

# Annunciation Catholic Church

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January 26, 2025

Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

## The Devil's Favorite Go-To

St. Paul writes to the Corinthians about “unity” in a city plagued with division (1 Cor. 12:12-30). Some Christians had been previously Jewish, some pagans. Some were converted by St. Paul, others by St. Peter. They all came with differing backgrounds and passions. Whenever an issue arose within the community, the devil caused deep division. Interestingly, the word “devil” originally means “to throw across,” that is, to throw something across someone’s path, otherwise dividing that person from their goal. For the Corinthians, the devil was using their differences to throw up obstacles to divide people from one another. This is important to realize because, to this day, the devil still uses “division” as a favorite go-to to throw us off the Lord’s path. Our political system throws up divisions, compromised religious freedom throws up divisions, attempts to redefine marriage throws up divisions, culture throws up divisions, war throws up divisions, race throws up divisions, and attitudes throws up divisions. In the face of the devil’s temptations, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians and us to stop fighting among ourselves and to be united in Christ, just as the different organs and limbs are united in the body. But being united as one requires prayer, compromise, and hard work. We can’t change what others do, but we can ensure we are not allowing the devil to use us to throw someone else off their paths. Let us embrace the spirit of “unity” of “being one body” by being dedicated to daily prayer, compromising with others, and focusing on finding similarities that can be built on. In working toward unity, the devil’s temptation to divide is overwhelmed with the Lord’s more extraordinary grace to unite.

*Christ's Blessing  
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep*

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# PARISH NEWS

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 28</b>
10:00a.m.	ACT Bible Study
5:30p.m.	Mass(Chapel)
6:30p.m.	(OCIA) RCIA
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 29</b>
8:00a.m.	Mass(Chapel)
6:00P.M.	Confirmation
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 30</b>
8:30a.m.	Mass(ACS)
10:00a.m.	Thursday Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 31</b>
8:00a.m.	Mass(Chapel)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 2</b>
7:15a.m.-7:45 a.m	Confession
8:00a.m.	Mass(Main Church)
9:05a.m.	Religious Ed.
10:30a.m.	Mass(Main Church)
5:00p.m.	CYO

## a look at what's ahead

Religious Education

- January 26** Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast for Catholic Schools Week -- No RE Classes
- February 2** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- February 9** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- February 16** Presidents' Day Holiday -- No Classes
- February 23** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- March 2** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10

ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com

## Confirmation

January 25-26- Retreat  
February 5 - The Eucharist

Confirmand are required to attend 2 CYO Sessions

... Join Us For ...  
**FAITH • FUN • FOOD • FELLOWSHIP**  
Sunday Gatherings: 5:00-7:00  
Sunday Supper: 5:00-5:30

### January Events

- 26** CYO @ 5-7 in the Activity Center
- 31** DCYC REGISTRATION DEADLINE

### February Events

- 2** CYO @ 5-7 in the Activity Center
- 9** Super Bowl Party @ 5-7 in the Activity Center
- 16** CYO @ 5-7 in the Activity Center

Samantha Edwards, Youth Minister • 662-364-8676 • AnnunciationCYO@gmail.com

### DCYC INFORMATION

Registration Deadline Jan. 31st

**9th - 12th Grade**  
**March 21-25, 2025**  
**Vicksburg Convention Center**

**WATCH THE GAME**  
PLAY TRIVIA  
TABLE BOWLING  
BOARD GAMES  
PING PONG

Sunday, February 9th  
**5:00-7:00 PM**  
in the Activity Center

BRING A SNACK TO SHARE

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

### Journey of Faith

(formerly RCIA)

- ★ Jan 28th- Reconciliation & Anointing of the sick
- ★ Feb 4th- Matrimony & Holy Orders

## Altar Server Training

Sunday, January 26th at 1:00 p.m.  
in the main Church

All students in 3rd through 12th grades are eligible to altar serve

Altar servers must have received their First Communion

If your child is making their First Communion on April 27, 2025, they are welcome to attend this training session.

Sign up via email to Shannon Clapper at  
ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com

## UNCF: United Negro College Fund

The UNCF is the nation's largest and most effective minority education organization. It provides scholarships, internships and operating funds for 39 historically black colleges and universities. Our church has generously donated to this organization throughout the years. Greg Jones is our liaison to the UNCF. Contributions may be made payable to the Golden Triangle UNCF  
P.O. Box 7915  
Columbus, MS 39705  
For more information email gtruncf@gmail.com



# PARISH NEWS

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

01-26-2025

Weekly Offering	01-19-25	\$	4,025.00
On-Line Giving:	01-19-25	\$	3,042.00
SVDP	01-12-25	\$	310.00
On Line Mass	01-12-25	\$	0.00
Chapel Preservation	01-12-25	\$	105.00



The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me!

The Gospels tell us the truth about Jesus Christ: his life, teachings, death, and resurrection. In Jesus Christ, God has personally become involved in human history. He has come to make a path to eternal union with the Father. We can thank Our Lord for becoming man and strengthening the relationship between God and man.

