

# Annunciation Catholic Church

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## “BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT”

This Fourth Week of the Advent Season, we celebrate the overflowing joy flowing in and through two different women, Mary and Elizabeth. Mary was a teenage, naïve girl from limited means who traveled on foot, pregnant, because she was so overjoyed that she and her cousin Elizabeth were with child. Elizabeth was a much older woman, brought up in a priestly family, unable to have children, and probably much better off than Mary. Two very different women who shared an amazing experience – both were “filled with the Holy Spirit” and became aware of the depth of God’s presence within them and around them. Both knew they were very aware of God’s abundance when their paths crossed. As we walk through these last days of this Advent Season, how has God “filled you with the Holy Spirit?” Maybe you are now on the other side of some difficult situation. Perhaps you are deeply in love with someone? Possibly, you have the gift of intuition, and you feast on the goodness that you can sense in others. These last days of Advent, we are called to cherish God’s love and nurture the Holy Spirit that dwells in the most random places in our lives. If you want to know where the Holy Spirit dwells, look to what gives you the most peace, love, and/or joy. That is where you will discover God. There you will find where you are “filled with the Holy Spirit.” When you tap into the Holy Spirit within you, the love of God will leap within with unimaginable joy.

*Christ Blessings,  
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep*

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December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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# PARISH NEWS

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 24</b>
5:30p.m.	Children's Christmas Eve Vigil
8:40p.m.	Christmas Choir Music
9:00p.m.	Christmas Eve Vigil
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 25</b>
10:00a.m.	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 26</b>
	NO MASS
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 27</b>
	NO MASS
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 29</b>
7:15a.m.-7:45 a.m	Confession
8:00a.m.	Mass(Main Church)
10:30a.m.	Mass(Main Church)

## Order of Catholic Initiation of Adults formerly RCIA Journey of Faith



Will not meet until January 7, 2025



## Confirmation

Will not meet until  
January 15, 2025

## Blessed Virgin Mother Mary of Guadalupe.



Thanks to all who celebrated the  
Feast day of  
Blessed Virgin Mother Mary of Guadalupe.  
We look forward to more celebrations.

## a look at what's ahead

Religious Education

- December 22** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10  
Youth Mass/Pageant Rehearsal 1:00PM in the Main Church
- December 24** Youth Mass and Pageant  
Participants arrive early to get in costume
- December 29** Christmas / New Year Break --  
No RE Classes
- January 5** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- January 12** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- January 19** MLK Day Holiday -- No Classes

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Join Us For  
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Sunday Gatherings: 5:00-7:00  
Sunday Supper: 5:00-5:30

grades  
6th-12th

## December Events

- 22** Annual CYO Christmas Party
- 29** NO CYO Christmas Break

## January Events

- 5** CYO @ 5-7 in the Activity Center
- 12** CYO @ 5-7 in the Activity Center

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## DCYC 2025 HERE I AM LORD WORK IN ME



**March 21-23, 2025**  
**Vicksburg Convention Center**  
with Ali Hoffman and Josh Blakesley  
**9-12th grades are invited!**



**Faith - Fellowship - Fun - Register Today!**



# PARISH NEWS

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

12-22-2024

Weekly Offering	12-15-24	\$ 20,755.00
On-Line Giving:	12-15-24	\$ 3,060.00
SVDP	12-15-24	\$ 1,025.00
On Line Mass	12-15-24	\$ 250.00
Chapel Preservation	12-15-24	\$ 450.00
Christmas Offering	12-15-24	\$ 1,620.00



Elizabeth comes from a long line of infertile women in the Bible. Sarah, Rachel, Hannah - these childless women would eventually be called by God to birth the patriarchs and the prophets. In doing so, they would

fulfill covenantal promises and restore hope to Israel. In this respect, we should not be particularly amazed that Elizabeth would conceive John well past her childbearing years. Nor should we be surprised that John becomes a great prophet in his own right. Despite the miracle of Elizabeth's own pregnancy, this Gospel passage makes it abundantly clear that this wonder pales to the presence of the infant Jesus in Mary's womb. "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1: 42).

Elizabeth's continued awe is more apparent when she questions Mary's visit and refers to Mary as "the mother of my Lord." Elizabeth and prenatal John are the first to witness and recognize Jesus' divinity. Ponder: When did you first recognize the presence of Jesus in your life? Pray: Jesus, my Lord, may I see You, recognize You and know You.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil Children's Mass  
Tuesday- 5:30p.m.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass  
Tuesday- 9:00p.m.

Christmas Day Mass  
Wednesday- 10:00a.m.

New Year's Day  
Wednesday- 9:00a.m.

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to everyone who contributed to making Christmas a memorable occasion for 30 families. It truly requires dedication from our school, parish, and community to achieve this. Wishing God's blessings on each of you during this Christmas season!

**Merry Christmas AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Keep in Mind Year-End Contributions**

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday	12-24-24	5:30 pm Doug Phillips	GP	RIP
Wednesday	12-25-24	8:00 am Eva Corrado	CF	RIP
Thursday	12-26-24	8:30 am		
Friday	12-27-24	8:00 am		RIP
Sunday	12-29-24	8:00am People of the Parish		SI
Sunday	12-29-24	10:30am Willie Menotti		RIP

If you are experiencing symptoms such as runny nose or cough, please refrain from receiving the Holy Blood of Christ.

