

# Annunciation Catholic Church

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## Facing Difficult Obstacles

Have you ever had one of those days where everything seems to go wrong? At every turn, you bump up against opposition, when the reality is that all you want to do is that which is right and just in God's eyes. Jeremiah is having one of those weeks in the first reading today (Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10). He is simply trying to tell people about God, but the religious and secular leaders are not at all happy. To get rid of Jeremiah, they throw him into a dried-up well. When we get into one of those impossible Jeremiah experiences, St. Paul says in the 2nd reading remember "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" that we are to cling to (Hb 12: 1). Yes, in difficult times, we are encouraged to look to any or all of the saints who have gone before us. Men and women, children and adults, rich and poor, who did all that they could to love and serve the Lord. They stand as witnesses to each of us in how to be God's instrument in the midst of challenges: St. Francis' example can help us in times of crisis; St. George reminds us of the importance of holding onto our faith; St. Catherine of Alexandria calls us to stand with courage; St. Joseph challenges us to be a faithful care taker; St. Jude calls us to pray in times of hopelessness; our Blessed Mother brings us comfort; St. Anthony reassures us that miracles are always possible; etc.... Each one is a great hero of the faith; part of a "great cloud of witnesses" that stands to remind us of how we, too, are called to be faithful to God even when facing difficult obstacles.

*Christ Blessings!*  
*Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep*

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**August 17, 2025**

**Twentieth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time**

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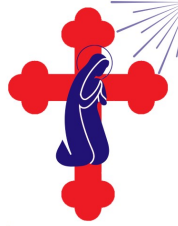
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# PARISH NEWS

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 19</b>
5:30p.m.	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 20</b>
8:00a.m.	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 21</b>
8:30a.m.	Mass(ACS)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 22</b>
8:00a.m.	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 24</b>
7:15-7:45	Confession
8:00a.m.	Mass
10:30a.m.	Mass



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## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

08-17-25

Weekly Offering	08-10-25	\$	11,405.00
On-Line Giving:	08-10-25	\$	7,195.00
SVDP	08-10-25	\$	822.00
On Line Mass	08-10-25	\$	0.00
Chapel Preservation	08-10-25	\$	790.00

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday	08-19-25	5:30 pm	Blair Oswalt	CM	SI
Wednesday	08-20-25	8:00 am	Steve McEwen	CM	RIP
Thursday	08-21-25	8:00am.	Carol Rogers	CM	SI
Friday	08-22-25	8:00 am	Bobby Patrick	CM	RIP
Sunday	08-24-25	8:00am	Jack Campbell	PR	RIP
Sunday	08-24-25	10:30am	People of the Parish		SI

1700th Anniversary of Nicene creed (325 a.d.)

Coffee & Catechesis

What Christians believe:  
Understanding the Nicene creed



Fall 2025

Sep. 14th, Oct. 5th, & Nov. 9th in between the Masses

WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
BIBLE STUDY  
MEETS 2ND WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10TH  
AT 6:00.  
(MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED.)

THE CASE  
FOR JESUS



THE BIBLICAL AND HISTORICAL EVIDENCE FOR CHRIST

BRANT PITRE

AFTERWORD BY ROBERT GARRON

## Annunciation Church Choir

The Annunciation Church Choir  
will resume on September 3rd.



### Practice Schedule

- When: Every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM
  - Where: Main church
- The choir is seeking voices for all vocal parts:

- Soprano
- Alto
- Tenor
- Bass

This invitation is open to high school students with a valid driver's license and older.

Additionally, student pilots from the Columbus Air Force Base are also welcome to join.

To join or to learn more about the choir, please reach out to Stephen Maykowski at 662-275-8183. It is preferred to contact Steve via text, or you can leave a message, and he will return your call.



## Annunciation Parish Altar Guild

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped clean the church this past Saturday.

We truly appreciate your dedication to making our church look beautiful.

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LABOR DAY

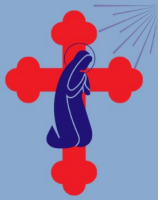
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Order after Masses on  
August 17th & 24th  
Pick up on August 31st



# PARISH NEWS



ANNUNCIATION  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025 AND  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025  
IN THE ATRIUM AFTER BOTH MASSES

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### Religious Education - Pre-K4 to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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

Shannon Clapper, ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com

### CYO

#### Catholic Youth Organization - Grades 6 to 12

*Catholic Youth Organization is ACC's teen 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 desire to join the Catholic faith and for those seeking more information about the Catholic Church.*

Maria Dunser, ACCAdultFaith@gmail.com

## SPANISH MASS

Misa en  
español el 7  
de  
septiembre a  
la 1:00 p.m



### Grief Share Class Information Faith based and Christ centered recovery...

It's not about a particular denomination.  
It's about people healing from hurt, loneliness,  
sadness, brokenness, or anger.  
It's about people not just trying to heal on their own,  
but healing together with the foundation of Christ  
as the cornerstone.

