday, May 31: Annunciation Parish School students and faculty attend 8:00 a.m. Mass (Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Thursday, May 31, 9:00 a.m.: Annunciation Parish School 8th Grade Graduation

Thursday, May 31, 10:00 a.m.: Annunciation Parish School Kindergarten Graduation

June 2012

Friday, June 1: Last day of school this academic year for Annunciation Parish School. Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 5, 7:00-9:00 p.m.: Christian Formation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, June 6: PNL published

Thursday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.: Baptism Preparation

Sunday, June 10 (Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ); 12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m.: Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration ; 3:00 p.m.: Benediction

Saturday, June 23 (Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist), 5:00 p.m.: Mass followed by our annual Annunciation Parish Midsummer Nativity Lawn Party & Picnic. This is a rain or shine event, and all are welcome. Bring a picnic supper and lawn seating for you/your family, plus a dessert to share.

Sunday, June 24: Preschool Feast Day (Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist)

Friday, June 29: Seventh/Eighth Grade Feast Day
(Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles)



Signed Agreement

Parents of all children enrolled in Annunciation Parish School and/or any Faith Formation component at Annunciation Parish are required to read this handbook and sign an agreement that they have read it and understand its content and agree to abide by all policies stated herein. Parents are to share the contents of this handbook with their child(ren). All children/youth fourth grade and older are also required to sign this agreement.

Please sign, detach (or photocopy), and return this agreement to Annunciation Parish Director of Faith Formation no later than August 29, 2011.

I, _____, parent of the following students: _____

have read this Religious Education/Faith Formation Parent/Student handbook, and agree to comply with all policies stated herein.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signatures of students fourth grade and above:





