

Annunciation Catholic Church

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**“Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: Rejoice!”**

St. Paul in his message to the Philippians proclaims, “Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!” (Phil 4:4). St. Paul is this “type A” extrovert that is getting in everyone’s face to remind them of the importance of rejoicing and maintaining faith amid trials. He encourages turning away from anxiety and instead embracing a mindset of gratitude and awareness of God's presence.

Especially in times of divisiveness and uncertainty, St. Paul advocates for a simple, steadfast faith anchored in prayerful rejoicing. This approach, particularly during the Advent season, helps align believers with the mind of Christ, fostering a spirit of joy and resilience. Let us prayerfully proclaim, “Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again: rejoice!”

*Christ's Blessings
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PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

Tuesday 6:00p.m.	December 17 Penance Service
Wednesday 8:00a.m.	December 18 Mass(Chapel)
Thursday 8:30a.m. 10:00a.m.	December 19 Mass (ACS) Thursday Bible Study
Friday 8:00a.m.	December 20 Mass(chapel)
Saturday 10:00a.m. 12:00p.m.	December 21 Pageant Practice Youth Choir Practice
Sunday 7:15a.m.-7:45 a.m. 8:00a.m. 9:05a.m. 10:30a.m. 1:00p.m. 3:00p.m. 5:00p.m.	December 22 Confession Mass(Main Church) Religious Ed. Mass(Main Church) Pageant Practice Youth Choir Practice CYO

a look at what's ahead

Religious Education

- december 15** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- december 21** Youth Mass and Pageant Auditions 10:00AM in the Main Church
- december 22** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
Youth Mass/Pageant Rehearsal 1:00PM in the Main Church
- 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

ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com

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



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



December Events

- 15** CYO @ 5-7 in the Activity Center
- 22** Annual CYO Christmas Party
- 29** NO CYO Christmas Break

January Events

- 5** CYO @ 5-7 in the Activity Center
- Instagram** Annunciation_CYO_Columbus

JOIN US FOR A CYO
Christmas Celebration

WE WILL BEGIN WITH ADVENT ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL AT 5:00 PM FOLLOWED BY FUN • FOOD • FOLLY

Sunday, December 22nd
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

FEATURING THE CYO GIFT GAME
PLEASE BRING A GIFT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE NO GAG GIFTS! \$15-\$20 MAX

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Advent Penance Service



Tuesday, December 17th
at 6:00p.m.
in the Main Church.

Columbus Sings

G.F. Handel's

Messiah



Annunciation Catholic Church expresses heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported THE MESSIAH over the past 22 years. It has been a privilege to be part of this cherished tradition in Columbus. A special thanks goes out to the musicians, choir, conductor, and the entire team who make it all possible.

PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

12-15-2024

Weekly Offering	12-08-24	\$ 5,207.00
On-Line Giving:	12-08-24	\$ 7,350.00
SVDP	12-08-24	\$ 1,010.00
On Line Mass	12-08-24	\$ 0.00
Chapel Preservation	12-08-24	\$ 450.00



I love John the Baptist and interestingly he also reminds me a lot of Peter. Two evangelization bookends, as it were, not simply to the great story of Jesus, but to the person of Jesus Himself. Both John and Peter seem to be good discerners of God's Will for their lives. John seems to know when to put down his

task and role of the precursor to Jesus – and Peter seems to know when to take his role up per Jesus' instruction. And that role continues today!

Both John and Peter sometimes say the perfect thing. But almost as often they say the wrong thing, the awkward thing – or in this case, the rough thing – they are impassioned about trying to get things right and doing their best to yield to the Holy Spirit.

And so today we see John doing his best to build trust but also credibility with the people around him while calling them to turn away from sin and receive a baptism of repentance. This in essence prepares them for Jesus to arrive on the scene to do everything else.

Ponder:

What would John the Baptist say to me today if I asked him, "What should I do?"

Pray: Lord Jesus, I desire to be ready for You when You come. Help me to rejoice today as I prepare my home and my heart to receive You at Christmas.



Christmas Mass Schedule

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

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

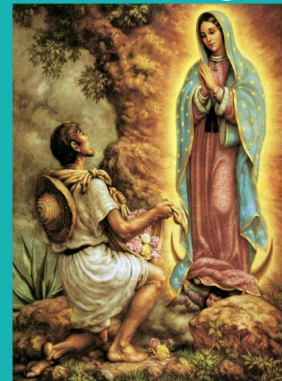
Christmas Day Mass
Wednesday- 10:00a.m.

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

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Los invitamos con mucha alegría y emoción a unirse con nosotros para celebrar la misa en honor del acontecimiento de la Madre María de Guadalupe . Unámonos en oración y devoción para expresarle nuestro amor y gratitud mientras buscamos su intercesión y guía.

