

Annunciation Catholic Church

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NURTURING OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES

In the Gospel Reading (Luke 13: 1-9), Luke invites us to reflect on our spiritual closeness to the Lord. We are constantly navigating a world filled with temptations, temptations of the mind, body and/or soul. These temptations challenge our faith and perseverance. But here's the good news: Luke says that if we take a moment to look within and seek the Lord's forgiveness, He generously fills us with His graces. Consider the parable of the barren fig tree - though it may not bear fruit, with the gardener's care and attention, it blossoms beautifully. This powerful story reminds us that hope is always within reach. Like the fig tree, we, too, can flourish if we seek opportunities for spiritual growth and transformation. The more we nurture our spiritual lives, the better we can resist the temptations that come our way. Consider the areas in your life that could use more of Christ's light. How can you foster growth and share the fruits of kindness, patience, and love in your community? This parable encourages us to nurture our spiritual lives by embracing the abundant love and forgiveness God offers us, assuring us that it's never too late to start fresh!

Christ's Blessings
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PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

Tuesday	March 25
10:00a.m.	All Catholic Things BS
5:30p.m.	Mass(Chapel)
Wednesday	March 26
6:00p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday	March 27
8:30a.m.	Mass(ACS)
10:00a.m.	Thursday Bible Study
Friday	March 28
8:00a.m.	Mass(Chapel)
5:30p.m.	Stations of the Cross(Chapel)
Sunday	March 30
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

- 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
- april 20** Easter Sunday - No Classes
- april 23** First Communion Practice -- 5:30PM

ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com



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**

- 23** NO CYO -- DCYC
- 28** CYO Host Lenten Fish Fry
- 30** CYO Sunday Session
5pm - 7pm in Activity Center

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LENT TIPS

Lent is an opportunity to deepen our faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This week, we encourage our youth to reflect on these three pillars:

Prayer

Spend intentional time with God each day. Whether it's morning devotions, quiet reflection, or joining us for Stations of the Cross, make time to connect with Him.

Fasting

Challenge yourself to fast not only from food but also from habits that distract you from God. Try giving up excessive screen time or gossip and focus on positive actions instead.

Almsgiving

Look for ways to serve others. Whether it's reaching out to a classmate who feels left out, helping at home without being asked, or volunteering at church, small acts of kindness can make a big impact.

Let's challenge ourselves this week to step out of our comfort zones and draw closer to God.



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- ✠ March 25-Prayer
- ✠ April 1- Penance Service
- ✠ April 8- Holy Week



MARCH 26-PRESENCE: STORY OF THE EUCHARIST
MARCH 28-SERVE AT FISH FRY
APRIL 2-PRESENCE: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

MEALS FOR TEENS SUNDAY SUPPERS NEEDED APRIL 6TH

WE WANT TO EXTEND A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS GENEROUSLY PROVIDED MEALS FOR OUR CYO TEENS. YOUR KINDNESS AND SUPPORT HAVE MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE, HELPING TO NOURISH BOTH THEIR BODIES AND THEIR SOULS. WHETHER YOU COOKED, DONATED, OR VOLUNTEERED, YOUR CONTRIBUTION HAS HELPED CREATE A WARM, WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP TO GROW IN FAITH AND COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Contact: Samantha Edwards
 662-364-8676 -or- AnnunciationCYO@gmail.com



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.



Lenten Fish Fry
Friday Nights following the
Stations of the Cross
at 5:30p.m

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



PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

In-Person Training

To ensure a safe environment for everyone, all volunteers working with children, teens, and vulnerable adults must complete the VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children training.



Wednesday, April 2, 2025
6:30 PM



ACC Parish Activity Center
CONFERENCE ROOM



Required Pre-Registration

Visit VirtusOnline.org
and click the
First Time Registrant
button on the homepage



Thank you!

Thank you for your
commitment to creating a
safe and nurturing space
for those we serve!



Questions via Email

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EASTER FESTIVAL



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*Bring your
Easter Basket!*

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025
2PM - 4PM

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL
223 N. BROWDER STREET, COLUMBUS, MS

Hosted by
Annunciation Catholic Church
Religious Ed & CYO Teens



PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

03-23-2025

Weekly Offering	03-16-25	\$	6,385.00
On-Line Giving:	03-16-25	\$	3,635.00
SVDP	03-16-25	\$	1,650.00
On Line Mass	03-16-25	\$	0.00
Chapel Preservation	03-16-25	\$	555.00




**Lenten Parish
Penance Service**

Wednesday, April 1st
6:00 pm
at Annunciation Parish
in Main Church

"Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself, but love fasting." St. Benedict on Lent.



Easter Flowers

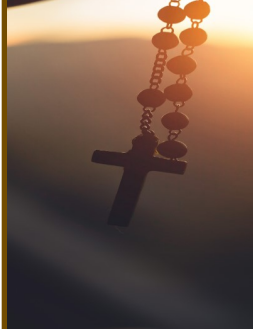
Sign-ups for Easter Flowers will be
March 23 and March 30
after both Masses.
These can be in honor of or
memory of your loved ones.
The cost is \$20



Katie Studdard Photography

Church directory proofs are ready. To view them, go to www.katiestuddardphotography.com/proofing1, then click on the **Annunciation Catholic Church** gallery. The password to the gallery is: acc#2025. Go through the proofs, find yours, and order packages if you like. At the very end of the gallery, there is an option to order a church directory. If you have more than one proof on the gallery and you have a preference on which one you would like in the directory, please email or text me no later than **Monday, March 31st**; otherwise, I will choose for you. Please submit all orders on the website no later than **Monday, March 31st**, so I can place orders and have them in and ready promptly. Please do not hesitate to call, text, or email me if you have any questions or concerns through the ordering process. My cell is 662-574-1620, and my email is katiestuddardphotography@yahoo.com

Thank you all so much, Katie Studdard



**Pray the Rosary
Every Tuesday
during Lent
after
5:30 Mass**

Mass Intentions

Tuesday	03-25-25	5:30 pm	Maria Farrell	JR	RIP
Wednesday	03-26-25	8:00 am	Christina Mercer	CH	RIP
Thursday	03-27-25	8:30 am			
Friday	03-28-25	8:00 am	FR. Tom Galvin	DG	SI
Sunday	03-30-25	8:00am	Greg Thomas	CT	RIP
Sunday	03-30-25	10:30am	People of the Parish		SI



Easter Candy Needed

Individually wrapped candies are needed for our Easter Festival. Please drop off at the office or the Atrium by April 6th

All donations are appreciated.



March 23rd, 2025

4th Grade Creates Rockets as part of NASA Partnership



Fourth grade created paper rockets with instructions from NASA. This week they then launched their rockets and calculated the altitude achieved. They analyzed the results and their design to make alterations and launched them again.

ACS is a NASA Astro Camp Partnership School and has been implementing lessons from NASA all year.

Learning about Saint Patrick on Saint Patrick's Day



Kindergarteners wore green, made yummy rainbows and learned all about Saint Patrick on Saint Patrick's Day this past week. They read about his life, mission and how he used the clover to teach about the Trinity. The entire school wore green in honor of the day.

What a fun way to learn and celebrate the lucky holiday!

Watch your child's learning

SOAR!



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A Bible Study on the **Annunciation**

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A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

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The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.

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The Annunciation: Hail, Mary | Drawing Closer to God | Episode 2

Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.

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**Parishioners
of
Annunciation
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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,
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SUPPLIES*

Prayers for Parishioners

Prayer Changes Things

Prayers for Families and Friends

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Marian Beall
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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

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary



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

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

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