

Annunciation Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Handicap or Opportunity?

In the astounding story of Jesus' healing of the blind man (Jn. 9:1-38), Jesus helps us to realize that when we accept Him as "the light of the world" (Jn 8:12) that handicaps and shortcomings can become opportunities. St. John the Evangelist tells us about a man born blind that everyone discounted because his blindness (handicap) must be the result of some sin. Jesus was aware of this disconnect. He went up to the blind man and turned his handicap (blindness) into an opportunity. Not only an opportunity to physically be able to see but also the man born blind was spiritually able to see. It is easy to set back and judge the people of Jesus' time as crazy thinking the man's blindness was a result of some sin. However, when we get sick, or a tragedy happens, do we not start re-evaluating our lives in what we should or should not be doing? The good news is that handicaps should not be a sign of sin; they should be seen as opportunities. A disability, although humbling, can lead some to become more dependent on God. A mental illness can become an opportunity to surrender. A shortcoming in one's personality can lead one to be more upright. Whatever our handicap, I believe that God is constantly wanting to heal us, to help us to see. Let us continue to pray that we will be open to allowing God to take our handicaps and turn them into opportunities by turning to the Lord and saying, "I do believe, Lord" (Jn 9:38).

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PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

Tuesday

1:30p.m.
5:30p.m.
6:45p.m.

Wednesday

8:00a.m.

Thursday

8:30a.m.
10:00a.m.
6:00p.m.

Friday

8:00a.m.
5:30p.m.

Sunday

7:15a.m.-7:45a.m.
8:00 a.m.
9:05a.m.
10:30 a.m.
5:00p.m.

March 21

Margaret Munroe Crypt
Dinner for Hagar
Lenten Reflection

March 22

Mass(Chapel)

March 23

Mass (ACS)
Thursday Womens Bible Study
Penance Service (main Church)

March 24

Mass(Chapel)
Stations of the Cross(Chapel)

March 26

Confession
Mass(Main Church)
RE Class
Mass(Main Church)
CYO



Pray & Play

Visit the
"Pray & Play
Annunciation"
Facebook page

for our upcoming play times.

Religious Education	
A Look at What's Ahead	
March 19	NO CLASSES--SPRING BREAK
March 26	RE CLASSES 9:05 AM TO 10:10 AM
April 2	EASTER FESTIVAL--NO CLASSES
April 9	EASTER SUNDAY--NO CLASSES
April 16	RE CLASSES 9:05 AM TO 10:10 AM
April 23	RE CLASSES 9:05 AM TO 10:10 AM

ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com

Becoming Catholic
RCIA
A Journey In Faith

March 21-No Class
March 23-Penance Service



Stations of the Cross

Join us for
Stations of the Cross
every Friday during Lent
at 5:30p.m. in the Chapel.



CONFIRMATION & CYO SPRING 2023
MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US FOR
FAITH, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & FUN!

March 19 SPRING BREAK! *No Confirmation or CYO*

March 26 Confirmation Session
CYO Gathering: Living Lent & Adoration

April 2 Easter Festival (Confirmation-CYO Service Project)

April 9 Happy Easter ~ He Is Risen! *No Confirmation or CYO*

April 16 Confirmation Session
CYO Gathering: The Early Church & the Church Today

April 23 Confirmation Session
CYO Gathering: Why Be Catholic?

April 30 Confirmation Candlelight Vigil & Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
No CYO

May 2 Sacrament of Confirmation 6:00 p.m.

May 7 Senior Recognition @10:30 Mass
CYO End of Year Celebration!

Confirmation
Sessions
3:45-5:00 p.m.



CYO
Sunday
Gatherings
5:00-7:00 p.m.



Ginny Clarke, Youth Minister
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**Steubenville Atlanta
Catholic Youth Conference**
July 6-9, 2023

Are you prayerfully considering a way to
support our Teens?

"Stock Certificates"

will be on sale after both Masses March 26 & April 2

We are excited to offer our High School teens this chance to experience Jesus Christ through inspiring talks, music, & the sacraments, as well as to connect with thousands of other Catholic teens from around the country!



The tentative cost is \$250 per Teen.



For more info or to sponsor a Teen, please contact Ginny Clarke
annunciationcyo@gmail.com



Join us Friday's after
Stations of the Cross
for our
Lenten Fish Fry's
in the Activity Center.

PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

3-19-2023

Weekly Offering	03-12-2023	\$	6,423.00
On-Line Giving:	03-12-2023	\$	5,425.00
On Line Mass	03-12-2023	\$	300.00
SVDP	03-12-2023	\$	825.00
Chapel Preservation	03-12-2023	\$	1,100.00

STEWARDSHIP



The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to Him and willingly did all that Jesus asked.

The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle.