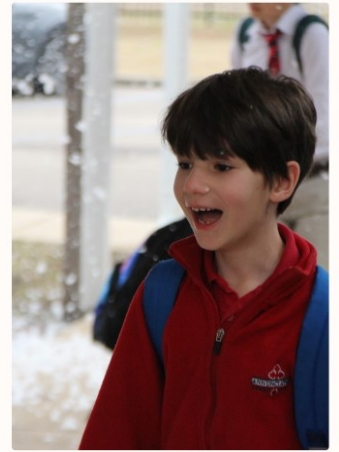




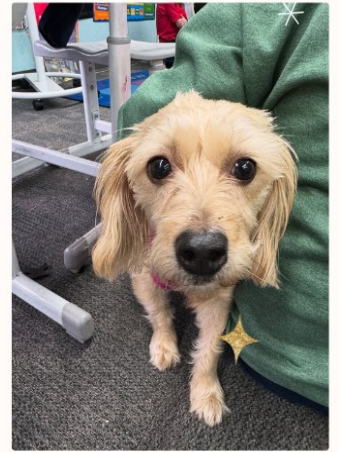
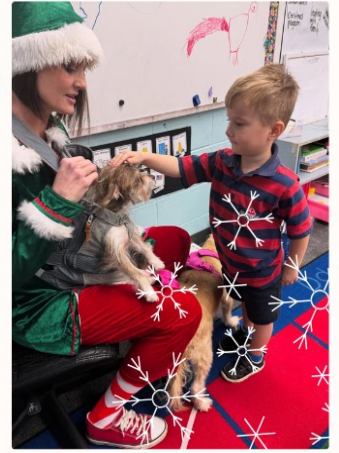


The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid. Mary found favor with God. You will conceive and birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus."

Luke 1:30



# Annunciation Catholic School Christmas Fun





# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 22, 2024



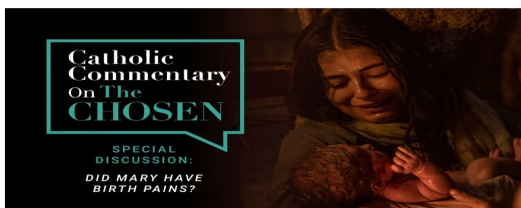
## The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Pennywhistle Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.



## O Holy Night - Christmas with the Annie Moses Band

Experience the beauty of the Christmas season with the Annie Moses Band as the acclaimed classical crossover ensemble performs stunning arrangements of holiday favorites.



## Mary's Labor: What Does Catholic Tradition Have to Say?

Join Dr. Scott Hefelfinger and Dr. Michael Barber as they explain the Catholic Church's understanding of Mary's labor and the birth of Jesus Christ.

### Prayers for Parishioners

Marian Beall	Patti Johnson
Delores Belhumeur	Dr. Ralph Johnson
John Bino	Susie Johnson
Charles Bridges	Greg Jones
Christy Burks	Ginny Konieczki
Rosemary Ciolino	Nell Labella
Ginny Clarke	Diane Loftis
Judy Coleman	John Love
Carl Doumit	Anne Mitchell
Karen Doumit	Raymond Overstreet
Tom Ebner	Sam Phillips
Larry Feeny	Cindy Putman
JoAnn Ferguson	John Purtell
Ruby Forrester	Ron Shepperd
Tom Griffin	Shelby Stafford
Gwen Gouveia	Stewart Stafford
Marga Hamner	Steve Wells
Mary Hayden	Scott Weseli
Dr. Sharon Harbin	Wink Wright
Clara Hicks	
Mary Hydrick	

### Prayer Changes Things

Katie Atkinson	Chad Hill
Melissa Baur	Natalie Hardy
Rufus Beason	Billy Hendricks
Gary Belhumeur	Dylan Hicks
Amanda Burell	Dee Dee Hindman
Michael Boland	Beth Huffer
Ashley Britt	Thomas Jones
Luke Brown	Doreen Kahalelio
Judy Berg	Ean Laitinen
Jack Campbell	Michelle Lawton
Joel Carrigan	Donna Loftis
Claude Carter	Darryl Lopaka
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Angie Corona	Rose Maness
Linda Etter	Jamie Manning
George Ferguson	Pam Nipper
Jacob Fine	Lynn Rosamond
Kathy Forrester	Blake Ragsdale
Sue Gentry	Lauri Sansing
Gus Gianini	Richard Sertich
Jonathan Giles	
Ellen Gore	
Ray Gore	
Patti Guerry	
Scott Hankins	

### Prayers for Families and Friends

Anna Sibley
Jake Sudduth
Jett Sudduth
Kathy Corcoran-Sutter
Judy Therrel
Tom Walk
Doug Wheeler
Bree Wood



### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Men of our parish, 18 years or older, are invited to become members of the

**W. H. Jolly K of C Council.**

As members, you will join with your brother Knights, putting your faith in action in support of our parish and community.

For more information on how to become a member contact *Dave Gruseck (412) 559-8514* or email him at

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### Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is extending an open invitation to women of our parish 18 yrs. and older to become members and share in our mission of spiritual and charitable growth.

For more information contact *Pat Jones 662-364-3108(cell) or ljones8873@aol.com*

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