

# Annunciation Catholic Church

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3RD Sunday  
of  
ADVENT



## BRINGING ABOUT SOMETHING NEW

During Jesus' earthly ministry, it must have been exciting yet scary at times. Jesus was announcing a new life that was unfolding right before their very eyes. Jesus inaugurated the long-awaited era, bringing restoration, transforming attitudes, and healing body, mind, and soul (Mt 11:2-11). The great news is that Jesus is still transforming our world before our very eyes. There are bad things that happen and unrest in pockets throughout the world. Our challenge this Advent Season is to stand together in faith that Jesus continues His powerful transformation right before our very eyes (James 5: 7-10). Jesus is strengthening the hands of the feeble, making firm the knees of the weak, calming fearful hearts, and doing so much more. We do not need to be afraid (Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10). Dedicated teachers, honest news media, hard-working mechanics, faithful service men and women, just business managers, good parents, dedicated health care providers, generous public servants, great friends, excited volunteers, and generous benefactors; Jesus is working through them all to transform this world right before our very eyes. The immediate challenge is what the Lord is planning to do through you. How is the Lord bringing about "new life" through you? Who can see more clearly because of you? Who can hear more dearly because of you? Who feels drawn closer to our Lord because of you? Jesus is at work transforming, restoring, and placing new life within and throughout us all. Let us rejoice and be glad because things are changing. New life is all around. The Lord wants to work in and through you and me to help bring about something new.

*Christ's blessing,  
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep*

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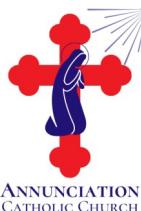
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# PARISH NEWS

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 16</b>
6:00p.m.	Penacne Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 17</b>
8:00a.m.	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 18</b>
8:30a.m.	Mass(ACS)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 19</b>
8:00a.m.	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 21</b>
7:15-7:45	Confession
8:00a.m.	Mass
9:05a.m.	Religious Ed.
10:30a.m.	Mass
1:00p.m.	Christmas Pageant Auditions



## a look at what's ahead

### Religious Education

- december 14** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- december 21** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10  
Youth Mass and Pageant Auditions  
1:00 PM in the Main Church
- december 23** Youth Mass and Pageant Rehearsal  
10:00AM in the Main Church
- december 24** Youth Mass and Pageant 5:30PM
- december 28** No Classes - Christmas Break
- january 4** No Classes - Christmas Break

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## STEWARSHIP IN ACTION

12-14-25

<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>12-07-25</b>	<b>\$ 60,822.33</b>
<b>On-Line Giving:</b>	<b>12-07-25</b>	<b>\$ 5,832.00</b>
<b>SVDP</b>	<b>12-07-25</b>	<b>\$ 1,125.00</b>
<b>On Line Mass</b>	<b>12-07-25</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>
<b>Chapel Preservation</b>	<b>12-07-25</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>

Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Many have seen in these words of the Baptist a sign of weakness or of doubt in Christ. And it may well be so. Here is a man who had spent the greater part of his life living not in a five-star, but a five million-star hotel: the wilderness. Suddenly he is cooped up in a small, dark and stinking dungeon. He is about to bow out from the stage of life, a martyr for the truth of the gospel. Before making the final act of self-immolation, he might be questioning if it is all worth the ultimate sacrifice. A dying man cannot afford to have any doubts. Do I harbor in my heart doubts about my faith? Do I seek, as John the Baptist did, to resolve those questions by asking someone to help me?

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday	12-16-25	5:30 pm	Marian Beall	KA	RIP
Wednesday	12-17-25	8:00 am	Doug Phillips	KA	RIP
Thursday	12-18-25	8:30am.	Bob Quintana	KA	RIP
Friday	12-19-25	8:00 am	Jack Campbell	KA	RIP
Sunday	12-21-25	8:00am	Stella Vanzanten	CF	RIP
Sunday	12-21-25	10:30am	People of the parish	SI	



No Class until  
January 6, 2026

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--Sunday, December 21st at 1:00PM

Rehearsal--Tuesday, December 23rd at 10:00AM

Christmas Youth Choir Participants: Grades 3-12  
Tuesday, December 23rd at 9:00AM

Pageant Participants Sign Up Via Email  
or Attend the First Rehearsal

Interested Participants please email  
Mrs. Clapper at  
ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com



Stay Connected • Stay Involved • Stay Growing in Faith

DECEMBER 2025

- 12/14: CYO Christmas Party @ 4PM - 6PM
- 12/21: Youth Mass and Pageant Auditions  
10:00AM in the Main Church
- 12/21: Sunday Funday -
- Christmas Movie & Hot Chocolate
- 12/24: Christmas Eve Youth Mass @ 5:30PM
- 12/28: NO CYO - Christmas Break



You're invited for some holiday cheer  
to celebrate this special time of year!

