



Annunciation Catholic School

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Annunciation Catholic School's vision is to provide a Catholic Education that recognizes and respects each student's uniqueness as a member of the Body of Christ. We awaken, recognize and honor the God given abilities of each student by providing active learning experiences using innovative techniques and cutting edge technology. We challenge students to accept responsibility to continue Jesus' mission, by being people of prayer, service, wisdom and compassion.

CATHOLIC FORMATION

Weekly Student Mass
First Friday Adoration
Reconciliation Opportunities
Classroom Patron Saints
Religious Values Taught
Vocation Prayers
Stations of the Cross
Mass Servers
Grade Level Service Projects
Retreats and Prayer Services
Living Rosaries
Daily Religion Curriculum
8th Grade Bible Study
Weekly Bible Verse
Friday Night Live

ATHLETICS

Basketball
Cross Country
Flag Football
Softball
Tennis
Track
Volleyball
Golf

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Home and School Ministry
School Advisory Council
Halloween Happening
Homeroom Parents
Talent Show
Multiple Parent Committees
Art Parents
St. Gabriel Committee
Coaching
Classroom Help

STUDENTS OF SERVICE

During the 2010-2011 school year our students serviced the community in the following ways.

BY COLLECTING

- \$306 for Columban Missions
- \$3707.80 for Kids Against Hunger
- \$868.01 for Rice Bowl
- \$3377 by hopping for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- 777 books for Barrett House
- \$560 for Cuidando Los Ninos by selling lemonade & cookies
- \$1,226 and walked for Juvenile Diabetes
- 361 coats & 89 blankets for Koats for Kids
- 40 bags of toiletries and \$100 for Little Sisters of the Poor

BY PROVIDING

- art work for the home-bound
- 20 families Thanksgiving food boxes
- cards to UNM Children's Hospital.
- 120 pairs of pajamas for children of SAFE House
- 96 Easter Baskets for children at Joy Junction
- helped monthly with a Roadrunner Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry
- mentorship for younger students
- 79 Run for the Zoo runners

Additionally they assisted Challenge Club, Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts in their efforts to support UNM Children's Hospital, Roadrunner Food Bank, Barrett House and Watermelon Ranch.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

After School Program
Bricks for Kids
Evening of the Arts
Christmas Program
Chess Club
Scouts
Student Council
Talent Show
Yearbook Staff
Band

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Spanish Program (Grades PreK-8)
Technology:
Instruction PreK - 8
Integrated Daily
7 Interactive White Boards
Robotics & STEM
Elementary Science Lab
Weekly Science Labs (Grades 3-8)
Accelerated Reader
Fine Arts Program: Music & Art
Physical Education
La Luz Academy (Grades 6)
Accelerated Math

INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

Science Fair
Spelling Bee
Robo Rave
Geography Bee
English Expo
Math Counts
Faith Challenge Bowl
Destination Imagination
Oratorical Contests
Science Olympiad
Lego League

Annunciation Catholic School's mission is to provide a Christ-like and learner-friendly environment to better serve God and community.

Christ the Newborn King



Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish

December 25, 2011



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Dear Parishioners:

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ!

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone” Isaiah 9:1. These words of the prophet Isaiah are fulfilled in the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. As we hear at midnight Mass, “The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good” Titus 2:11-14. We celebrate the fact that God chose to enter our world and become one of us in order to lead us on the journey back to heaven. Let us find ways to bring the charity of Christ to those around us who have yet to know the goodness of the Lord, born for our salvation.

In this Christmas bulletin, our parish staff shares with you the many different ministries which we have here at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish. If you attended our recent parish ministry fair on Stewardship Sunday, you are probably already familiar with the wide variety of opportunities we have to serve our brothers and sisters here at Annunciation. Please consider how you might exercise your baptismal graces and gifts by taking up one or more of our ministries described in this bulletin. May the light of Christ shine more brightly in the world today because you are serving the Lord in our Church and in the broader community.

