

# Annunciation Catholic Church

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## KEEP GROWING. KEEP BELIEVING. KEEP WORKING HARD

I believe that celebrating the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul is a time to step back and reflect on how faith, leadership, and dedication shape our lives. St. Peter and Paul model for us what it means to truly be committed to the Lord. It is inspiring to see how they faced challenges head-on and stayed faithful. Peter, despite his doubts, continued to trust Jesus and grew into a strong leader. Paul, once a persecutor, was transformed completely through faith and relentless effort, becoming an important missionary. For me, this is a time to remind us of the importance of intentionally working on growing personally and deepening our faith. It pushes us to be more dedicated in our journey, like Peter and Paul. This Solemnity is about encouraging us to become better every day, learning from their example, and trusting that faith can guide us through anything. No matter the hurdles, staying dedicated and trusting in our beliefs can help us grow into the best versions of ourselves. On this day, I feel grateful for the lessons in perseverance and leadership that Peter and Paul provide for us. Today is a call to keep growing, keep believing, and keep working hard in our walk of faith. What a powerful way to celebrate personal growth and dedication!

*Christ Blessings*  
*F. Jeffrey Waldrep*

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June 29, 2025  
Solemnity of Saints  
Peter and Paul

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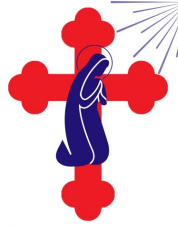
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# PARISH NEWS

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 1</b>
5:30p.m.	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 2</b>
8:00a.m.	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 3</b>
8:00a.m.	Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 4</b>
8:00a.m.	Mass
<b>Office Closed</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 6</b>
7:15-7:45	Confession
8:00a.m.	Mass
10:30a.m.	Mass



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## Saints and Seasons A Summer of Faith

Saints Peter and Paul the Apostles: Feast Day June 29<sup>th</sup>

Religious Education Saint Peter and Saint Paul were two of the Church's greatest leaders. Peter was the first Pope, chosen by Jesus to care for His followers. Paul traveled far and wide to teach people about Jesus and wrote many letters in the Bible. They both loved Jesus so much that they gave their lives for Him. We celebrate them because they helped build the Church and show us how to be brave in our faith.



(See Catechism of the Catholic Church, 552, 881, 1426)

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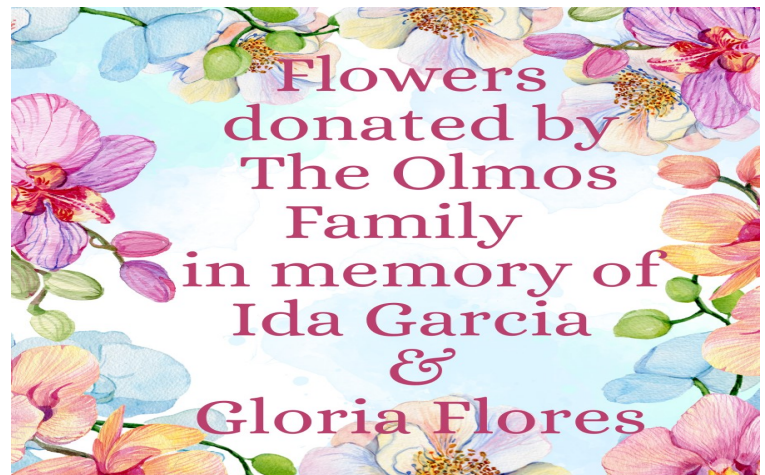
## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

06-29-25

Weekly Offering	06-22-25	\$	11,594.00
On-Line Giving:	06-22-25	\$	2,610.00
SVDP	06-22-25	\$	715.00
On Line Mass	06-22-25	\$	0.00
Chapel Preservation	06-22-25	\$	335.00

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday	07-01-25	5:30 pm	Haley Graham	PR	SI
Wednesday	07-02-25	8:00 am	Anna Puckett	NM	SI
Thursday	07-03-25	8:00am.	Tom Griffin	CH	RIP
Friday	07-04-25	8:00 am			
Sunday	07-06-25	8:00am	Jack Campbell	DR	RIP
Sunday	07-06-25	10:30am	People of the Parish		SI



## Protection of Children and Vulnerable adults

If you are volunteering with SVDP, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary or Homebound this is a required training.

Visit: [www.virtusonline.org]  
(http://www.virtusonline.org)

**Last Training class**

**Sunday, June 29 at 1:30**

HOSTED BY LIFE TEEN  
JULY 11 - 13, 2025



OUR TEENS WILL SELL STOCK CERTIFICATES TO HELP FUND THEIR TRIP TO THE

## Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference

WHEN YOU PURCHASE A CERTIFICATE YOU ARE INVESTING IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF OUR AWESOME TEENS.