TODAY  
4 PM - 6 PM

Parish Activity Center  
Bring a Gift to Exchange  
\$20 MAX

\*\*\* NO GAG GIFTS \*\*\*

# PARISH NEWS

## *Lighting of the Luminaries* *Lit at both Christmas Eve Masses*



Luminaries will be lit in honor of or in memory of your loved one.  
Donation of \$5 per luminary lighting

Luminary sign ups after Masses on December 14th and December 21st

All luminary donations benefit Religious Education and CYO

## *Advent Penance Service*



Tuesday, December 16th  
at 6:00p.m.  
in the Main Church.

If you would like to purchase Christmas flowers for our Christmas Masses, they will be on sale on December 7th & 14th after Mass.

These can be in honor of or in memory of your loved ones.  
The cost is \$20.



## *Christmas Mass Schedule*

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

*Christmas Eve Vigil Mass*  
*Wednesday- 9:00p.m.*

*Christmas Day Mass*  
*Thursday- 10:00a.m.*

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

## *Weekly Mass Flowers*

If you would like to purchase flowers for our weekly Masses, they will be available for sale on **December 7th and 14th** after Mass.

These flowers can be dedicated in memory of or in honor of your beloved ones. The cost is \$100.

Please note that payment is required in the month the flowers are ordered.  
Thank you!



**MERRY**  
**Christmas**  
Wishing you peace and joy!

The Church office will be closed  
December 23-January 6





## BRIDGE THE GAP



December 14, 2025

### Fourth grade Wows with Science Fair

This week our fourth graders competed in their first science fair. The class did a fantastic job and illustrated that they truly learned the scientific method. Six students placed. Projects of note were one about bridge strength, another about which buildings will withstand earthquakes and a third

titled, "Rust in Peace". Twenty one students competed in the fourth grade science fair. These six students will now go on to compete at Mississippi State. Great job to all our fourth graders!



### NCEA President Visits ACS

This week, Dr. Cheeseman visited our campus! Dr. Cheeseman is the President/CEO of the National Catholic Educational Association or NCEA.

Months ago, ACS 4th grade teacher Mrs. Moore applied for the NCEA Bright Lights Tour! The Bright Lights Tour is an NCEA initiative to share the hope and joy of Catholic schools from around the country.



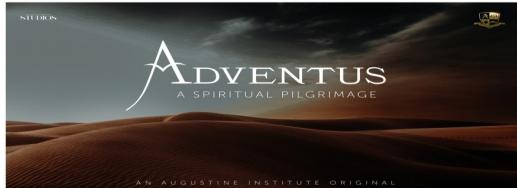
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# This Week on Formed

## Week of December 14, 2025



### Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

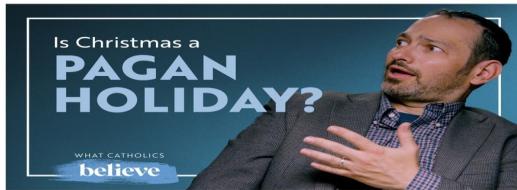
This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.

### 30 Minutes B.C. A Nativity Play



### 30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.



### Is Christmas Pagan? What Catholics Believe About Christmas

Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Christmas. Is Christmas a pagan holiday? Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25? What happened at the "first Christmas"? Find out the answers to these and more!

### Prayers for Parishioners

**Delores Belhumeur**  
**Christy Burks**  
**Ginny Clarke**  
**Larry Feeney**  
**Haley Graham**  
**John Hamner**  
**Marga Hamner**  
**Sharon Harbin**  
**Roger Jones**  
**Ginny Konieczki**  
**Diane Loftis**  
**John Love**  
**Dick Mahoney**  
**Elaina Maykowski**  
**Cindy Morgan**  
**Karen Overstreet**  
**Sam Phillips**  
**Steve Wells**  
**Wink Wright**



### Prayers for Families & Friends

**Bonnie Adair**  
**Michele Byrd**  
**Phillip Caldwell**  
**John Michael Crimm**  
**Kathy Forrester**  
**Scott Hankins**  
**Thomas Heath**  
**Meredith Meagher**  
**Rose Masness**  
**Lynn Rosamond**  
**Faye Russell**  
**Alan Sansing**  
**Lauri Sansing**  
**Richard Sertic**  
**Jack Sudduth**  
**Jett Sudduth**  
**Michael Sunday**  
**Bree Wood**

### Bulletin Advertisements



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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](mailto: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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