

Annunciation Catholic Church

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The Important Question is, “Why?”

If we do not ask ourselves at times, “Why do I live the life that I live?” then life can feel at times futile. If we do not ask ourselves, “Why do we go to work?” work can become meaningless. If we do not ask ourselves, “Why do I choose this sin or that sin?” then we get chained to that sin. The same is true in our spiritual lives. We know the when, where, and how we do this or that but fail to stop and ask, “Why?” Why do we go to Church? Why do we take time to pray? Why do we have to suffer at times? When we stop and ask the question “Why,” I believe that God’s Will in our lives becomes more apparent. In the first reading, 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23, we hear King Cyrus tell an estranged group of people that God wanted them to build Him a temple, but why? In the second reading, Ephesians 2: 4-10, we hear that God raises us up with Christ when we are dead to sin. Why does God intervene? In the gospel, John 3: 14-21, we hear God send his only son into this world to not condemn us but raise us up. Why? The readings start with the whats, but more importantly, we should focus on the why. Why did God inspire King Cyrus? He was trying to gather them back close to him. Why does Jesus bring us back to life through Christ Jesus? He is rich in love and mercy for us. It is easy to live in darkness and fail to ask the question why, why is God so good to us? I believe this season of Lent is a special time to stop and reflect on the whys; when we stop to ask Christ Jesus “why,” His loving grace will open up to us in unimaginable ways.

*Christ Blessings,
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep*

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

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March 10, 2024

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PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

Tuesday	March 12
10:00a.m.	ATC Bible Study
5:30p.m.	Mass (Chapel)
Wednesday	March 13
8:00a.m.	Mass(Chapel)
6:00p.m.	The Prophets Bible Study
Thursday	March 14
8:00a.m.	Adoration(Chapel)
10:00a.m.	Thursday Bible Study
Friday	March 15
8:00a.m.	Mass (Chapel)
5:30p.m.	Stations of the Cross(Chapel)
Sunday	March 17
7:15a.m.-7:45 a.m.	Confession
8:00a.m.	Mass(Main Church)
9:05a.m.	Religious Ed.(AC)
10:30a.m.	Mass(Main Church)
5:00p.m.	CYO(AC)



A Journey in Faith

- March 12
Catholic Social Teaching
- March 19
Prayer
- March 26
Holy Week

Please pray for our RCIA candidates and catechumens

The Prophets

Messengers of God's Mercy

March 13	9. Haggai and Malachi: Messengers of Hope (34:58)
March 20	PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT 6:00
March 27	10. New Testament and Modern Prophets: Messengers of the New Covenant (38:59)

Religious Education

A Look at What's Ahead

March 10	NO CLASSES, SPRING BREAK
March 17	RE CLASSES: 9:05-10:10
March 24	NO CLASSES, ANNUAL EASTER FESTIVAL
March 31	NO CLASSES, EASTER SUNDAY
April 7	RE CLASSES: 9:05-10:10

ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com

SPRING CALENDAR

MARCH

2024

Annunciation

CYO

<p>10 SPRING BREAK - NO CYO</p> <p>17 CYO Sunday Gathering</p> <p>24 Annual Easter Festival & CYO Pizza Party!</p> <p>31 Happy Easter!!! - NO CYO</p>	<p>7 CYO Sunday Gathering</p> <p>14 CYO Sunday Gathering</p> <p>21 "Sunday Funday" - Place & Time TBA</p> <p>28 CYO Sunday Gathering</p>
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MAY 5 Senior Recognition @10:30 a.m. Mass
End of the Year Celebration!
@ the McConnell's home

CYO Sunday Gatherings
Sunday Supper 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Gathering 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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Be one with Jesus in

Eucharistic Adoration

Join us for
Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday,
March 14, 2024
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
in the Chapel.

PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

3-10-2024

Weekly Offering	3-03-24	\$	8,103.00
On-Line Giving:	3-03-24	\$	1,315.00
SVDP	3-03-24	\$	3,020.00
On Line Mass	3-03-24	\$	0.00
Chapel Preservation	3-03-24	\$	120.00



Who was this man? Interestingly, he does not have a name. He is only referred to as the "man blind from birth." This is significant in the Gospel of John because the lack of a name is also seen, for example, in the story of "the woman at the well." The fact that there is no name indicates that we should see ourselves in this story.



Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase flowers for our Easter services please sign up in the Atrium. The cost is \$20 and may be in honor or memory of a loved one.

Pay online but please sign up or call the office, so we will know Flower intentions.



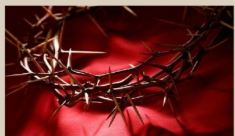
Holy Week



Palm Sunday, March 24
Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:00a.m. & 10:30a.m.



Holy Thursday, March 28
Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00p.m.
Adoration 7:30p.m.-12:00a.m.



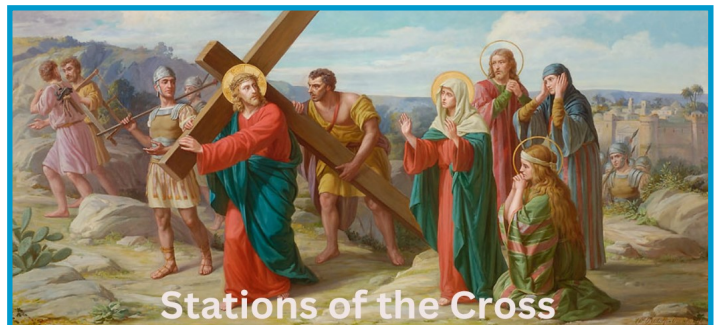
Good Friday, March 29
Stations of the Cross
12:00p.m.
Veneration of the Cross
6:00p.m.



