

Annunciation Catholic Church

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BRINGING ABOUT SOMETHING NEW

During Jesus' earthly ministry, it must have been exciting, yet scary times. Jesus was announcing a new life that was unfolding right before their very eyes by inaugurating the long-awaited era—bringing back restoration, transforming attitudes, and healing body, mind and souls (Mt 11: 2-11). The great news is that Jesus is still transforming our world before our very eyes. There are bad things that happen and unrest in pockets throughout the world. Our challenge this Advent Season is to stand together in faith that Jesus continues His powerful transformation right before daily (James 5: 7-10). Jesus is strengthening the hands of the feeble, making firm the knees of the weak, calming fearful hearts and doing so much more. We have no need to be afraid (Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10). Dedicated teachers, honest news media, hard working mechanics, faithful service men and women, just business managers, good parents, dedicated health care providers, generous public servants, great friends, excited volunteers and generous benefactors—Jesus is working through us all to transform this world right before our very eyes. The immediate challenge is what the Lord plans doing through you? How is the Lord bringing about 'new life' through you? Who can see more clearly because of you? Who can hear more dearly because of you? Who feels drawn closer to our Lord because of you? Jesus is at work transforming, restoring and placing new life within and throughout us all. Let us rejoice and be glad because things are changing. New life is all around. The Lord wants to work in and through you and me not only to bring new life in our lives, but to help others to see, hear and feel the new life he has in store.

*Christ's Blessings,
Fr. Jeffrey Waldrep*

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Tuesday-Thursday

8:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.

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December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

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PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

Tuesday, December 17th

10:00am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Activity Center)

5:30 Mass (Chapel)

6:00 Advent Penance Service (Main Church)

6:30 RCIA (Activity Center)

Wednesday, December 18th

8:00a.m. Mass (Chapel)

Thursday, December 19th

8:30 am Mass (Annunciation Catholic School)

10:00-12:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study (Activity Center)

Friday, December 20th

8:00am- Mass (Chapel)

Sunday, December 22nd

7:15 a.m.- 7:45 a.m. Confession (Church)

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)

9:05 am Religious Education (Activity Center)



Faith Formation

Religious Education News

December 21st Christmas Pageant actors only Rehearsal in the church, 10am

December 22nd Religious Education Christmas Party

December 23rd Christmas Pageant actors Rehearsal, 10am in the church

December 23rd Youth Choir Rehearsal 11am

December 24th Christmas Pageant and Youth Christmas Eve Mass, 5:30pm. Actors and Choir to arrive by 5pm

December 29th No Classes

January 5th Religious Education classes resume



Part-time Nanny Needed!

Nanny needed to help with homeschooling a family of four.

Position begins in January.

Call Chris Yost at

501-416-6334 for more information.



Home Bound

December 22

Allyson Giese

will visit and minister to all our home bound.

RCIA

December 15th
Rite Of Welcoming

December 17th
Mary and the Saints

December 24th
No Class

December 31st
No Class



Tuesday, December 17 at
6:00pm in the main Church.



For your "End of the Year Giving"

Please consider a donation to
Annunciation Catholic Church or
Annunciation Catholic School.
Your generosity and support is
greatly appreciated .



Christmas Mass schedule

Christmas Eve Vigil

Children's Mass-December 24 at
5:30

Midnight Mass- 12:00 am
(Music begins at 11:00 pm)

Christmas Day Mass-10:00 am





STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

December 15, 2019

Weekly Offering 12/8/19: \$ 4,733 .00
 On-Line Giving: 12/8/19: \$ 3,192.50

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Historic Chapel Debt Balance: \$494,811.03

(Our goal is to collect a minimum of \$10,000 per month in order to fund our monthly payment.)

Generous Donations:

December 1, 2019 \$ 225.00
 December 8, 2019 \$ 2,759.00
 December 15, 2019 \$
 December 22, 2019 \$
 December 29, 2019 \$

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Each of us has his or own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord.
 To what is the Lord calling me?

