



St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation

Religious Education Newsletter

January/February 2019

Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 **New Year's Day**

Tuesday, Jan. 8th Class

Sunday, Jan. 13th Confirmation session #6 (9:30-11:30)

Tuesday, Jan. 15th Class

Tuesday, Jan. 22nd Movie Night in the school hall—all are welcome!

Sunday, Jan. 27th Confirmation session #7 (9:30-11:30)

Tuesday, Jan. 29th Class

Tuesday, Feb. 5th Class

Sunday, Feb. 10th Confirmation session #8 (9:30-11:30)

Tuesday, Feb. 12th Class

Tuesday, Feb. 19th Class

Saturday, Feb. 23rd First Communion Retreat 10-1pm Student & one parent or godparent required to attend.

Tuesday, Feb. 26th Class

"The family is the school of love and virtue."

—Fr. Zachary, SOLT

Sacramental Students

Our second and eighth grade students will be busy these next few months.

Second graders: Having completed the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our students will now be learning about the Eucharist—Christ's greatest gift to us. They should also be working on their banners, which will be turned in at the retreat.

Eighth graders: Students should have a sponsor chosen by now as well as their Confirmation saint. Sponsor forms should be turned in no later than February 15th. They should also be completing their service projects and turning in the Outreach forms.

Lastly, we hope that students and families are praying for each other, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us and keep us on the path leading to Christ. It is Christ who gives us the Sacraments as a gift, to bring us closer to Him, and fill us with the graces offered from each sacrament.

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas season. Hopefully in all the busyness of the holidays, you were able to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. And hopefully your break included Mass in our beautiful church, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we head into the middle of winter, be sure to check your emails for any changes in our class schedule due to inclement weather. If you're not signed up for Flocknote, be sure to do that as well. Just text "rockwood" to 84576 and you'll receive texts notifying you of any changes.

These next few months will fly by. Please remember that your child's religious education class is just that, a class. Please make sure they are turning in any homework that is assigned, and that they are doing the reading for the next class. We realize kids have a lot of homework these days, but they've got a whole week to do what may be assigned by the catechist. God bless you for all you do.

Catholic New Year's Resolutions

Are you the kind of person that makes New Year's resolutions? Why not switch things up a bit this year and get the whole family involved in a few Catholic resolutions? Set realistic goals and write them on the calendar so you will be held more accountable. Here are a few ideas:

- * Read the readings of the day together and discuss them as a family.
- * Pray the Rosary together at least once a week.
- * If you don't have a prayer table or a sacred place in your home, get one. Let everyone add something to the space, such as a statue or favorite prayer card.
- * Attend Mass one extra day a week, perhaps a Wednesday evening, when the whole family is available.
- * Pick one saint a month and study them, learning about their life and their devotion to God.
- * For a family outing, visit a shrine or a cathedral.
- * Volunteer once a month at a Soup Kitchen or shelter.
- * Spend 30 minutes a week at Eucharistic Adoration.