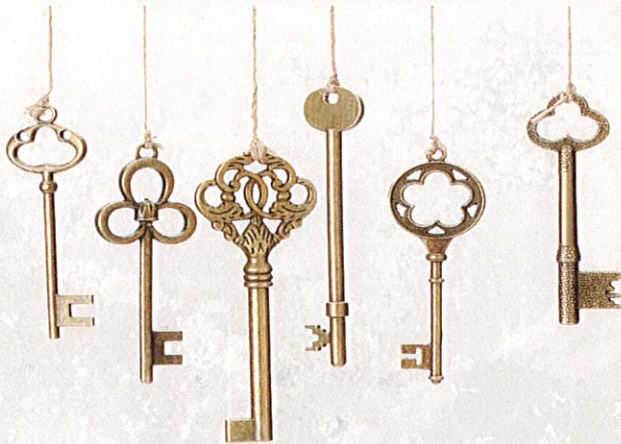


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*WHAT ARE YOU DOING
WITH YOUR KEY?*



I will give you keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

MATTHEW 16:16

FREEDOM DEMANDS RESPONSIBILITY

A significant moment in a teenager's life is "getting the keys to the car." With the car keys comes the freedom to go wherever you want. I remember, as the oldest child, getting to drive an orange Volkswagen van to take my younger brother and sisters to school each day. The freedom was exciting. This was until I got stopped by the police and realized that with freedom came responsibility. The old van went a bit faster than I realized. Anytime you get the keys to anything, there is power, freedom, and responsibility. In the gospel reading, we hear that Peter was given the "keys to the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 16: 13-20). Peter and the disciples were taken out, 20 miles away, to Caesarea Philippi (like the headquarters of the region) to see if they really got who and what Jesus was about. Peter did not disappoint. When Jesus said, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter jumped up and said, "Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus knew that he and Peter were good buddies and that Peter would be responsible for the power of love (the keys to the kingdom of heaven) Jesus had given. Each of us, in our own way have been given keys. Keys to lead and guide our family. Keys to support those we work for and with. Keys to friendships. Keys to manage our various possessions. With these keys come power and freedom to do amazing things. But with this power and freedom comes responsibility, the responsibility to lead and guide others according to the Lord's guidance. As you receive God's keys, know that God demands that you be responsible for those amazing freedoms you have received.

*Christ's Blessings
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August 23, 2026

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PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES & MASSES

Tuesday August 25
10:00a.m. ATC Bible Study
5:30p.m. Mass

Wednesday August 26
8:00a.m. Mass

Thursday August 27
8:30a.m. Mass(ACS)

Friday August 28
8:00a.m. Mass

Sunday August 30
7:15-7:45 Confession

8:00a.m. Mass
10:30a.m. Mass

ACTIVIDADES Y MISAS SEMANALES

Martes 25 de agosto
10:00 a. m. Estudio bíblico ATC

5:30 p. m. Misa

Miércoles 26 de agosto
8:00 a. m. Misa

Jueves 27 de agosto
8:30 a. m. Misa (ACS)

Viernes 28 de agosto
8:00 a. m. Misa

Domingo 30 de agosto
7:15-7:45 Confesiones

8:00 a. m. Misa

10:30 a. m. Misa



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FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2026-2027

AUGUST 23, 2026 AND AUGUST 30, 2026

in the atrium after both Masses

CYO

Catholic Youth Organization - Grades 6 to 12

Catholic Youth Organization is ACC's youth program for middle and high school students that combines fun, fellowship, and service with opportunities to grow in their Catholic faith.

Samantha Edwards, AnnunciationCYO@gmail.com

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

The process for adults who wish to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information about the Catholic Church.

Maria Dunser, ACCAdultFaith@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

Religious Education - Pre-K4 to 5th Grade

Classes for school-age children that teach the fundamental beliefs of the Catholic faith and prepare them to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist through prayer, instruction, and active participation in the Church.

Shannon Clapper, ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com



Financial Stewardship

08/16/2026

Weekly Offerings	\$ 13,499.00
On-Line Giving	\$ 7,350.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 25,458.00
Chapel Preservation	\$ 435.00
Mass Live Streaming	\$ 0.00

OTHER:

Annunciation Columbarium Project: \$50,000.00

ACS Bus Assistance: \$25,000.00

Your Financial Stewardship is most appreciated.