May the love of Jesus Christ, Our Savior, fill your hearts at Christmas and throughout the New Year 2012. With an assurance of my prayers for you and asking Our Lady’s intercession for your intentions, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Reverend Bennett J. Voorhies

Pastor

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Annunciation Roman Catholic Parish is a people of living faith rooted in the Gospel, centered on the Eucharist and led by the Holy Spirit. We are inspired by the example of Mary to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by ministering to all.

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. **Holy Days:** 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (School Mass), 5:30 p.m.
First Saturday Mass: 8:30 a.m. **Confessions:** Saturday 3:30 p.m. also by appointment

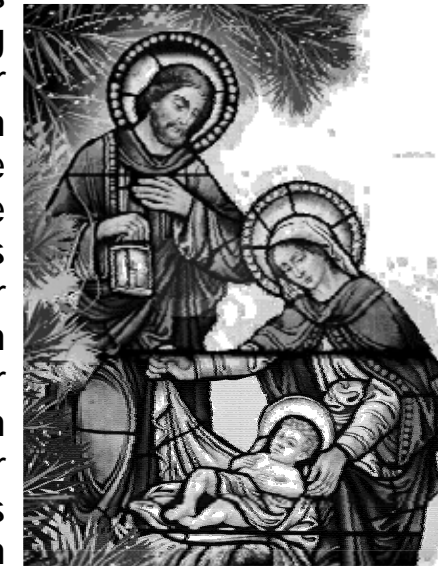


FAMILY CENTERED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Sr. Grace De Paoli, Fdccc, Director
Melany Gallegos, Secretary - 296.0411



Family Centered Religious Education / Catechesis is a ministry that supports faith formation and encourages family involvement in building the faith community of our Lady of the Annunciation Parish. Compelled by the mission of Jesus and in line with the Parish Mission, this Ministry commits to: Foster mature faith through catechesis and other formation processes with children, youth and their families. Create opportunities to experience the Faith Community and to foster involvement in the service of the Church and the community at large

THE MINISTRY of CATECHESIS



Merry Christmas

“At the heart of Catechesis we find in essence a person, the person of Jesus of Nazareth.”

Indeed it is the goal of Catechesis to make the person of Jesus Christ known so that all people may come to love him and to follow him.

In the season of Christmas we are invited to contemplate and to celebrate the gift Jesus is for all humankind. He is the expression of God’s love for us. May this then, be our Christmas wish for one another, that as God the Father looks on each of us, he may see more and more the image, the traits, the values of his Son Jesus. As this year’s catechetical theme suggests, may all we do, be done in Memory of Him.

WEEKLY CATECHESIS



Elementary

ERE

Pre-School - Grade 5
Wednesdays: 4:00-5:30 pm
(Registration all year round)



Middle School in Action

MSA

Grade 6-7-8
Sundays: 10:15-11:45 am
(Registration all year round)



SACRAMENTAL CATECHESIS



1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist

Grade 3

with at least one previous year of faith formation
(beginning in the Fall)



Christian Initiation of

Children of Catechetical Age
unbaptized children
(age 7 and above)

children & family sessions
(beginning in the Fall)



An angel of the Lord appeared, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.

Glorify to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace and goodwill to all.

Unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry
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Merry Christmas

SACRAMENTAL CATECHESIS

Youth Confirmation

- High School Youth
- Meets bi-weekly before the 5:30 PM Mass.
- Through Confirmation candidates are called to live a more active Christian life.



Wisdom, Knowledge
 Understanding
 Counsel, Piety,
 Fortitude,
 Wonder & Awe

Adult Confirmation

- 8 week program for catechized adult Catholics who are baptized and made their First Communion
- Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated at the Archdiocesan Adult Confirmation Mass.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES



SCOUTING



Our Scouting programs are an integral part of our youth ministry, developing the future leadership of our church and community. Our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Venturing Crew serve the youth of our parish throughout their formative years.

JPII CREW

Our High School Youth Group that plans and implements social and faith activities for ALL High Schoolers of our parish. Totus tuus!

CHALLENGE CATHOLIC GIRLS CLUB

A place of friendship, formation and apostolate for girls in the 4th and 5th grade. Meetings are bi-weekly on Friday afternoons.

