

# Annunciation Catholic Church

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## GREED vs CHARITY

Greed can be seen as an overwhelming desire to have more, whether wealth, possessions, or even more power. This desire becomes harmful when it affects ourselves or others. Jesus faced the temptation of greed during his time in the desert, where he was tempted three times- first by physical desires, then by power, and finally to impress others (Lk 4:1-13). Out of his deep love for God the Father, Jesus turned away from the devil's greedy temptations, choosing instead to embrace the virtue of charity. When we face greed with charity, it loses its hold on us, especially when we instinctively give ourselves freely to the Lord and to others without expecting anything in return. Charity is all about generously serving others and is a powerful force encouraging us to set aside our greed. Like Jesus, charity invites us to prioritize our love for God and those around us, putting our desires on the back burner. We keep the spirit of charity alive when we dedicate time for personal prayer, give generously to the Church and those in need, spend quality moments with loved ones, listen more than we speak, and lend a hand to those who need it. Jesus thwarted the devil's temptations through the gift of charity. Let's follow his example and embrace charity wholeheartedly, sharing a love for God and each other that comes with no strings attached.

*Christ's Blessings,  
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep*

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First Sunday of Lent

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# PARISH NEWS

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

**Tuesday**  
5:30p.m. Mass(Chapel)  
**March 11**

**Wednesday**  
6:00p.m. Jewish Roots Bible Study  
**March 12**

**Thursday**  
8:00a.m.-8:00p.m.-Adoration  
10:00a.m. Thursday Bible Study  
**March 13**  
**NO MASS**

**Friday**  
8:00a.m. Mass(Chapel)  
5:30 Stations of the Cross(Chapel)  
**March 14**


**Sunday**  
7:15a.m.-7:45 a.m. Confession  
8:00a.m. Mass(Main Church)  
**March 16**

## a look at what's ahead

Religious Education

- march 9** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- march 16** Spring Break -- No Classes
- march 23** Spring Break -- No Classes
- march 30** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- april 6** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- april 13** Annual Easter Festival - No Classes

ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com



## MARCH 2025

**W. H. Jolly Council**  
7974  
Catholic Men united in  
Charity, Fraternity and  
Patriotism

Monthly Business Meetings of  
**W. H. Jolly Council**  
7:00 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

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**W. H. JOLLY COUNCIL MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Rev. Timothy Butler.....March 24  
Knights of Columbus Founded..... March 29, 1882  
Christian Sylvester.....March 31

2024-2025  
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**RECORDER** - Dean Priest  
**Chaplain** - Deacon Dave Gruseck  
**Newsletter Editor** - Mike Kreuzer


### "Jacob's Crossing" Men Of the Parish "Breakfast & Scripture"

For the past year **Annunciation Parish** men have been gathering on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 8:00 to 9:30 for breakfast, followed by a closer 'look' at New and Old Testament scriptures.

This gathering, which has become known as "**Jacob's Crossing**" is not just a free breakfast and coffee on a Saturday morning, but an opportunity to learn a lot more about Jesus' life. Following breakfast our own deacon, Dave Gruseck, leads a discussion devoted to a closer look at the Scriptures which will be read at Mass the next day.

The next "**Jacob's Crossing**" will be on Saturday morning, April 5th. Hope to see you there!

Sir Knight Michael Smith recently presented a \$400 check from the **Knights of Columbus ASAP\* Program** to Ray Campbell, Director of **Life Choices Pregnancy Center**



\*ASAP is a **Knights of Columbus nationwide program** that provides support to pregnant women, mothers and their children, (born or unborn) by supporting pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes

**INTERESTED** in the Knights -call/text Mike 662-549-4640

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

**CYO will host the  
Lenten Fish Fry on  
March 28**

### March Events

- 9** CYO @ 5-7 in the Activity Center
- 16** NO CYO -- Spring Break
- 23** NO CYO -- DCYC

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

## LENT TIPS

Lent is here, and it's a perfect time to grow in faith and strengthen our relationship with God. Here are some simple tips to make the most of this season!

**Set Realistic Goals:** Whether it's prayer, fasting, or giving, choose something you can stick with and that helps you grow closer to God.

