

# Annunciation Catholic Church

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## EMBRACING A LIFE OF SERVICE

As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, we remember our own Baptism, whether we made a personal commitment or our parents made one for us, to live a life of serving others. A life of service where we are called to constantly turn from sin and be ever more faithful to the Gospel. Too often, when we do not keep our sins in check and/or do not hold the Gospels before us at all times, self-centeredness takes over. We become selfish, prideful robots that walk over others only to make ourselves, in some distorted way, look better. In celebrating Jesus' Baptism and, by extension, our own, we are reminded of the new journey the Lord is constantly leading us on. A journey not of self-centeredness, but a journey of service. A life in which we are called to imitate Jesus by doing good for others. We celebrate and reconfirm that the Sacrament of our Baptism lays a dividing line between those who wish to live a life of service and those who prefer a self-centered life. We must stay focused on a journey of loving service to others, no matter the suffering, humiliation, or injustices that come our way. By his example, Jesus shows us that we become better versions of ourselves the more we live for others. Let us celebrate that, through our Baptism, God has anointed us for a life of service. In this life, we are compelled to be "a light to the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness" (Is 42: 7). What glory comes when we embrace not a life of self-centeredness, but a life of love service to one another.

*Christ Blessings*  
*To Jeffrey Waldrep*

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Tuesday-Thursday

8:30a.m.-2:30p.m.

Friday

8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

**Confession:** Sunday 7:15-7:45 or  
by appointment

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January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

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# PARISH NEWS

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 13</b>
5:30p.m.	Mass
6:30p.m.	OCIA
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 14</b>
8:00a.m.	Mass
6:00p.m.	Case for Jesus BS
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 15</b>
8:30a.m.	Mass(ACS)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 16</b>
8:00a.m.	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 18</b>
7:15-7:45	Confession
8:00a.m.	Mass
9:05a.m.	Religious Ed.
10:30a.m.	Mass
5:00p.m.	CYO



## a look at what's ahead

Religious Education

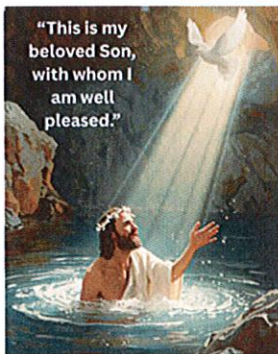
- January 11** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- January 18** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- January 25** No Classes - Pancake Breakfast
- February 1** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- February 8** Religious Ed Classes - 9:05-10:10
- February 15** No Classes - President's Day Weekend

ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

1-11-26

Weekly Offering	01-04-26	\$ 14,388.00
On-Line Giving:	01-04-26	\$ 7,977.00
SVDP	01-04-26	\$ 2,521.50
On Line Mass	01-04-26	\$ 0.00
Chapel Preservation	01-04-26	\$ 450.00



Stay Connected • Stay Involved • Stay Growing in Faith

### JANUARY 2026

- 01/11: CYO Sunday Gathering
- 01/16-01/18: Diocesan S.E.A.R.C.H. Retreat (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)
- 01/18: Sunday Funday - Bowling @ Event Zona
- 01/25: CYO Sunday Gathering

### FEBRUARY 2026

- 02/01: CYO Sunday Gathering
- 02/08: Sunday Funday - Super Bowl Party
- 02/15: CYO Sunday Gathering
- 02/22: CYO Sunday Gathering

### MARCH 2026

- 03/01: CYO Sunday Gathering
- 03/08: Lenten Worship & Reflection Night
- 03/15: NO CYO - Spring Break
- 03/20-03/22: DCYC (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)
- 03/22: NO CYO - DCYC
- 03/27: CYO Serves @ Lenten Fish Fry
- 03/29: NO CYO - Easter Fest

Contact Mrs. Samantha Edwards - AnnunciationCYO@gmail.com - 662-364-8676



**SIGN UP & \$50 DEPOSIT  
DUE TODAY**

### Important Dates:

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JANUARY 11 <sup>TH</sup>	SIGN UP DEADLINE
JANUARY 11 <sup>TH</sup>	\$50 DEPOSIT DUE
FEBRUARY 8 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100 BALANCE DUE



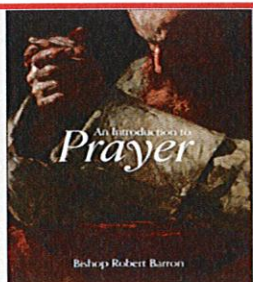
## Mass Intentions

Tuesday	01-13-26	5:30 pm Teresa Zolis	MP	RIP
Wednesday	01-14-26	8:00 am Carl Doumit	KA	RIP
Thursday	01-15-26	8:30am. Dr. Steven Cheeseman	ACS	SI
Friday	01-16-26	8:00 am Ralph Corrado	CF	RIP
Sunday	01-18-26	8:00am Leo Barela	MB	RIP
Sunday	01-18-26	10:30am People of the parish		SI

## An introduction to Prayer

COFFEE & CATECHESIS

Coffee & catechesis  
by bishop Robert Barron  
spring 2026  
Sign-up after Mass  
**January 11**



## EXPLORING CATHOLICISM



THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**6:30p.m. in the Activity Center**

- January 13- Presence (God is with US)**
- January 20- Presence (Story of the Eucharist)**

**THE CASE FOR JESUS  
BIBLE STUDY MEETS  
WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 14  
AT 6:00P.M.**

## THE CASE FOR JESUS



THE BIBLICAL AND HISTORICAL EVIDENCE FOR CHRIST

BRANT PITRE



## PARISH NEWS

### Flowers donated by Mike Smith in memory of Robert Smith

#### All Catholic Things

The Tuesday morning All Catholics Things Women's Bible Study will begin Tuesday, January 13th will resume with an 8 week study of Mary, followed by a 8 week study of the book of Hebrews. The class is from 10:00-12:00 in the Activity Center. Literature must be ordered. All women of the parish and community are invited. You need not be Catholic to join. Come experience the fellowship of encouragement to live out our faith. Call or text Karen Overstreet-662-251-1961 for more information.