Young Adults Frassati Society

Mission: Young adults encouraging each other to live in holiness as our patron, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati did in his time. We meet bi-weekly for faith sharing, service and social events. Open to all young adults of the parish—college age through 30's.

PRAYER

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

All are welcome to spend time in prayer in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel and on 1st Fridays in the Church.

SERVICE FAITH

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
St. Magdalene of Canossa
Council 14920

A fraternal Catholic men's order that meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Our Council leads and supports Church, community, council, family, pro-life and youth activities.

FORMATION

ENDOW

Education on the nature and dignity of women. Catholic faith study group that meets bi-weekly.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Meets on Wednesday evenings. All are welcome to join us in continuing our education about our faith.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Offered for adults, through this study discover the Mystery of God revealed through our bodies.



Liturgy and Music

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ASSEMBLY

"The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy."
 (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)



MUSIC MINISTERS & PARISH CHOIRS

"Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, shout with joy before the Lord, the King!"
 (Psalm 98)

Children's Choir, Men's Laudate Choir
 Parish Mixed Choir, Cantor Ensembles,
 Spirit Night Group



COMMUNION MINISTERS

"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread we break,

is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?"
 (1 Corinthians 10:16)

LECTORS

"Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise!"
 (Liturgy of the Hours)



ALTAR SERVERS

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."
 (1 Peter 4:10)



GREETERS & WELCOMERS

"Love your fellow Christian always. Do not neglect to show hospitality, for by that means some have entertained angels without knowing it."
 (Hebrews 13:1)



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

"Jesus had a child stand near him. He put his arm around the child and said, 'Whenever you welcome even a child because of me, you welcome me.'"
 (Mark 9:37)



ART & ENVIRONMENT

"Because the assembly gathers in the presence of God, liturgy's climate... cannot be satisfied with anything less than the beautiful in its environment, and all its artifacts, movements, and appeals to the senses."
 (Environment and Art in Catholic Worship)



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): BECOMING A CATHOLIC

COORDINATOR: Deacon Robert Morrow
SECRETARY: Mary Agnes Sain, 299-9111

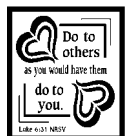
The RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS is a process for unbaptized adults who are interested in becoming Catholic and for those baptized Christians who seek full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Trained catechists conduct weekly sessions which combine Catholic teaching, Scripture reflection, personal and liturgical prayer. The Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation are received at the Easter Vigil.



PARISH LIFE AND PASTORAL OUTREACH



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“In an even more marvelous manner, the Incarnation transforms us. Jesus has taken on our flesh, entered our world and allowed us to see God’s glory – if we only open our eyes. With eyes of faith we realize that this child can be born again and again in us as we allow God to transform us. This is the promise of Christmas.



MERRY CHRISTMAS! MALIGAYANG PASKO! FELIZ NAVIDAD!

BUON NATALE! JOYEUX NOEL!



PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Contemplative Prayer and Lectio Divina** - is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; it simply puts other kinds of prayer into a new and fuller perspective; during the time of prayer we consent to God’s presence and action within. We meet every first Tuesday of the month, at 6:15-7:15PM in St. Francis Hall.
- Reflection on Sunday Scripture Readings** – is a weekly faith sharing group that reflects on the readings of the Sunday Liturgy; it is held every Thursday at 9:30-10:30 AM in St. Francis Hall.
- Cenacle of Divine Mercy**—Meets every other Monday in St. Francis Hall. Learn how to live faith through the message of Jesus and the Diary of St. Faustina and the Catechism; and pray the chaplet for the sick and dying.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- Little Rock Sacred Scripture Study (LRSS)** This Scripture study combines personal Bible reading and study, small group faith sharing, lecture and prayer in an informal setting. Meets Tuesdays at 7:00-9:00 PM in St. Francis Hall or Wednesdays at 9:30-11:30 AM, in St. Josephine Bakhita Center.
- History of the Church** is a nine-week class in the Fall and in the Spring, that covers Church history from the founding of the Church on Pentecost, 30 C.E., until the present pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI. The class is held on Mondays at 7:00-9:00 PM, in Annunciation School Portable Building, Room 304. The required text book is the Bible.
- Faith in the Workplace** is an informal gathering of men and women who are active in our community’s workforce. Discussions about contemporary issues affecting the workplace, and sharing of insights guided by Christian spirituality and principles. The sessions are held every first Saturday of the month, at 9:45-11:00 AM in St. Francis Hall. Participants come with simple breakfast items to share.
- That Man Is You** is a twenty-six week Catholic men’s leadership program. The video presentation and small group discussion help the participants to: understand how failed male leadership is damaging the Church; to deepen one’s knowledge of the Catholic Faith; to understand the God-given leadership roles men have; to learn principles of leadership; to learn leadership traits men need to develop. The group meets on Saturdays at 7:00-8:30 AM. Breakfast is provided.