**Daily Prayer:** Try setting aside 10 minutes a day to pray. Even a simple "Jesus, I trust in You" can make a difference!

**Acts of Kindness:** Use your time to serve others—small acts of kindness go a long way!

**Unplug & Reflect:** Take a break from social media for a bit each day to reflect and focus on your spiritual growth.

**Go to Confession:** If you haven't in a while, now is a great time to reconnect with God through the sacrament of reconciliation.

Remember, Lent is about transformation, not perfection. Let's walk this journey together!

# CONFIRMATION



*Confirmands are required to attend 2 CYO Sessions a month*

**MARCH 12-NO CLASS SPRING BREAK**  
**MARCH 19-PRESENCE GOD IS WITH US**

## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

*Journey of Faith*

March 11-Presence  
Story of the Eucharist

March 18-Presence  
Bread for the journey

# PARISH NEWS

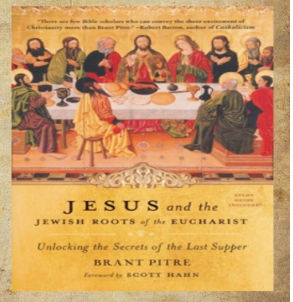
## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

03-09-2025

Weekly Offering	03-02-25	\$	10,463.00
On-Line Giving:	03-02-25	\$	1,980.00
SVDP	03-02-25	\$	6,377.00
On Line Mass	03-02-25	\$	250.00
Chapel Preservation	03-02-25	\$	260.00



**Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist Bible Study will meet Wednesday, March 12th at 6:00p.m. in the Activity Center.**



Parishioners of Annunciation Catholic Church

Please join us for a Bridal Shower for Stephanie Aultman (fiancé-Donovan Howe)

Sunday, March 23, 2025

1:00-2:30PM  
Annunciation Catholic Church Atrium

RSVP TO 662-889-3373 BY MARCH 16TH  
GIFT SUGGESTIONS: HONEYMOON/HOME FUND, ANYTHING KITCHEN-TOWELS, COOKWARE, COOKBOOKS, BATH TOWELS, BLANKETS, CLEANING SUPPLIES



**Host for the Fish Frys are:**

- March 14- Ladies Auxiliary
  - March 21- SVDP
  - March 28- CYO
  - April 4- Annunciation School
  - April 11- Knights of Columbus
- Please provide desserts*



**Lenten Fish Fry Friday Nights following the Stations of the Cross**

*(To-go plates will be provided only after all guests have been served).*

*Adoration*

Thursday, March 13 2025  
8:00a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel



Stations of the Cross

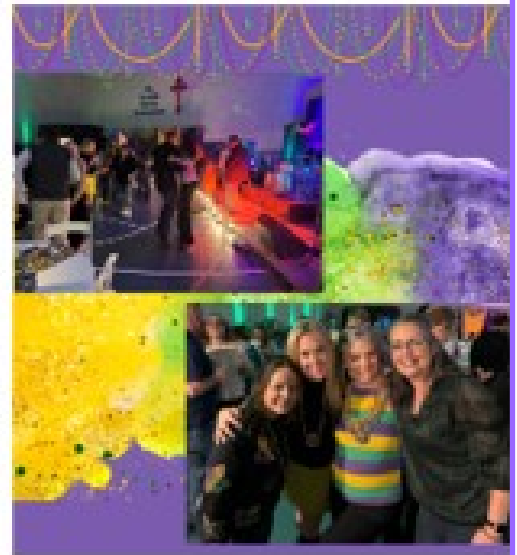
Join us for Stations of the Cross This Friday, March 7th at 5:30p.m. in the Chapel.