#### Parishioners of Annunciation Catholic Church

Please join us for a  
Bridal Shower  
for

**Rayne Phillips**  
fiancée of  
**John Rhett Jourdan**

(Doug Phillips and Katherine Phillips would be so proud of Rayne!)

Sunday, January 11, 2026

1:00-2:30PM

Annunciation Catholic Church Atrium

BRIDAL REGISTRY:

[HTTP://THEFUTUREJOURDANS.COM](http://THEFUTUREJOURDANS.COM)

### World Marriage Day 2026 Celebration

The Catholic Diocese of Jackson invites all couples who are celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or longer anniversaries in 2026 to the annual Diocesan World Marriage Day celebration.

Saturday, February 7 in Jackson at St. Peter at 1:00 pm

OR

Saturday, February 14 in Tupelo at St. James at 5:00 pm

*Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Kopacz  
Reception will follow*

This year registration has been streamlined to Only One click to Register & RSVP! No invitations will be mailed.

Registration deadline is January 20, 2026  
This will ensure your name is printed in the worship sheet

Register by clicking the QR Code below

Jackson at St. Peter  
Saturday, February 7  
1:00 pm



Tupelo at St. James  
Saturday, February 14  
5:00 pm



Join us for  
the Annual

## Pancake Breakfast

Benefiting Annunciation Catholic School  
Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Buy tickets online or at the door

**January 25**

ACC Activity Center  
9:00-10:00



**\$5**  
**\$3**

Children





January 11, 2026

## Save the Date: Pancake Breakfast!



Benefiting Annunciation Catholic School  
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

*Buy tickets online now or at the door*

ACC Activities Building  
January 25th  
9:00 - 10:00

*Pancake  
Breakfast*

**\$5**

Children Under 12

**\$3**

## ACS 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Mrs. Moore Leads Session on AI Technology in the Classroom

Monday, the teachers were the ones behind desks, learning how to utilize and employ AI in the classroom. Mrs. Moore taught teachers all around the state some of the tools that AI can help with.



One of Mrs. Moore's favorite quotes is, "Technology will not replace great teachers, but technology in the hands of great teachers can be transformational." Thank you Mrs. Moore for keeping us up to date!

Our teachers are always eager to learn here at ACS!

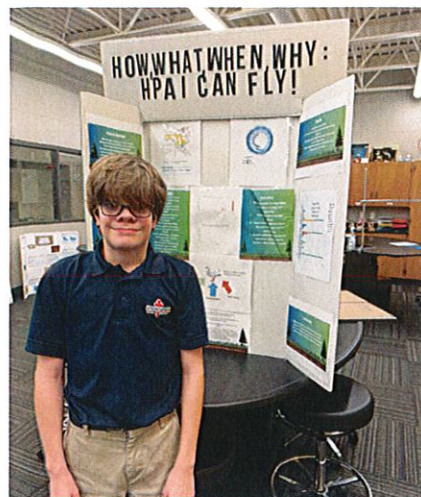


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## Middle Schoolers Complete Science Fair Projects, Will Compete in Feb.

Our middle school students finished up their Science Fair Projects. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade each researched and followed the steps of the scientific process to answer the question of their choosing. These projects are done completely at school. Students first compete among ACS, then a few students will have the opportunity to go compete at the state level. What a great way for students to really work and research independently subjects that peak their interest!

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We still need  
donations to  
hit our  
\$60,000 goal!



# This Week on Formed

Week of January 11, 2026



## Reborn

Reborn explores the deeply personal power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Rendered with a cinematic beauty that's become the hallmark of the Augustine Institute's film productions, Reborn presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.



## The Desert Fathers (Part 1) | Littlest Saints

In this special two-part episode, we follow the stories of three famous desert fathers--St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius, and St. John the Dwarf--as they navigate the perils of the desert in search of its great spiritual riches.



## The Desert Fathers (Part 2) | Littlest Saints

In this special two-part episode, we follow the stories of three famous desert fathers--St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius, and St. John the Dwarf--as they navigate the perils of the desert in search of its great spiritual riches.

## Prayers for Parishioners

Delores Belhumeur  
Christy Burks  
Ginny Clarke  
Larry Feeney  
Haley Graham  
John Hamner  
Marga Hamner  
Sharon Harbin  
Roger Jones  
Ginny Konieczki  
Diane Loftis  
John Love  
Dick Mahoney  
Elaina Maykowski  
Cindy Morgan  
Karen Overstreet  
Sam Phillips  
Steve Wells  
Wink Wright

## Prayers for Families & Friends

Bonnie Adair  
Michele Byrd  
Phillip Caldwell  
John Michael Crimm  
Kathy Forrester  
Scott Hankins  
Thomas Heath  
Meredith Meagher  
Rose Masness  
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Alan Sansing  
Lauri Sansing  
Richard Sertic  
Michael Sunday  
Bree Wood

## Bulletin Advertisements



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### 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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