Jesus tells us that even difficult situations present an opportunity for us to be drawn into God's presence. The man's blindness is cured, but the blindness of those who won't believe in Jesus remains.

As Christian Stewards, do we see our lives through the eyes of true faith, or are we blinded by our quest for earthly possessions and misconceptions?



Baptismal Preparation Class for Parents & Godparents

Baptismal Sacramental Preparation class is required to have your child baptized. If you have a newborn or are currently expecting a child or are required to take this class as a Godparent, please contact the church office at 328-2927 ext. 1 or email Maria Dunser at accadultfaith@gmail.com for information regarding the next scheduled class.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday	03-21-2023	5:30 pm	Robert Walk	JF	RIP
Wednesday	03-22-2023	8:00 am	Carmela Corrado	CF	RIP
Thursday	03-23-2023	8:30 am			
Friday	03-24-2023	8:00 am	Jessica Alexander	JF	SI
Sunday	03-26-2023	8:00a.m	People of the Parish		
Sunday	03-26-2023	10:30am	Rita Vela	CS	RIP

Eucharistic Ministers

We will have Eucharistic Minister Training on March 26 at 1:30p.m. in the main church. This training is for existing and new ministers.



Lenten Penance Service

Thursday, March 23rd @ 6:00p.m. in the main church.



Candy Needed

Candy is needed for the Annual Easter Festival. Please bring individually wrapped candy to the office by March 26th.



ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Blood Drive

Sunday, March 26th
10AM - 2 PM

\$10 VISA TO DONORS!





Historic Margaret Munroe Crypt Restoration Fund Raiser

Join us for a presentation by Margot Shaw who is a much sought-after speaker whose passion is the artistry and inspiration involved in floral design.

Margot Shaw is Founder/Editor-in-Chief of Flower magazine.

This fundraiser is hosted by
The Columbus Garden Club on

March 21, 1:30 P.M.

at Annunciation Catholic Church
823 College St, Columbus, Mississippi



Her book, *Living Floral*, will be available for purchase.
Be sure to check out her wonderful website www.flowermag.com.

Call or text Margo Toledano for tickets or
information @

228-860-8449 or email margotoledano@gmail.com

Tickets are available at the door

\$25 Tax Deductible Donation

Lenten Reflection

Enjoy this scripture based monologue as
Rita Sweatt portrays the life of Hagar.

Tuesday, March 21st

Dinner at 5:30p.m.

Activity Center (bring a dish to share)

Performance at 6:45p.m.

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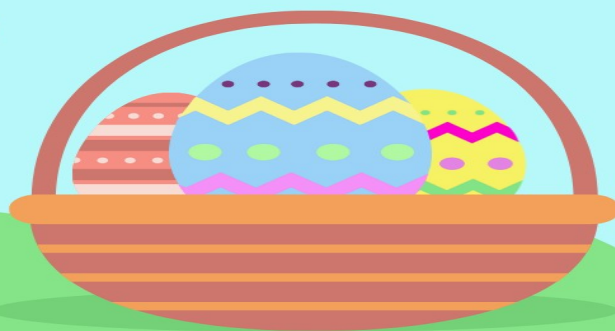
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YOUR
BASKET

Hosted by CYO Teens of
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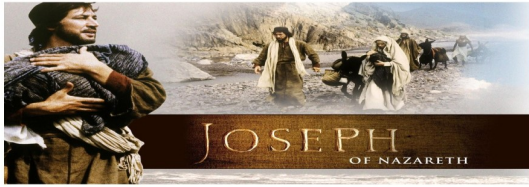
BIRTH TO 5TH GRADE

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Donations of candy are needed.
Drop off at the Church Office or the
Church Atrium.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of March 19, 2023



Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



The Annunciation Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. St. Joseph stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue. Encounter St. Joseph in a new way with St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father.

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Shirley Butler
Ginny Clarke
Judy Coleman
Bea Covert
Carl Deddo
Carl Doumit
Ron Eaves
Tom Ebner
JoAnn Ferguson
Ruby Forrester
Mary Forrester
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Floyd McIntyre

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Doug Phillips
Sam Phillips
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Ron Shepperd
Steve Wells
Debra Weseli
Wink Wright

Prayer Changes Things

Barbara Aicement
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Gus Gianini

Prayers for Families and Friends

Scott Hankins
Mike Hearington
Dee Dee Hindman
Kerry Huffer
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Doreen Kahaulelio
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Billy Livingston
Donna Loftis
Darryl Lopaka
Patrice Majewski
Rose Maness
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Richard Sertich
Stephanie Welch
Doug Wheeler
Judy Therrel
Tom Walk
Doug Wheeler



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 **Mike Smith** at (662) 855-5035 or email him at smithmichael2192@gmail.com



Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is extending an open invitation to women of our parish 18 yrs. and older to become members and share in our mission of spiritual and charitable growth.

For more information contact
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