*Amazing Fish Fry Will Follow Stations.*

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday	03-11-25	5:30 pm	Eva Corrado	CF	RIP
Wednesday	03-12-25	8:00 am	Ruby Forrester	JR	RIP
Thursday	03-13-25	8:30 am			
Friday	03-14-25	8:00 am	Brian Fedorka	CF	RIP
Sunday	03-16-25	8:00am	Lenor Sloan	WH	RIP
Sunday	03-16-25	10:30am	People of the Parish	SI	

March 9th, 2025



**Pictures from  
A Night of Bids and Beads!**

**5th Grade Studies  
Eucharistic Miracles**

5th Graders are proud of their recent completed projects about Eucharistic miracles. Each student chose a different miracle to research. They then created a museum display, a story depiction and artifacts. Students study religion daily in school. They then created a museum display, a story depiction and artifacts. Students study religion daily in school. This week, Annunciation Catholic School had a prayer service for Ash Wednesday. The students also packed up their "Alleluia's". Lent at the school is a time of reflection and prayer. After Easter, the students will ceremoniously unpack their "Alleluia's" to be used freely again!



**Ash  
Wednesday  
at ACS**



**Have a safe and fun Spring Break!**



Lent WEEK 1  
THE DESERT

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**Week One | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT**

In the Week One video for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on the theme of the week—the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness, and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love, and healing.

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CATHOLIC ALL YEAR  
AT HOME

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**St. Frances**

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call “trash can soup.” Find this episode’s feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>

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LIVING LENT AS A

**FAMILY**

PART 1

JOHN AND SARAH SEHORN

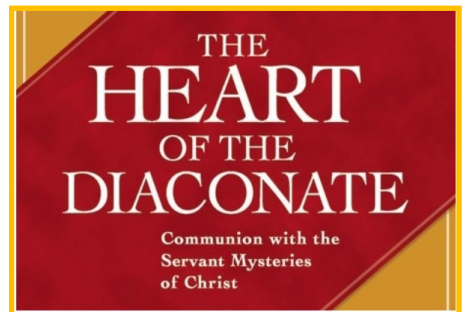
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**Living Lent as a Family (Part 1 of 4)**

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

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**Heart of a Deacon:  
A Life of Service and  
Communion –**  
All men interested in the diaconate should visit the Permanent Diaconate section of the diocesan website at <https://bit.ly/JacksonDiaconate> for more information about the Diaconate Ministry. Additionally, join our diaconate informational session on Sunday, March 22nd at Annunciation Activity Center from 10 am to 12 pm to learn about the heart of the Diaconate Ministry.

**Prayers for Parishioners**

*Prayer Changes Things*

**Prayers for Families and Friends**

Bonnie Adair  
Marian Beall  
Delores Belhumeur  
John Bino  
Charles Bridges  
Christy Burks  
Rosemary Ciolino  
Ginny Clarke  
Judy Coleman  
Carl Doumit  
Karen Doumit  
Tom Ebner  
Larry Feeny  
Joan Fleming  
JoAnn Ferguson  
Ruby Forrester  
Tom Griffin  
Gwen Gouveia  
Marga Hamner  
Mary Hayden  
Dr. Sharon Harbin  
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Mary Hydrick

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Dr. Ralph Johnson  
Susie Johnson  
Greg Jones  
Ginny Konieczki  
Nell Labella  
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Sam Phillips  
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John Purtell  
Ron Shepperd  
Shelby Stafford  
Stewart Stafford  
Steve Wells  
Scott Weseli  
Wink Wright

Katie Atkinson  
Rufus Beason  
Gary Belhumeur  
Amanda Burell  
Michael Boland  
Ashley Britt  
Luke Brown  
Judy Berg  
Jack Campbell  
Joel Carrigan  
Claude Carter  
John Michael Crimm  
Marc Ciolino  
Angie Corona  
Linda Dillard  
Linda Etter  
George Ferguson  
Jacob Fine  
Kathy Forrester  
Sue Gentry  
Gus Gianini  
Jonathan Giles  
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Ray Gore  
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Scott Hankins

Chad Hill  
Natalie Hardy  
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Dylan Hicks  
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Ean Laitinen  
Michelle Lawton  
Donna Loftis  
Darryl Lopaka  
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Patrice Majewski  
Rose Maness  
Jamie Manning  
Pam Nipper  
Lynn Rosamond  
Blake Ragsdale  
Lauri Sansing  
Richard Sertich

Anna Sibley  
Harry Smith  
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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