Thursday evenings ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
August 28 - November 20, 2025  
First Methodist Church of Columbus  
Fletcher-Jones Building  
2nd floor

602 College Street  
for more information:  
First Methodist Church GriefShare - GriefShare  
or  
elizabeth@columbusfirst.org  
or Lisa Kerby at 662-386-6343





August 17, 2025

WELCOME

## TO THE TEAM

*Liza Hathorn*

Meet Liza Hathorn, our new Kindergarten Assistant! Liza is from Columbia, MS. She moved to Columbus in 2022 and earned bachelor's in elementary education from the W. She previously substitute taught at Main Street Christian School.

"Assisting in the Kindergarten class this year is a true joy and privilege. I am so excited and can't wait to get to know you and your little ones. I look forward to meeting you all!"



This week 5<sup>th</sup> grade learned what it means to walk with Jesus. The class first painted their feet and then walked down a paper path. The teacher then pointed out that their footprints got lighter as they neared the end. She explained this is what it is like to walk with Jesus. Our sins get lighter, our burden is relieved, as we walk hand in hand with our Creator.



A curious Kindergartener in STREAM class! We are proud to lead the area in STREAM education. STREAM stands for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Math.



# Meet the

# PSA

✦ Wine and Cheese Night

## 26 August

6- 7:30 P.M



**A PARENTS ONLY EVENT**  
 ACS SCIENCE LAB  
 223 NORTH BROWDER STREET  
 COLUMBUS, MS 39702

A CHANCE TO GET TO KNOW YOUR PSA BOARD  
 AND FIND WAYS TO GET MORE INVOLVED!



We love parishioners getting involved. Come join us and find ways to volunteer at the school.





*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 (formerly RCIA), please email Maria Dunser at [accadulthoodfaith@gmail.com](mailto:accadulthoodfaith@gmail.com).

#### Protection of Children for Adults

In accordance with policy set forth by the Diocese of Jackson, all volunteers who come in contact with children and/or vulnerable adults must be trained and certified in our Protection of Children for Adults program. This includes but is not limited to: Children's Church, Religious Education, CYO, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Knights of Columbus, Homebound Ministries, etc.

The July Training Bulletin titled  
**"Helping Children Overcome Barriers to Disclosure"**  
 was issued on July 6th.

Please login to your [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) account to read and answer the follow up question.

Upcoming training sessions and deadlines to register at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) are as follows:

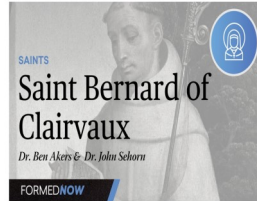


Training Date	Registration Deadline
September 17, 2025.....	September 10, 2025
November 12, 2025.....	November 5, 2025
January 21, 2026.....	January 14, 2026
March 18, 2026 .....	March 11, 2026
May 13, 2026.....	May 6, 2026
July 29, 2026.....	July 22, 2026
September 16, 2026.....	2026 September 9, 2026

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## This Week on Formed

### Week of August 17, 2025



#### Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



#### The Queen Mother | LECTIO: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



#### Mary, Queen of Heaven | Brother Francis

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

#### Prayers for Parishioners

#### Prayer Changes Things

#### Prayers for Families and Friends

Bonnie Adair  
 Marian Beall  
 Delores Belhumeur  
 John Bino  
 Charles Bridges  
 Christy Burks  
 Rosemary Ciolino  
 Ginny Clarke  
 Judy Coleman  
 Karen Doumit  
 Larry Feeney  
 Joan Fleming  
 JoAnn Ferguson  
 Haley Graham  
 Gwen Gouveia  
 John Hamner  
 Marga Hamner  
 Dr. Sharon Harbin  
 Thomas Heath  
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 Mary Hydrick

Greg Jones  
 Ginny Konieczki  
 Nell Labella  
 Diane Loftis  
 John Love  
 Elaina Maykowski  
 Anne Mitchell  
 Raymond Overstreet  
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 Cindy Putman  
 John Purtell  
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 Shelby Stafford  
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 Roger Studdard  
 Steve Wells  
 Scott Weseli  
 Wink Wright

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 Rufus Beason  
 Gary Belhumeur  
 Amanda Burell  
 Michael Boland  
 Luke Brown  
 Judy Berg  
 Joel Carrigan  
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 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

Chad Hill  
 Billy Hendricks  
 Dylan Hicks  
 Marie Hillhouse  
 Dee Dee Hindman  
 Beth Huffer  
 Thomas Jones  
 Pam Jordan  
 Doreen Kahaulelio  
 Mason G.  
 Konieczki  
 Ean Laitinen  
 Michelle Lawton  
 Donna Loftis  
 Darryl Lopaka  
 Bentley Luker  
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 Rose Maness  
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 Marion McEwen  
 Diane Nelson  
 Lynn Rosamond

JoAnn Ruff  
 Faye Russell  
 Alan Sansing  
 Lauri Sansing  
 Richard Sertic  
 Anna Sibley  
 Karen Shelton  
 Harry Smith  
 Bryan Spencer  
 Jake Sudduth  
 Jett Sudduth  
 Kathy Corcoran-Sutter  
 Judy Therrel  
 Tom Walk  
 Doug Wheeler  
 Bree Wood





### 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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 Tuesday Closed  
 Wednesday 11:00-9:00 at 246 Hillcrest Rd.  
 Thursday 4:00-9:00 at 246 Hillcrest Rd.  
 Friday 8:00-6:00 at Allegro on Bluecut Rd  
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