"Continuing the Mission" Capital Campaign

	12/3/19	12/11/19
Total amount pledged (fulfilled & unfulfilled):	\$ 1,831,443.84	\$ 1,831,443.84
Number of new pledges:	1	0
Amount of new pledges:	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.00

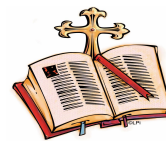
Receipts this week (pledge payments + one-time gifts):	\$ 29,049.72	\$ 6,809.27
Number of new one-time gifts:	0	4
Amount of new one-time gifts:	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,700.00

Pledge balances (unfulfilled):	\$ 813,729.63	\$ 808,620.36
Receipts-to-date (pledge payments + one-time gifts):	\$ 1,227,984.62	\$ 1,234,793.89
TOTAL (Pledge balances + Receipts-to-date):	\$ 2,041,714.25	\$ 2,043,414.25



Mass Intentions

Tuesday	12/17/2019	5:30 p.m.	Geroge Kantack	PK (RIP)
Wednesday	12/18/2019	8:00 a.m.	Ed Furnari	FF (RIP)
Thursday	12/19/2019	9:00 a.m.	Jenny Mahoney	JC (RIP)
Friday	12/20/2019	8:00 a.m.	Jenny Mahoney	PW (RIP)
Sunday	12/22/2019	8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Sunday	12/22/2019	10:30 a.m.	Clara Swales	CH (RIP)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 16—Monday
 NM 24:2-7, 15-17A, MT 21:23-27

December 17-Tuesday
 GN 49:2, 8-10, MT 1:1-17

December 18— Wednesday
 JER 23:5-8, MT 1:18-25

December 19—Thursday
 JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A, LK 1:5-25

December 20— Friday
 IS 7:10-14, LK 1:26-38

December 21— Saturday
 SG 2:8-14, LK 1:39-45

December 22—Fourth Sunday of Advent
 IS 7:10-14, PS 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 ROM 1:1-7, MT 1:18-24



CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL CHILDREN'S MASS

If your child would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Children's Mass please email Erica Gruseck @ accreligious@gmail.com or call the church office.





School News

Sunday, December 15th

Upcoming Dates:

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December 19 - 8:30 Mass in School

Gym;

6:30 -Christmas Extravaganza

December 23-January 3

Christmas Holiday

Annual Appeal

It's that time again for Annual Appeal. Please be on the lookout in your mailbox for information on this year's campaign. You can visit our website and donate directly via PayPal. Thank you in advance for helping us grow! PLUS, this year we have an extra incentive to give! Donate \$1963 and join the exclusive 1963 Society.



Scrip Box

Remember to visit the SCRIP table after mass for all your gift card needs this holiday season.

We Need Your Help For **In Our Nation Day**

On Tuesday, Jan. 28th we will celebrate *In Our Nation Day* as part of Catholic Schools Week. We would like to invite all active and former military personnel affiliated with our school, parishes and community to join us for a special assembly and parade. Please help us by sending names and addresses of those you know and would like to have us invite to this special day. Send invitation requests to marketing@annunciationcatholicsschool.org.

Annunciation Catholic School Mission Statement

Annunciation Catholic School teaches the whole child in a Christ-centered environment. We encourage all children to meet their full potential by building character, fostering community, and creating life-long learners.



Faith and Marriage

an Apostolate of the Willwoods Community

Married Couples Retreat

Growing Together in Faith & Love

January 11 - 12

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Prayers for Parishioners:

Bill Adams
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Ginny Clarke
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Carl Deddo
Howard Ferguson
Ruby Forrester
Mary Forrester
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Gwen Gouveia
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Dr. Ralph Johnson
Greg Jones
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Florence Ladner
Brook Louviere
Madeline Malcolm
Chris Mercer
Anne Mitchell
Sam & Betty Phillips
Kerry Pittman
Karen Pittman
Debra Weseli
Marianne Wright
Elizabeth Yost

Prayers for Families and Friends of Parishioners

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Luke Brown
Melanie Brown
Gayle Booker
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Lisa Heath
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