

Annunciation Catholic Church

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MAKING BURDENS BEARABLE

Now that we have begun our 40-day penitential walk through Lent, the Lord longs to make our burdens more bearable, as we resist ever-present temptations through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In Matthew 4:1-11, we hear that after his baptism, Jesus prepared for his upcoming ministry by living in the desert for forty days. During this time of prayer and fasting, Satan tempted Jesus with three great temptations (be self-serving, test God's love, thirst for power). Amazing is the fact that the more Jesus resisted temptations, the stronger Jesus became in bearing His burdens and the burdens of others. We are told that "the devil left him [Jesus] and, behold, angels came and ministered to him." I believe that many times in our lives, we find ourselves in a desert experience where we are tempted to put our ways above God's ways. We are tempted by selfishness and greed. We are tempted to "protect self at all costs." We are tempted to demand from the Lord what we want, how we want it. We are tempted to have power over our own and others' lives. Yet, when we resist these temptations, it is my experience that the Lord helps us to be stronger in being able to bear our burdens and the burdens of others. It is in resisting temptations that the Lord's grace helps us become more patient, kind, understanding, and giving. Sometimes we don't realize it until after the fact. But, no matter how hard resisting temptation seems, the sweetness of the Lord's ever-present grace is all the greater. Let us be confident that these 40 days of Lent are about the Lord helping us bear our burdens in times of temptation as we work at praying, fasting, and giving alms. Yes, during this season, the Lord in a real way makes our burdens bearable.

*Christ Blessings
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep*

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by appointment
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February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent

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PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

Tuesday 5:30p.m.	February 24 Mass
Wednesday 8:00a.m.	February 25 Mass(Chapel)
Thursday 8:30a.m.	February 26 Mass(ACS)
Friday 8:00a.m. 5:30p.m.	February 27 Mass(Chapel) Stations of the Cross
Sunday 7:15-7:45 8:00a.m. 10:30a.m. 5:00p.m.	March 1 Confession Mass Mass CYO



ANNUNCIATION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

a look at what's ahead

Religious Education

- february 22** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- march 1** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- march 8** No Classes - Spring Break
- march 15** No Classes - Spring Break
- march 22** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- march 29** Palm Sunday - Easter Festival
No Classes

ACCRreligiousEd@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

2-22-26

Weekly Offering	02-15-26	\$ 17,286.00
On-Line Giving:	02-15-26	\$ 3,650.00
SVDP	02-15-26	\$ 976.00
On Line Mass	02-15-26	\$ 0.00
Chapel Preservation	02-15-26	\$ 65.00

Jesus teaches us to give more importance to the spiritual than to the material. However, man is weak, and he easily considers that satisfying his material needs justifies his not doing God's will. If we don't follow Christ's advice, then being tired will be a good enough reason not to pray, being in a bad mood will be a good enough reason not to live charity, and having a great idea will be a good enough reason to act as we want, not as we are taught. The devil's strategy is to make us look more at ourselves and our needs, than to look at God, his will, and the needs of the Church and of others.



Stay Connected • Stay Involved • Stay Growing in Faith

FEBRUARY 2026

- 02/22: CYO Sunday Gathering

MARCH 2026

- 03/01: CYO Sunday Gathering
- 03/08: Lenten Worship & Reflection Night
- 03/15: **NO CYO - Spring Break**
- 03/20-03/22: DCYC (9th-12th Grades)
- 03/22: **NO CYO - DCYC**
- 03/27: CYO Serves @ Lenten Fish Fry
- 03/29: **NO CYO - Easter Fest**

APRIL 2026

- 04/05: **No CYO - Easter**
- 04/12: CYO Sunday Sessions
- 04/19: Family Game Night
- 04/26: CYO Sunday Sessions



**OPEN TO ALL
CURRENT 8TH GRADERS
-
GRADUATING SENIORS**

Important Dates:

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MARCH 29TH SIGN UP DEADLINE
MARCH 29TH \$75 DEPOSIT DUE
MAY 3RD \$200 BALANCE DUE

HOSTED BY
LIFE TEEN

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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday	02-24-26 5:30pm	Jeanne Giese	NR RIP
Wednesday	02-25-26 8:00am	Reynaldo Ignacio	NR SI
Thursday	02-26-26 8:30am	Elaine Maykowski	ACS RIP
Friday	02-27-26 8:00am	Pat Vick	JR RIP
Sunday	03-01-26 8:00am	People of the Parish	SI
Sunday	03-01-26 10:30am	James Patrick Morris	DM RIP



6:30p.m. in the Activity Center

- **February 24-**
Catholic Moral Vision
- **March 3-**
Catholic Social Teachings

CONFIRMATION NEXT YEAR?