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BE SURE TO NOTATE STUBENVILLE 2025

LOOK FOR US ON JUNE 29 AND JULY 6

For more information contact Samantha Edwards, Youth Minister  
annunciationcyo@gmail.com



# PARISH NEWS

*Thank You!*

*I am most grateful for all who helped plan and attended my 35th Anniversary of Ordination Party and Mass. It was a blessing to share this special time in my life with family, you all, and long time friends. I have enjoyed reading your sweet messages and am grateful to all who gave financially toward me purchasing a new car. We are getting closer to having that dream come true.*



*You all are truly amazing.  
Let your light shine.  
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep*



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## JULY 2025

A monthly newsletter  
For Annunciation Parishioners  
about our local Knights Council

**W. H. Jolly Council 7974**

**Catholic Men united in  
Faith, Family, Fraternity**

### 2023-24 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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John Love

**Council Chaplain**

Deacon Dave Gruseck

**Newsletter Editor**

Mike Kreuzer



## "Smoked Ribs" Fundraiser

In mid-May **W.H. Jolly Council** members "smoked" sixty one (61) racks of St. Louis style ribs, which were sold to parishioners for Memorial Day cookouts.

Thanks to the support of many members of Annunciation Parish, **W.H. Jolly Council's** profit from this fundraiser – **well over \$500** – will be used in support of the Council's "outreach" activities here in Columbus.

The Knights will be selling Smoked Rib tickets on 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Sundays in August for Aug 31 delivery, just in time for the Labor Day weekend.

## "Jacob's Crossing" – JULY Date Change

So as not to conflict with anyone's Fourth of July plans, the July "**Jacob's Crossing**" has been changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, **July 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:00 AM.**

**Jacob's Crossing** is a program led by Deacon Dave Gruseck where any men of Annunciation Parish gather to enjoy coffee, breakfast, prayer, scripture, and fellowship; focused to learn much more about Jesus' life on earth.

**Knights of Columbus** are Catholic men living their faith at home, their parish, and their community.

**YOU** can join them **HERE IN COLUMBUS.**

Call or text **Richard Hicks** at (662-242-6088)

**Rich** is the **Grand Knight** of our Council here in Columbus. He can give you more info on the Knights, as well as how to become a member of the **Knights of Columbus.**

*Knights of Columbus – In Service To One – In Service To All*

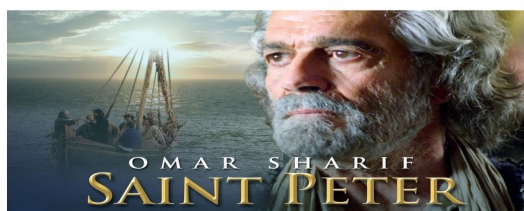
# This Week on Formed

## Week of June 29, 2025



### Peter: Keeper of the Keys

When a young Christian girl is arrested and imprisoned in ancient Rome, she hears stories of martyrs like St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Lawrence the Deacon—will she find the strength to make the ultimate sacrifice for her faith?



### 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.



### Paul the Apostle | The Bible Collection

The church's greatest enemy became Christ's most prolific messenger. Beautifully shot in the Moroccan desert, Paul the Apostle is a sweeping saga of the man who brought the Gospel to the Western world.

#### Prayers for Parishioners

Bonnie Adair	Dr. Ralph Johnson
Marian Beall	Ginny Konieczki
Delores Belhumeur	Nell Labella
John Bino	Diane Loftis
Charles Bridges	John Love
Christy Burks	Anne Mitchell
Rosemary Ciolino	Raymond Overstreet
Ginny Clarke	Sam Phillips
Judy Coleman	Cindy Putman
Karen Doumit	John Purtell
Larry Feeney	Ron Shepperd
Joan Fleming	Shelby Stafford
JoAnn Ferguson	Stewart Stafford
Haley Graham	Steve Wells
Gwen Gouveia	Scott Weseli
Marga Hamner	Wink Wright
Dr. Sharon Harbin	
Thomas Heath	
Clara Hicks	
Mary Hydrick	

#### Prayer Changes Things

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

#### Prayers for Families and Friends

Chad Hill	JoAnn Ruff
Billy Hendricks	Alan Sansing
Dylan Hicks	Lauri Sansing
Marie Hillhouse	Richard Sertic
Dee Dee Hindman	Anna Sibley
Beth Huffer	Harry Smith
Thomas Jones	Jake Sudduth
Pam Jordan	Jett Sudduth
Doreen Kahaulelio	Kathy Corcoran-Sutter
Mason G. Konieczki	Judy Therrel
Ean Laitinen	Tom Walk
Michelle Lawton	Doug Wheeler
Donna Loftis	Bree Wood
Darryl Lopaka	
Bentley Luker	
Patrice Majewski	
Rose Maness	
Jamie Manning	
Marion McEwen	
Steve McEwen	
Diane Nelson	
Lynn Rosamond	



### 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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