All of us are poor in God's eyes. We all need his grace, friendship, and mercy. Our spiritual neediness is a source of blessings. Christ has come to enrich each of us with the presence of his love, the love of the Father for his children. When we are in need, we can turn with confidence to Christ. We can learn from him how to make our life fruitful. For three short years Jesus walked among the people of Palestine. How many people discovered him for who he was? We, too, have only a short time to come to know the Lord. Our

human existence is short. Jesus gives us many ways to come into contact with him: his word in Scripture, the sacraments, the good example of other Christians, the providential circumstances of our life, etc. Christ is present for the asking.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for singling me out. I know that you give me many ways to discover you. Help me to look for you more this day through the eyes of faith. I want to commit to following you.

# DONUT Sunday

February 2nd

Bring a Treat to Share

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

# Jacob's Crossing

Sat., February 1st  
8:00 am  
ACC Activity Center



## New Church Directory



**Katie Studdard Photography** will take pictures for our new directory on these days. No appointment needed.

February 8- 9:00a.m. -5:00p.m.  
February 9- 10:30a.m. -4:30p.m.  
February 15- 9:00a.m. -5:00p.m.  
February 16-10:30a.m. -4:30p.m.

# Baptism Preparation

We will have a Baptism Preparation Class on Sunday, February 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Church.

If you are expecting or have a child that needs to be baptized please sign up with Maria Dunser or call the church office.

Maria Dunser [accadultfaith@gmail.com](mailto:accadultfaith@gmail.com)

## HOPE RISING Through Our Catholic Charities

Over 20 programs bring the hope and mercy of Christ to those in need across Mississippi through Catholic Charities. With dedicated offices in Jackson, Gulfport, Natchez, Vardaman, and Greenwood, these teams provide real help and support to families facing significant challenges.

Most families served by Catholic Charities live below the federal poverty level, struggling daily to meet their basic needs.

Your gift to the Catholic Service Appeal supports Catholic Charities essential programs, such as therapeutic foster care, adoption support, veteran services, disaster relief, substance abuse counseling, rape crisis intervention, domestic violence shelters, health ministries, and mental health support.

"When we entered the doors of Catholic Charities Adoption Services, we immediately felt at peace about our adoption journey and knew Catholic Charities Adoption Services would become a special part of our life."  
-Lisa, Bryson, and their baby-boy

Please give today!

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday	01-28-25	5:30 pm Robert Helms	NR	RIP
Wednesday	01-29-25	8:00 am		
Thursday	01-30-25	8:30 am		
Friday	01-31-25	8:00 am Benjamin Lawson	CH	RIP
Sunday	02-02-25	8:00am Pat Wamble	CH	RIP
Sunday	02-05-25	10:30am People of the Parish		SI

# Catholic Schools Week Kick Off

JANUARY 26TH, 2025

This week, Catholic schools celebrate Catholic education all across the nation! We have a full week of events, and you are welcome to join for any and all assemblies to take part in the fun! ACS is making a difference here in Columbus, MS.

Come see how this week!



**Sunday** - Pancake Breakfast at  
Annunciation Catholic Church



**Monday** - 1:00 p.m. CSW Kick Off Assembly with  
Guest Speakers Terri and Patrick Doumit



**Tuesday** - 8:30 a.m. In Our Nation Assembly. Join us as  
we celebrate our Military and our Nation



**Wednesday** - Celebrate our Donors



**Thursday** - 8:30 a.m. In Our Vocations  
Join us for Mass at 8:30 a.m.



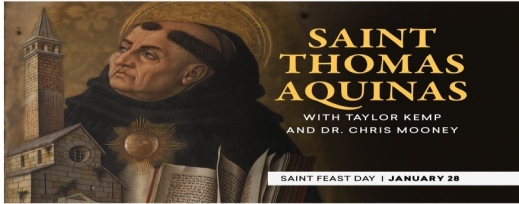
**Friday** - In Our Students  
We celebrate our incredible students all day!





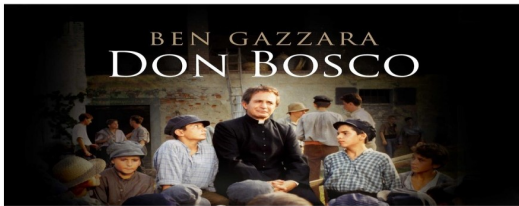
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of January 26, 2025



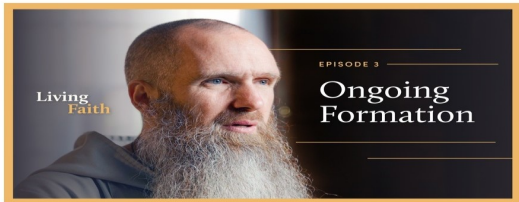
## St. Thomas Aquinas | Catholic Saints

St. Thomas Aquinas was given one of the greatest minds in history. He devoted his life to studying God. Not only did St. Thomas cover almost all of theology, but he also did it while maintaining theological accuracy.



## Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

Don Bosco is the inspiring true story of a brave and holy priest. Blessed with tremendous gifts, a creative imagination, and a great sense of humor, Bosco had a winning way with youth and was a brilliant educator.



## Ongoing Formation

When it comes to formation, it's easy to be passive consumers. Instead, let's show up, get excited and be proactive about our own faith formation. The focus of this episode is turning down the noise and forming our minds.

### Prayers for Parishioners

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

[grusedjg@hotmail.com](mailto:grusedjg@hotmail.com)



### 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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