COME TO CYO THIS YEAR??

- Faith-based Talks
- Games & Fun Activities
- Real Conversations
- A Welcoming Community

CYO HELPS YOU:

- Build a foundation for Confirmation
- Ask real questions about faith
- Meet friends who actually get it
- Grow closer to Christ

MORE INFO

Sam Edwards - Youth Minister
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JOIN US TODAY!



PARISH NEWS



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE CHAPEL THIS FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 27
AT 5:30 P.M.**



To download our app, visit myparishapp.com



Stay informed on last minute changes on our My Parish App.



LENTEN FISH FRY
Join us for a Fish Fry Dinner

Join us for a Fish Fry Dinner after Stations of the Cross in the Activity Center

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Are you getting Fr. Jeffrey's weekly flock note?

Download and sign up

HOPE RISING
2016 CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

DIocese of JACKSON

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

"After graduating from Ole Miss, I moved to Jackson with almost no connections. My pastor recommended the young adult ministry, and it has been such a blessing. Through the friendships formed and the events offered, we're all growing closer to God together. Thank you to those who made it happen through donations, prayers, or other support. I hope you'll continue supporting the young adult ministry!"
—Taylor Coe

WAYS TO GIVE

	GIVE ONLINE jacksondiocese.org/online-giving or scan the QR code	TEXT Text 'GiveCSA' to 601-202-5979	U.S. MAIL PO BOX 32723 Jackson, MS 39225-9801	COLLECTION drop off your envelope at Mass
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PARISHIONERS OF ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH
JOIN US FOR A
Bridal Shower
HONORING
Neely Jenkins
fiancee of
Max Hartleroad
Sunday, February 22, 2026
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Annunciation Catholic Church Atrium

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Catholic Service Appeal

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the Catholic Service Appeal last weekend.

If you haven't had the chance to make your gift yet, please consider doing so today.

Your support of the CSA helps our Young Adult Ministries, enabling young adults to encounter Jesus and grow in their faith.

Every contribution, no matter the size, plays a vital role in supporting the ministries of our Church.



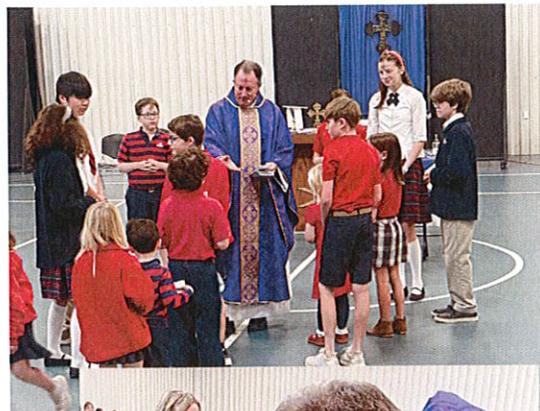
Mardi Gras & Ash Wednesday at ACS

What a week for our Annunciation Catholic School. Tuesday, our Kindergarten Krewe celebrated Mardi Gras with a parade, throwing out loot to all our students. Then Wednesday, we packed up our Alleluias and began the Lentn season with a beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass.

Gave the Date



FEBRUARY 27 + 6:30 PM + THE LYCEUM



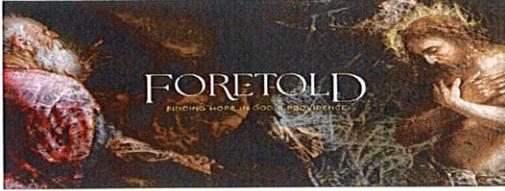
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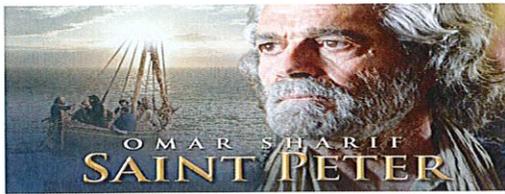
This Week on Formed

Week of February 22, 2026



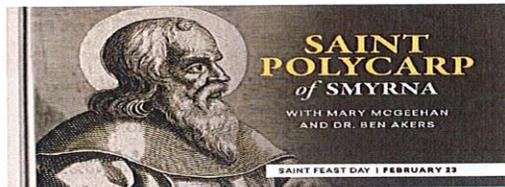
Foretold

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.



Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



St. Polycarp | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of St. Polycarp, a second century bishop and martyr. St. Polycarp was a student of St. John the Apostle, defended the faith against early heresies, and offered his life like Christ as a martyr.

Prayers for Parishioners

Delores Belhumeur
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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 Rhonda Hicks 662-364-0054(cell)



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