

Welcome to St. Mary of the Annunciation Church!

Are you new to St. Mary of the Annunciation? We warmly welcome you to our parish community. If you are a guest, visiting from out of town, we are happy that you came to worship with us today. If you are new to the neighborhood and looking to join a parish, we'd be happy to tell you more about our community and welcome you as a registered member.

We are a parish of approximately 1700 households. We have nearly 60 different ministries and programs that offer a variety of ways to both serve our parishioners as well as channel our good stewardship in reaching out to others. We are a parish that is committed to the mission of Christ and so we provide the formation necessary to be effective as Christ's disciples in the world. We believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our parish life together. And so we make every effort to celebrate the liturgy with style and grace, reverence and relevance to our daily lives. We strive to be a welcoming and hospitable parish that embraces everyone who comes in our midst.

Here is a sampling of our life together at St. Mary:

We have an extensive list of adult education opportunities throughout the year
We offer a parish day school for K-5 along with a pre-school

We have religious education programs for youth in more than one model
We are linked to *Frassati Catholic Academy*, a Catholic Middle School for our area
We open our doors to the homeless every Wednesday night
We have a unique Men's group that focuses on a man's spirituality
We welcome young mothers in our Moms & Tots activity and support group
We have a Youth Ministry that offers fun and Christian formation for teens
We are proud of a host of liturgical ministries
We boast of our annual Pork & Corn Roast & all our volunteers who make it happen
We extend our love and comfort through our Bereavement Ministry
We serve the needy through the St. Vincent de Paul Society
We join hands with our sharing parish in loving and generous support
We take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound
We prepare young couples for marriage through FOCCUS
We do all the above with *Abundant Hope*, our parish vision for the future – a vision that emphasizes life-long intergenerational learning

The list is too long to share in full. But the above points are a good sampling of who we are as the people of St. Mary. We welcome your investment of time and experience in making St. Mary of the Annunciation your spiritual home. If you want to live the joy of Easter year round, join us in our host of parish activities, ministries, projects and services. Whether you are new to the parish or at this point ready to get more involved, we need you and we welcome you!

