

PARENT MEETINGS: Parent meetings will be held at the beginning of each school year for all those who participate in our faith formation programs. Additional meetings will be held for those parents whose children are preparing for Sacraments. These are a vital part of the communication that is necessary for our community to continue to learn and grow together. If you are not able to attend please contact me.

PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEOS: Photographs and recordings are made from time to time of our activities here at Annunciation. Photos are used on bulletin boards and in special celebrations. We also sometimes put photos on our web site www.annunciationkearney.com.

CANCELLATION NOTICES: We follow the Kearney R1 School District calendar. If Kearney schools are closed due to bad weather, there will be no PSR. (Since our building is air-conditioned, we do not close for heat days.) If we need to cancel on a day when school was in session, we will try to contact you by phone. We also put cancellations on our parish phone system. You can access this by calling 628-5030 extension 14.

CHILDREN-PERSONAL SAFETY CURRICULUM

In children's programs, our mission is to compliment parental guidance and form confident children and youth. In order to protect themselves, children and youth must learn about personal safety in age-appropriate ways. The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph has provided all parishes and schools with programs and training to ensure that quality, age-appropriate instruction is available to all our children and youth

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All adults who work with children in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph are required to have a background check and to attend a 2 ½ hour program on preventing child abuse entitled Protecting God's Children. This program is available to all adults, as the safety of our children is extremely important.

INSURANCE

A copy of a current insurance card is required to be kept on file at the parish.

Family Involvement

1. Go to Mass.
2. Pray together.
3. Ask your child what they learned at PSR.
4. Make PSR a priority.
5. Get involved in the parish.

Opportunities to get to know our youth

“What way can I help?”

I am always up for a road trip

I love trying new recipes

I want to learn more about my faith by teaching a class

I have a job that would be really informative for a one night talk

I want to plan events for the youth

I want to send the youth little notes through out the year

I want to help with the youth web page

✝ K-6th grade PSR is every Wednesday afternoon from 4:00-5:15. K-4th grade will be at the Annunciation Community Center, 5-6th grade will be in the Parish Center.

✝ Religious Education for Jr. High (7th-8th grade) and High School (9th-12th grade) is every Wednesday night in the Parish Center through the entire school year. There are a few nights when we will not meet and these nights are noted on the calendar. When a Feast Day falls on Wednesday such as Ash Wednesday, Youth Group is not cancelled!!!! The youth are still expected to be here for Mass with their families.

✝ We will be having a Mass lead by youth one Sunday a month at the 10:30 mass. If your child is at this mass they will be asked to join the choir.

✝ There will be service days where the youth will serve the parish, community or city through service projects. Unless noted, this is open to all parishioners

✝ Fundraisers- throughout the year there are fundraisers including the Cinnamon Roll Sale, the Piccadilly Gala in February and the Mothers Day Rose Sale in May. If your child plans on attending a Mission Trip or NCYC they must attend these fundraisers.

✝ Every summer there is a youth mission trip, one for Jr. High and one for High School. They alternate between KC and out of town, for example when the Jr. High stay in KC, the High School goes out of town and vice versa the next year. There is a \$125 deposit due on January 15th for all trips, and the youth are required to fundraise the rest. I provide fundraising opportunities but if the youth does not attend an event they must pay an additional \$125 for each event missed.

✝ The National Catholic Youth Conference is an amazing experience!!! It occurs every other year (2009, 2011, 2013) so if your child is going to be in high school any one of those years, plan on sending them to NCYC. \$125 deposits are also due for that on January 15th.

✝ All field trips require permission slips found on www.annunciationkearney.com under the Youth Ministry link or on the Youth News bulletin board outside of the youth office. Other information on upcoming events is found on the Youth News bulletin board or in the bulletin each week.

Confirmation Requirements

Confirmation #6 are the Juniors

Confirmation #7 are the Sophomores

(Mandatory introductory meeting for Sophomores on Sept. 14th with parents)

- ✎ One small group session a month
- ✎ Large group sessions
 - *Kick-off- Oct. 5th
 - *Halloween Hallows- Oct. 18th OR
 - *Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat- Oct. 29th
 - *Watkins Mill- Dec. 14th
 - *Piccadilly Gala- Feb. 14th
 - *All Day Field Trip- Mar. 15th
- ✎ 30 hours of service
- ✎ Retreats as scheduled
 - *Conf. #6- April 4th
 - *Conf. #7- April 19th (tentative)
- ✎ Confirmation Brunch- May 17th 11:30am
 - *Conf. #7 to serve
- ✎ Sponsor Sessions (Conf. #6)
 - *Nov. 9th
 - *Feb. 8th (Bishops Letter/ Copy of Baptismal Certificate and address of Church that you were Baptized Due)
- ✎ Confirmation (Conf. #6) May 18th- 7pm
 - Sunday May 17th
 - *Blessing 10:30am Mass Brunch 11:30am
 - *Rehearsal 12:30pm

Attend one of the two parish Reconciliation services offered during Advent or Lent.

There is a three strike rule, miss one event, I will meet with the youth, if the youth misses 2 events, I will meet with the parents, if you have three unexcused absences from required events we will meet with parents and youth to discuss the situation.

First Reconciliation Requirements

- √ September 30th- Parent Meeting 7-8:30pm
- √ November 9th- Reconciliation Family Retreat 12-4pm
- √ November 18th- First Reconciliation 7pm

First Eucharist Requirements

- √ February 10th- Parent Meeting 7pm
- √ March 1st- First Eucharist Retreat 12-4pm
- √ March 26th- Dress Rehearsal and Pictures 7pm
- √ Selected weekends for First Eucharist will be chosen at the Retreat

Call 628-5030 ext. 125 if you have any questions