

Annunciation Catholic Church

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DON'T INFLATE YOURSELF

I received a phone call inquiring about someone who had referenced me on her résumé. When I spoke with the Human Resources person, I soon realized that the applicant had exaggerated what she could really do. While disheartening, we all find ourselves inflating our egos at times, whether during a job interview, getting to know someone, attending a party, or talking with someone for the first time. It is easy to give in to the temptation to exaggerate our strengths. The scriptures remind us that we must adopt the direct opposite attitude. In the Book of Sirach, the author warns against big egos/inflating ourselves by challenging us to be humble before the Lord (Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29). In the 2nd reading, St. Paul reminds us of how God humbled Himself by becoming one like us; He was physically real to us (Heb 18-19, 22-24a). Can we be as real to those around us, or do we naturally want to make ourselves look important and really smart? In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the most important people should not be sitting at the head of the table but humbling themselves and sit at the least important place (Lk 14:1, 7-14). Whether we are on an interview, getting to know someone, attending a party, or talking to someone for the first time, spiritually, we should strive not to inflate ourselves but to humble ourselves. We should naturally be patient with injustice, be open to correction, purposefully associate with others, choose to serve, be quick to forgive, cultivate a grateful heart, deliberately speak well of others, and be okay with our struggles to embrace the cross. Inflating ourselves is useless. However, being humble before God and one another is the ultimate goal.

Christ's Blessings!
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep

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Tuesday-Friday
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August 31, 2025

**Twenty-Second Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

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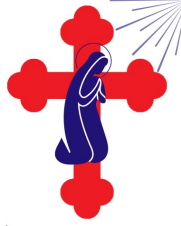
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PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

Tuesday	September 2
10:00a.m.	ATC BibleStudy
10:00a.m.	St. Katharine Drexel
5:30p.m.	Mass
Wednesday	September 3
8:00a.m.	Mass
Thursday	September 4
8:30a.m.	Mass(ACS)
Friday	September 5
8:00a.m.	Mass
Sunday	September 7
7:15-7:45	Confession
8:00a.m.	Mass
10:30a.m.	Mass



ANNUNCIATION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

First Day Of Classes

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST IN THE
PARISH ACTIVITIES CENTER

CLASS TIME 9:05AM-10:10AM



registration forms will be available

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

08-31-25

Weekly Offering	08-24-25	\$	11,641.33
On-Line Giving:	08-24-25	\$	3,770.00
SVDP	08-24-25	\$	1,600.00
On Line Mass	08-24-25	\$	200.00
Chapel Preservation	08-24-25	\$	530.00

Mass Intentions

Tuesday	09-02-25	5:30 pm	Sue Gentry	CM	SI
Wednesday	09-03-25	8:00 am	Tom Ebner	CM	RIP
Thursday	09-04-25	8:00am.			SI
Friday	09-05-25	8:00 am	Eva Corrado	CF	RIP
Sunday	09-07-25	8:00am	Ruby Forrester	LC	RIP
Sunday	09-07-25	10:30am	People of the Parish		SI

CYO All Heart

7TH + 8TH GRADE

\$75

Middle School Fall Retreat 2025

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

Presented by
Life Teen Missions Outreach Team

October 18-19, 2025
Lake Forest Ranch
Macon, MS

Saturday 2 p.m. thru
Sunday 2 p.m.
7th-8th Grade Youth

Come ready to connect, recharge and discover how your heart can make a difference.

Group Games - Worship - Bonfire - Inspiring Talks - Small Groups

CATHOLIC DIOCESE of JACKSON
Office of Youth Ministry

Registration Deadline:
September 7th

Join us today for

Baptism Preparation

We will have a Baptism Preparation Sunday,
September 14th at 1:00
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

accadulthood@gmail.com

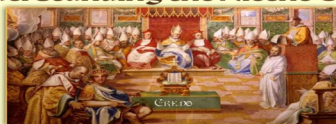
OCIA Tuesday evening

Join us Tuesday,
September 9th at 6:30 p.m.
as we explore and
experience the
Catholic Faith through the
Order of Christian Initiation

For more information, call the church office or email Maria Dunser at accadulthood@gmail.com.

1700th Anniversary of Nicene Creed (325 a.d.)

Coffee & Catechesis
What Christians believe:
Understanding the Nicene Creed



Begins September 14th

Fall 2025

Sep. 14th, Oct. 5th, & Nov. 9th in between the Masses

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

BIBLE STUDY

MEETS 2ND WEDNESDAY

OF THE MONTH

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10TH

AT 6:00.

(MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED.)

THE CASE
FOR JESUS



THE BIBLICAL AND HISTORICAL EVIDENCE FOR CHRIST

BRANT PITRE

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF THE EMBASSY
AFTERWORD BY ROBERT HARRON

PARISH NEWS

SPANISH MASS

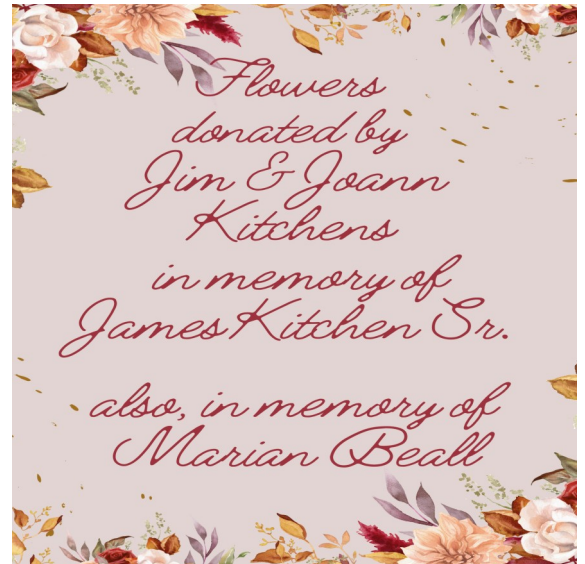
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español el 7
de
septiembre a
la 1:00 p.m



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Jacob's Crossing

Sat., September 6
8:00 am
ACC Activity Center



St. Katharine Drexel Bible Study

Join us on
September 2 at
10:00am
2nd chapter of
Nicene Creed with
Fr. Barron.

Annunciation Church Choir

The Annunciation Church Choir
will resume on September 3rd.

- Practice Schedule
 - When: Every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM
 - Where: Main church
 - The choir is seeking voices for all vocal parts:
 - Soprano
 - Alto
 - Tenor
 - Bass
- This invitation is open to high school students with a valid driver's license and older.
- Additionally, student pilots from the Columbus Air Force Base are also welcome to join.
- To join or to learn more about the choir, please reach out to Stephen Maykowski at 662-275-8183. It is preferred to contact Steve via text, or you can leave a message, and he will return your call.

SEPTEMBER 7



DONUT SUNDAY

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Grief Share Class Information

Faith based and
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about people not just trying to heal on their own,
but healing together with the foundation of Christ
as the cornerstone.

Thursday evenings ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm
August 28 - November 20, 2025
First Methodist Church of Columbus
Fletcher-Jones Building
2nd floor
602 College Street
for more information:

First Methodist Church GriefShare - GriefSh
or
elizabeth@columbusfirst.org
or Lisa Kerby at 662-386-6343

Protection of Children for Adults

In accordance with policy set forth by the Diocese of Jackson, all volunteers who
come in contact with children and/or vulnerable adults must be trained and
certified in our Protection of Children for Adults program. This includes but is not
limited to: Children's Church, Religious Education, CYO, St. Vincent de Paul
Society, Knights of Columbus, Homebound Ministries, etc.

The July Training Bulletin titled

"Helping Children Overcome Barriers to Disclosure"

was issued on July 6th.

Please login to your virtusonline.org account to read and
answer the follow up question.

Upcoming training sessions and deadlines to register at virtusonline.org
are as follows:



Training Date	Registration Deadline
September 17, 2025.....	September 10, 2025
November 12, 2025.....	November 5, 2025
January 21, 2026.....	January 14, 2026
March 18, 2026.....	March 11, 2026
May 13, 2026.....	May 6, 2026
July 29, 2026.....	July 22, 2026
September 16, 2026.....	2026 September 9, 2026



August 31, 2025

ACS Test Scores are in!

Our TerraNova Test Scores are in, and we are so proud of how our students performed!

Here at ACS, we do testing in 3rd through 7th grade, but it looks a little different. The test scores reveal gaps in learning. We work hard to take the pressure off students and explain that while these scores do matter, and you should always do your best, this is a test to see what WE need to work on as a whole!

This year EVERY grade scored above the national average in EVERY subject on the TerraNova test. Not only that, but we excelled in the subjects of reading, science and language! In those three subjects every grade scored above both the National and Diocesan average.

A quick humble brag on our teachers and students who have worked so hard.