Mass Intentions

Tue.	8-25-26	5:30p.m.	Robert Brian Ingram	SI
Wed.	8-26-26	8:00a.m.	Frieda Deedo	FJ SI
Thu.	8-27-26	8:00a.m.		
Fri.	8-28-26	8:00a.m.	Carl Doumit & Family	KD SI&RIP
Sun.	8-30-26	8:00a.m.	Haley Graham	PR SI
Sun.	8-30-26	10:30a.m.	People of the Parish	SI

Confirmation Registration 2026-2027

August 23rd and 30th
after both Masses



CONFIRMATION preparation is a unique time for Candidates as they commit to dive deeper into their Catholic faith with special weekly sessions, retreats, and fuller participation in the life of the parish. Candidates also participate in CYO!

**Confirmation will meet on
Sundays 4:00-5:00
Orientation on Sept 13 at 2:00**

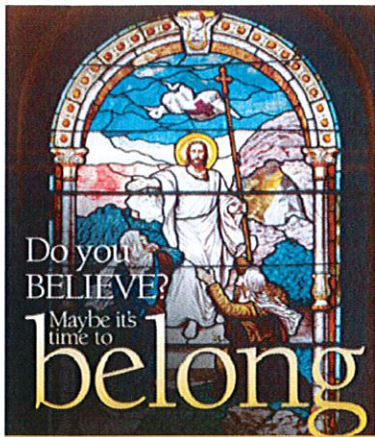
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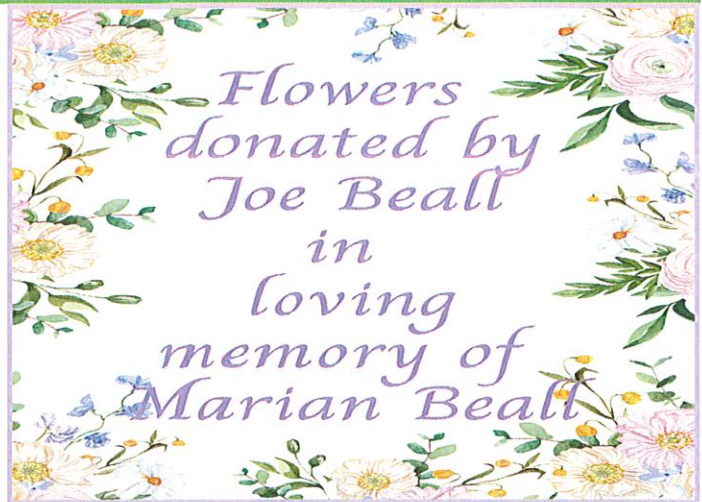
PARISH NEWS



*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."**

If you are interested in becoming Catholic,
learning more about the Catholic faith, or
journeying with those in OCIA,
please email
Maria Dunser at accadulthoodfaith@gmail.com.



CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP

*Jacob's
Crossing*

Join our Catholic men's group
for food and fellowship.
We meet monthly on the
1st. Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

**Sept. 5
8:00 am
ACC Activity Center**



Noticias de la Anunciación

**GRUPO DE HOMBRES
CATÓLICOS**

*Jacob's
Crossing*

Únete a nuestro grupo de
hombres católicos para
comida y confraternidad.
1er. sábado a las 8:00 a.m.

**5 de sept.
8:00 am
ACC Activity Center**

**Inscripción para Confirmación
2026-2027
August 23rd and 30th
después de ambas Misas**

La preparación para la CONFIRMACIÓN es un tiempo
único para los Candidatos, quienes se comprometen a
profundizar en su fe católica con sesiones semanales
especiales, retiros y una participación más plena en la
vida de la parroquia. ¡Los Candidatos también participan
en CYO!

**Confirmación se reunirá los
domingos 4:00-5:00
Orientación el Sept 13 a las 2:00**

¿Preguntas?
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**INSCRIPCIÓN PARA FORMACIÓN
EN LA FE 2026-2027**

23 DE AGOSTO DE 2026 Y 30 DE AGOSTO DE 2026
en el atrio después de ambas Misas

CYO

Organización Juvenil Católica - Grados 6 a 12
Catholic Youth Organization es el programa juvenil de ACC
para estudiantes de secundaria y preparatoria que combina
diversión, compañerismo y servicio con oportunidades para
crecer en su fe católica.
Samantha Edwards, AnnunciationCYO@gmail.com

OCIA

**Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para
Adultos**
El proceso para adultos que desean unirse a la fe católica y
para quienes buscan más información sobre la Iglesia
Católica.
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**EDUCACIÓN
RELIGIOSA**