VISITING THE SICK AND THE HOMEBOUND

Marianites

Their life of prayer gives meaning to their ministries to the sick and homebound, in nursing homes; in leading the Rosary at funeral wakes; in their commitment to pray for vocations. Meets every Monday at 9:30-10:30 AM in St. Francis Hall. After which they go forth to visit and give Holy Communion to members of our parish who are sick, homebound, or in nursing homes.

Companions on the Journey

They are volunteer pastoral workers of our parish who are commissioned by our Pastor on behalf of our faith community, to provide spiritual companionship to suffering parishioners, especially those who are permanently homebound and the terminally ill. Special training endorsed by the Archdiocese is required for this ministry, and is provided by our parish. The “Companions” go for weekly visits to pray and give Holy Communion. The group meets on designated dates quarterly, at 6:30-7:30 PM in St. Francis Hall.

Visitation Ministry

Volunteers in this ministry bring the presence of Christ to the residents of selected nursing homes, who are lonely and do not have family to visit them. This important ministry goes beyond our parish boundaries, and is non-denominational. The group has quarterly meetings, on designated dates at 6:30-7:30 PM in St. Francis Hall.

PASTORAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Respect Life Ministry

The mission of this group of volunteers is – to actively promote the dignity and sacredness of human life, from conception to natural death. The team meets once a month on a designated Tuesday, at 9:30-11:00 AM in St. Josephine Bakhita Center.

Women’s Guild

The objective of the Guild is to unite the women of the parish in maintaining Christian ideals and principles, and to promote devotion to our Blessed Mother. The members are actively involved in various services in the parish, responding to many needs. Monthly meeting is held on the second Wednesday, at 9:30-10:30 AM in St. Magdalene Hall.

Social Concerns

This ministry coordinates the monthly collection of goods for various charitable causes in our city, the largest of which is the annual “Adopt-a-Family-for Thanksgiving” project. The Committee spearheads our parish’s partnership with Catholic Charities, especially with the Center for Refugee Settlement. The Social Concerns Committee meets every first Sunday of the month, at 11:00 AM in St. Francis Hall.

Annunciation St. Vincent De Paul Society

The purpose of SVDP is to relieve the suffering of those in need, within the parish and surrounding areas. Material and moral assistance is given on a personal basis, adapting to circumstances. The group meets every first Monday of the month at the 5:00PM Mass, and for business meeting on the third Monday at 6:30 PM in St. Magdalene Hall.

Ministry to the Seniors -GEMS-Generous, Enthusiastic, Motivated Seniors

This ministry seeks to provide pastoral care to older parishioners, in the areas of spirituality, education, recreational activities. Varied activities are organized throughout the year.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Marriage Preparation

This is facilitated by Marriage Sponsor Couples, who mentor an engaged couple for six months prior to marriage. They explore together the meaning of the sacrament of marriage and identify issues that may need further dialogue. The Natural Family Planning (NFP) method is a mandatory 3-session part of the preparation.

Infant Baptism Preparation Class

Held every second Monday of the month, at 7:00-9:00 PM in St. Magdalene Hall. Parents and godparents are helped to understand the Baptismal Rite, and their responsibility of fostering the Christian faith of the child they are presenting to be baptized.