

Annunciation Catholic Church

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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 Blessings
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Tuesday-Thursday

8:30a.m.-2:30p.m.

Friday

8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

Confession: Sunday 7:15-7:45 or
by appointment

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December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

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PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

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



ANNUNCIATION
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

12-14-25

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

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		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

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



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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**

CYO Christmas PARTY

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 ***

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

OCIA

Merry Christmas

**No Class until
January 6, 2026**



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



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.*

Advent Penance Service



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

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!

If you would like to purchase
Christmas flowers for our
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The cost is \$20.





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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.



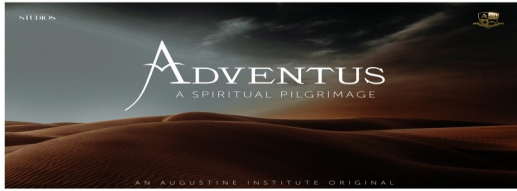
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This Week on Formed

Week of December 14, 2025



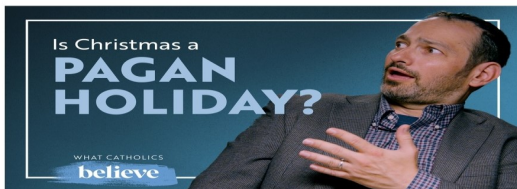
Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

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 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

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Michele Byrd
Phillip Caldwell
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Scott Hankins
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Meredith Meagher
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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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