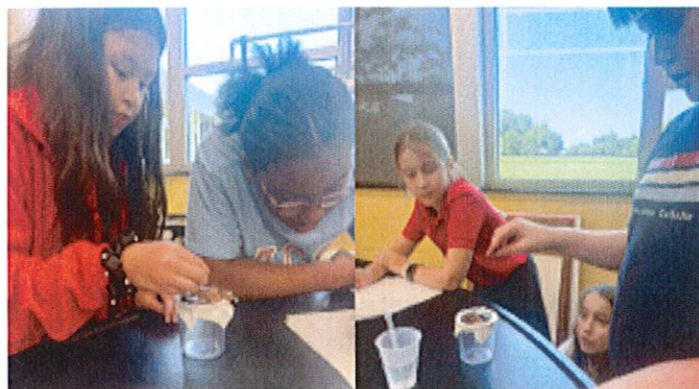
Educación Religiosa - Pre-K4 a 5.º Grado
Clases para niños en edad escolar que enseñan las creencias
fundamentales de la fe católica y los preparan para recibir la
Primera Reconciliación y la Primera Eucaristía a través de la
oración, la instrucción y la participación activa en la Iglesia.
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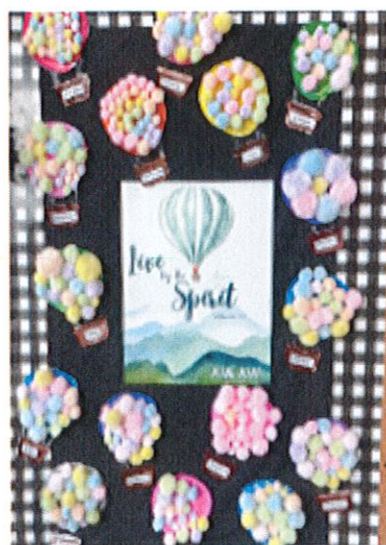


Our 5th graders put their STREAM skills to the test on Friday by testing the strength of five different types of toilet paper! After getting each one wet, they added pennies one by one to see which could hold the most.

Afterward, they combined their class data and looked at how different variables could affect their results, putting their critical thinking and data analysis skills to work!



First Grade made their own hot air balloons to go along with our theme this year "Live By the Spirit"



Our STREAM program got new robots!

Our middle schoolers have been learning how to code the robots to move.

Follow us



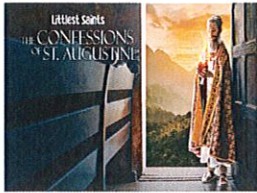
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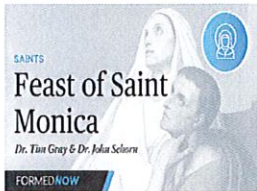
This Week on Formed

Week of August 23, 2026



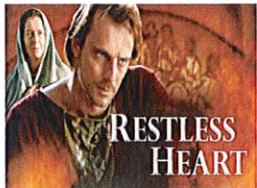
The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.



Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.



Restless Heart

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.

Prayers for Parishioners

Delores Belhumeur
Buddy Burks
Christy Burks
Rosemary Ciolino
Ginny Clarke
Freida Deedo
Larry Feeney
Haley Graham
Deacon Dave Gruseck
John Hamner
Marga Hamner
Sharon Harbin
Mary Hydrick
Roger Jones
Ginny Konieczki
Diane Loftis
John Love
Dick Mahoney
Cindy Morgan
Karen Overstreet
Sam Phillips
John Purtell
Steve Wells
Wink Wright

Prayers for Families & Friends

Bonnie Adair
Brad Bynum
Michele Byrd
Terry Cline
John Michael Crimm
Janice Davis
Kathy Forrester
Sue Gentry
Scott Hankins
Boyd Hardy
Thomas Heath
Leronious Jones Jr.
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Gail Mackey
Ethan Marsh
Rose Maness
Jerry Mitchell
Hudson O'Mary
David Pate
Lisa Podd
Megan Posey
Lynn Rosamond
Faye Russell
Alan Sansing
Lauri Sansing
Richard Sertic
Russell Sheffield
Michael Sunday
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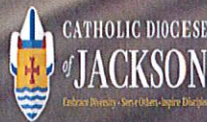
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For more information on how to become a member contact Dave Gruseck (412) 559-8514 or email him at grusedj@hotmail.com

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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