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TASTE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

Rejoice! This weekend is "Gaudete Sunday" which means "Rejoice Sunday". It's called Rejoice Sunday because we hear it throughout the liturgy this weekend, as the expectation of Christmas grows. We hear about the power of rejoicing from the 1st reading where the prophet Isaiah is on fire with joy as he proclaims to everyone that the Lord has come upon him, anointed him and calls him to go out and bring glad tidings (joy) to all in need (Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11). Isaiah is not worried about his short comings or failures. He lives in confidence that only could come from God. This weekend we join the Prophet Isaiah and the whole Church rejoicing in a God who wants to be the "joy of our souls." We rejoice and sing praises to God, who yearns to cloth us in salvation=wrap us with a cloak of justice. We rejoice in God, who yearns to pierce the very depths of our hearts to heal those broken, unlovable places of our lives. This 3rd week of Advent let us rejoice. Let us rejoice over the many ways that we taste and see the goodness of the Lord in our everyday lives. Like the Prophet, Isaiah let us be on fire with joy for the many ways the Lord comes upon us, anoints us and calls us to go out and proclaim His greatness. Yes, we are called to rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice.

Christ's Blessings
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Third Sunday of Advent

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PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

Tuesday, December 15th

4:30p.m.-5:15 p.m. Confession Before Mass
5:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, December 16th

8:00 a.m. Mass (Chapel)

Thursday, December 17th

4:30p.m.-5:15 p.m. Confession Before Mass
5:30 p.m. Mass (Main Church)

Friday, December 18th

8:00 a.m. Mass (Chapel)

Saturday, December 12th

4:30p.m.-5:15 p.m. Confession Before Mass
5:30 p.m. Mass (main Church)

Sunday, December 13th

7:15 a.m.-7:45 a.m. Confession Before Mass
8:00 a.m. Mass (Main Church)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Main Church)



Faith Formation

Religious Education

Classes will be available online in January 2021



Classes will be available online in January 2021



RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Classes will be resume virtually in January 2021



Opportunities for Reconciliation this season are:

December 15th-: 4:30 p.m.-5:15p.m.

December 17th-: 4:30 p.m.-5:15p.m.

December 19th-: 4:30 p.m.-5:15p.m.

Please do not wait until the last minute to do your Reconciliation. We want everyone to be able to receive this special sacrament.



Check out these Advent resources:

- ◆ catholiccompany.com/magazine
- ◆ "How to Celebrate Advent Like a Catholic"
 - ◆ FORMED series ADVENT
 - ◆ Share how you or your family celebrate Advent on Facebook at Parishioners of Annunciation Catholic Church
- ◆ 7 Advent Resources your family will love:

<https://catholic-link.org/7-advent-resources-the-whole-family-will-love/>



Until further notice all bible studies, Religious Ed, CYO and RCIA are cancelled.

Please know that we will be keeping you updated through our website, annunciationcatholicchurch.com, My Parish App and Parishioners of Annunciation on Facebook. We will start online classes in January, 2021.



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What's Happening at ACS!

Congratulations to Ava Dowdle (5th) and Abigail Peetus (8th) who placed 2nd and 1st in the MSAIS Spelling Bee and will go on to represent ACS at the state level in January.

During this holiday season we ask that you prayerfully consider adding ACS to your year-end donations list. We depend on donations to close the tuition gap and help with the operating budget. Your help is especially needed this year due to the pandemic. Please visit our website at www.annunciacatholicchool.org for ways to donate!

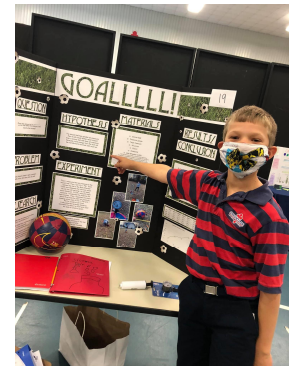
Join the 1963 Society! The ACS 1963 Society recognizes individuals and organizations for their continued and resolute commitment to the Annual Appeal with gifts of \$1,963 or more. Their financial stewardship to the Annual Appeal affirms the time-honored tradition of providing affordable Catholic education. Members receive exclusive invitations to a dinner, school updates, entertainment by select ACS students, inclusion on a memorial plaque, and recognition at annual school events and publications. New membership may be obtained by contributing \$1,963 or more, which automatically includes donors in the Society. Annual renewal in the Society is available with a standing Invitation to re-enroll through a continued donation of \$1,963, or more.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 12/21–1/5 Christmas Holiday
- 01/18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School
- 01/31–02/5 Catholic School's Week
- 02/17 Ash Wednesday
- 3/15–3/19 Spring Break
- 4/2—Good Friday—No School

In other news...

- We have a strict NO VISITORS POLICY this year. This is for the protection of our faculty, students, and visitors.
- Mass will be held each Thursday at 8:30 a.m. via Facebook Live. Don't have a Facebook account? That's okay! You can still tune in to our page without an account and participate in virtual Mass at <https://www.facebook.com/AnnunciationCatholicSchoolColumbusMS/>
- We are unable to hold many of our social events at this time. We will let you know ASAP if we are able to reschedule.



Our 4th grade students held a science fair this week. Lots of interesting projects were presented.



Christmas word search fun in 3rd grade!

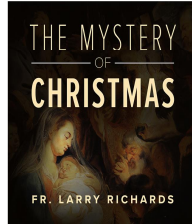


Visit our website or YouTube channel to watch the 2020–2021 Annual Appeal video. We had the best actors in town.

LISTEN

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS
BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift—the gift of his Son to the world.



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LECTIO: PRAYER—AN INTIMATE DIALOGUE

St. John of the Cross, Doctor of the Church, had a deep desire to help others grow in prayer. In honor of this mystical saint, join Dr. Gray as he dives into the simplicity and mystery of prayer.



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WATCH

SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A STUDY IN PERSEVERANCE

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Ávila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



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Prayers for Parishioners:

- Bill Adams
- Lisa and Andy Atkins
- Marian Beall
- Charles Bridges
- Christy Burks
- Shirley Butler
- Ginny Clarke
- Judy Coleman
- Carl Deddo
- Carl Doumit
- Howard Ferguson
- Ruby Forrester
- Mary Forrester
- Greg Gabriel
- Gwen Gouveia
- Marga Hamner
- Mary Hayden
- Mary Hydrick
- Marilyn Horton
- Patti Johnson
- Dr. Ralph Johnson
- Greg Jones
- Ginny Konieczki
- Florence Ladner
- Madeline Malcolm
- Willie Menotti
- Anne Mitchell
- Sam Phillips
- Kerry Pittman
- Karen Pittman
- Debra Weseli

Prayers for Families and Friends of Parishioners

- Gary Belhumeur
- Ashley Britt
- Luke Brown
- Gayle Booker
- Joel Carrigan
- Claude Carter
- John Michael Crimm
- Marc Ciolino
- Mike Doughty
- Mary Forrester
- Sue Gentry
- Sister Mary Gianini
- Scott Hankins
- Beth Hutton
- Steve Johnson
- Doreen Kahaulelio
- Michelle Lawton
- Donna Loftis
- Darryl Lopaka
- Patrice Majewski
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