ACS Garden Work Day

September 13th

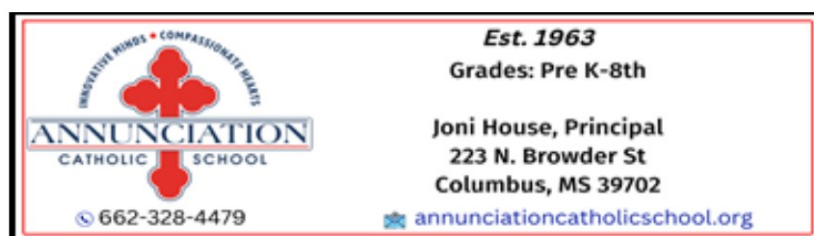
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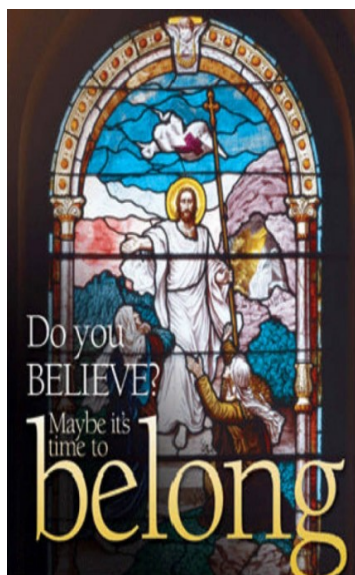
ACS School

Parishioners, please feel free to come help us clean up our gardens!



Father Jeffrey blessed all of our students backpacks, and prayed over our school year!
What a beautiful moment.





*Wondering if there's
more to life?*

*Interested in finding out
more about the
Catholic Faith?*

*Need to strengthen
your Faith?*

Journey with us at
Annunciation Catholic Church OCIA
to experience more about
"What It Means To Be Catholic."
Classes begin
September 9th at 6:30

If you are interested in becoming Catholic,
learning more about the Catholic faith, or
journeying with those in OCIA (formerly
RCIA), please email Maria Dunser at
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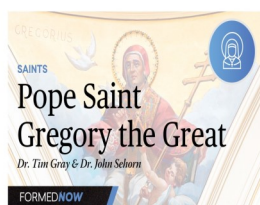
This Week on Formed

Week of August 31, 2025



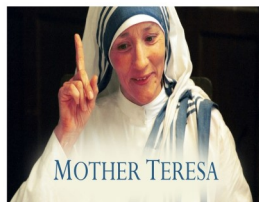
Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



Pope Saint Gregory the Great | Catholic Saints

In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn.



Mother Teresa

See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

Prayers for Parishioners

Prayer Changes Things

Prayers for Families and Friends

Bonnie Adair
Delores Belhumeur
John Bino
Charles Bridges
Christy Burks
Rosemary Ciolino
Ginny Clarke
Judy Coleman
Karen Doumit
Larry Feeney
Joan Fleming
JoAnn Ferguson
Haley Graham
Gwen Gouveia
John Hamner
Marga Hamner
Dr. Sharon Harbin
Thomas Heath
Clara Hicks
Mary Hydrick

Greg Jones
Ginny Konieczki
Nell Labella
Diane Loftis
John Love
Elaina Maykowski
Anne Mitchell
Raymond Overstreet
Sam Phillips
Cindy Putman
John Purtell
Ron Shepperd
Shelby Stafford
Stewart Stafford
Roger Studdard
Steve Wells
Wink Wright

Katie Atkinson
Rufus Beason
Gary Belhumeur
Amanda Burell
Michael Boland
Luke Brown
Judy Berg
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
Ellen Gore
Patti Guerry
Scott Hankins

Chad Hill
Billy Hendricks
Dylan Hicks
Marie Hillhouse
Dee Dee Hindman
Beth Huffer
Thomas Jones
Pam Jordan
Doreen Kahaulelio
Mason G.
Konieczki
Ean Laitinen
Michelle Lawton
Donna Loftis
Darryl Lopaka
Bentley Luker
Patrice Majewski
Rose Maness
Jamie Manning
Marion McEwen
Diane Nelson
Lynn Rosamond

JoAnn Ruff
Faye Russell
Alan Sansing
Lauri Sansing
Richard Sertic
Anna Sibley
Karen Shelton
Harry Smith
Bryan Spencer
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 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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 Tuesday Closed
 Wednesday 4:00-9:00 at 246 Hillcrest Rd.
 Thursday 4:00-9:00 at 246 Hillcrest Rd.
 Friday 10:30-9:00 at Allegro on Bluecut Rd
 Saturday & Sunday 10:30-9:00 @ Marvin's Hwy 82
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