Holy Saturday, March 30
Easter Vigil Mass
7:00p.m.



Easter Sunday, March 31
8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.



Stations of the Cross

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



Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 20th
at 6:00p.m
in the Main Church

Mass Intentions

Tuesday	03-12-2024	5:30 pm	Veloz Family	RIP
Wednesday	03-13-2024	8:00 am	Jack Caldwell	MB RIP
Thursday	03-14-2024	8:30 am		
Friday	03-15-2024	8:00 am	Driver Family	RIP
Sunday	03-17-2024	8:00a.m	People of the Parish	SI
Sunday	03-17-2024	10:30am	Doug Phillips	DP RIP

EASTER

• FESTIVAL •

BRING
YOUR
BASKET

EGG HUNT-
GAMES-SNACKS

Hosted by
CYO Teens of
Annunciation Church



SUNDAY, MARCH 24 FROM 2:00-4:00

BIRTH TO 5TH GRADE

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Donations of candy are needed.
Please drop off at the Church Office
or the Church Atrium.**



DCYC 2024

was an amazing time of
fellowship, prayer, games,
keynote talks, small groups,
Adoration, & the Sacraments!



Our CYO High School Teens
THANK YOU
for supporting their
journeys of faith!





Annunciation Catholic School Parish News Letter

Sunday, March 10th, 2024

ACS Middle Schoolers Qualify for State Science Fair at MS Stat

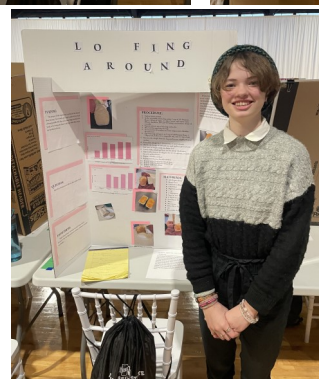
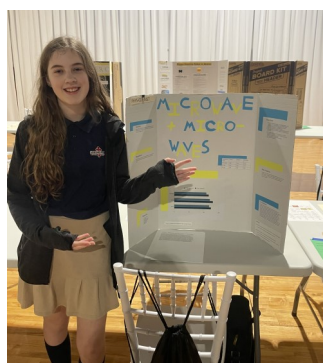


Important Dates

Mar.11 – 15 Spring Break

Mar 20 Spring Pictures

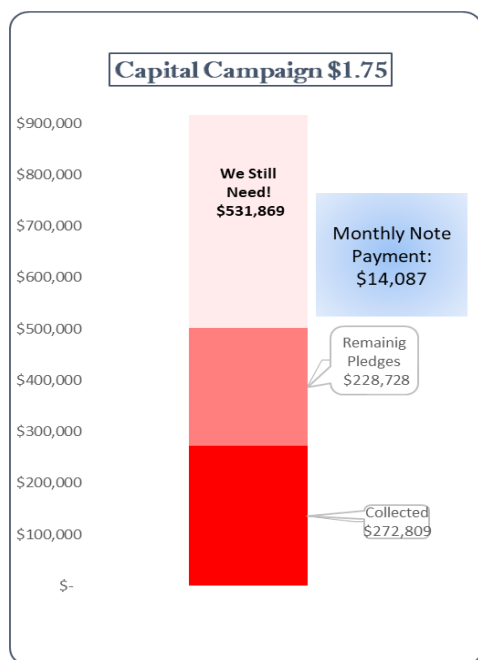
March 27 Living Stations of the Cross 1:00



Congratulations to three ACS students who will now head to the State Science Fair. The students competed Friday, March 1st at the Regional Science Fair. They presented projects in the Physics, and Organic Chemistry categories.

Amy Cancellare placed 2nd in Organic Chemistry. Liana Cotman and Jack Clemons placed 2nd and 3rd in physics.

The State Science Fair is March 28th.



Capital Campaign Update

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 10, 2024



Fear and Spiritual Warfare w/ Fr. Chad Ripperger | Fearless | Episode 5

Exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger joins Chris to discuss fear and spiritual warfare. God calls us to walk confidently in his victory over the Evil One, not be slaves to fear. Reject fear's lies and live in the full freedom that comes from claiming the truth of Jesus Christ. Learn from Chris and Fr. Chad how to let Christ's power unshackle your heart and overcome sin in your life.



Week Four | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In week four of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give—not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love—to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.



Where are You?

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

Prayers for Parishioners

Jessica Alexander	Gwen Gouveia
Marian Beall	Marga Hamner
Delores Belhumeur	Mary Hayden
John Bino	Clara Hicks
Charles Bridges	Rhonda Hicks
Christy Burks	Lindsey H. Plummer
Ginny Clarke	Mary Hydrick
Judy Coleman	Patti Johnson
Carl Deddo	Dr. Ralph Johnson
Carl Doumit	Susie Johnson
Karen Doumit	Greg Jones
Tom Ebner	Kathy Jones
JoAnn Ferguson	Ginny Konieczki
Ruby Forrester	Nell Labella
Tom Griffin	Diane Loftis
	John Love

Prayer Changes Things

Anne Mitchell
Raymond Overstreet
Sam Phillips
Cindy Putman
John Purtell
Ron Shepperd
Steve Wells
Wink Wright

Prayers for Families and Friends

Katie Atkinson
Rufus Beason
Gary Belhumeur
Amanda Burell
Michael Boland
Ashley Britt
Luke Brown
Jmaie Butler
Joel Carrigan
Owen Carroll
Claude Carter
John Michael Crimm
Marc Ciolino
Angie Corona
Linda Etter
George Ferguson
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Lynn Rosamond
Richard Sertich
Jett Sudduth
Kathy Corcoran-Sutter
Stephanie Welch
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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