La misa se celebrará el Domingo, 15 de Diciembre de 2024 a las 3 en la Capilla de la Iglesia Católica de la Anunciación
¡¡Esperamos poder compartir esta hermosa ocasión contigo!!



We warmly invite you to join us to celebrate Mass in honor of the birthday of our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary of Guadalupe. Let us come together in prayer and devotion to express our love and gratitude to her as we seek her intercession and guidance . Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at Annunciation Catholic Church Chapel. We look forward to sharing this beautiful occasion with you!!

Merry Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Keep in Mind
Year-End
Contributions

Mass Intentions

Tuesday	12-17-24	5:30 pm Daniel Roger Brown	MB	RIP
Wednesday	12-18-24	8:00 am Gayle Keefe	WH	RIP
Thursday	12-19-24	8:30 am		
Friday	12-20-24	8:00 am Gayle Keefe	CM	RIP
Sunday	12-22-24	8:00am Carmela Corrado	CF	RIP
Sunday	12-22-24	10:30am People of the Parish	SI	



**Join us as we prepare to celebrate
the birth of our Lord Jesus!**

Christmas Youth Choir Participants: Grades 3-12
Saturday, December 21st at 12:00PM
Sunday, December 22nd at 3:00PM

*Children are welcome to sing in the choir
and be in the Pageant!*

We will sing at the 5:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Vigil Youth Mass
Choir members arrive by 5:00 p.m.
All youth in grades 3-12 are welcome.

The young people of our Parish and School
are invited to participate in the

Christmas Eve Youth Mass and Christmas Pageant

Who: All youth in grades PreK4 – 12th grade

Where: Annunciation Catholic Church

When: Christmas Eve Mass Dec. 24th
arrive at 5:00 pm for 5:30 pm Mass

Participants must attend the mandatory rehearsals:

Christmas Pageant Participants: Grades PK4-8
Auditions--Saturday, December 21st at 10:00AM
Rehearsal--Sunday, December 22nd at 1:00PM

Christmas Youth Choir Participants: Grades 3-12
Saturday, December 21st at 12:00PM
Sunday, December 22nd at 3:00PM

Pageant Participants Sign Up Via Email
or Attend the First Rehearsal

Pageant Participants email
Mrs. Clapper at
ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com

Happy Birthday



Clara Hicks and her fabulous family threw a bash for her 96th birthday! The church crew joined in on the fun, showering her and her loved ones with love and laughter!





DECEMBER 15TH, 2024

4th Grade Science Fair

ACS 4th graders and future scientists presented their Science Fair projects to students and a panel of judges. First through fifth place was then awarded.

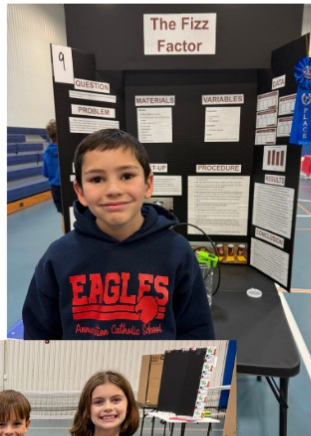
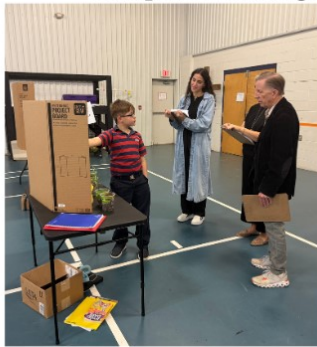
All the students did such a great job. Science Fair is a major undertaking in fourth grade. Students learn to research, follow the scientific method and gain confidence presenting their findings.

The winners will now have the chance to go compete at a regional science fair.



The Advent Season at ACS

ACS students celebrate advent. Each grade does various activities as they prepare and wait for the coming of Jesus. In first grade, students have a special advent calendar where they do good deeds throughout the school.. In fifth grade, they also work on their advent project, giving and serving others during this time of waiting. What a special season to be at Annunciation Catholic School.



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**Annual
Appeal**

Save
the
date



Draw Down & Art Auction
February 28th
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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STUDIOS



ADVENTUS

A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE



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Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

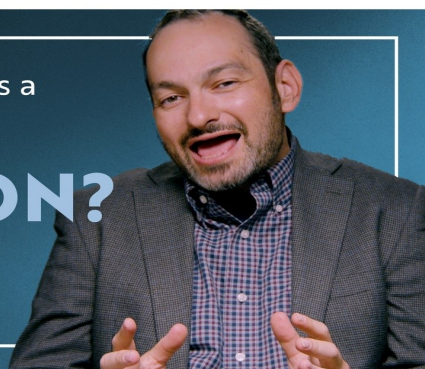
This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.

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Was Santa Claus a

REAL PERSON?



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believe

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Prayer Changes Things

Prayers for Families and Friends

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Jamie Manning
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Lynn Rosamond
Blake Ragsdale
Lauri Sansing
Richard Sertich

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



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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