

# Annunciation Catholic Church

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## KEEPING IT REAL

The disquiet caused by political, social, and racial disharmony naturally causes us to hope that some normal is just around the corner. During this disquiet, Jesus' advice in the gospel reading is key (Mt 10: 37-42). Jesus keeps it real - what is most important is that you take up your cross and follow me. It is important to realize that Jesus was not equating someone's cross to a burden like a strained relationship, a thankless job, or a physical illness that we must bear. To 1st-century Christians, the cross reminded everyone of a torturous death. What Jesus was talking about when he said, "Take up your cross," as you must die to self. In other words, following Jesus may mean disconnecting from some of our friends. Taking up our cross may mean you will be alienated from some of your family. Taking up our cross may mean compromising the reputation we worked hard to build up. Taking up our cross may mean losing a job or even our very life. Some of this may never happen. But Jesus' point is that when it comes to the comforts of life and following the Lord, which one will you choose? For when it comes to following the Lord, dreams, hopes, possessions, or relationships cannot come between us and the Lord. Jesus keeps it real. Commit to following the Lord, die to your very self, and you will have new life. Yes, amid this disquiet, we must also keep it real. We must be willing to constantly "die to self," so that God can be God of our lives.

*Christ's Blessings*  
*To Jeffrey Waldrep*

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July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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# PARISH NEWS

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30p.m.	<b>July 4</b> No Mass	
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00a.m.	<b>July 5</b> Mass(Chapel)	
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00a.m.	<b>July 6</b> Communion Service (Chapel)	
<b>Friday</b> 8:00a.m.	<b>July 7</b> Communion Service (Chapel)	
<b>Sunday</b> 7:15 a.m.-7:45 a.m Confession	<b>July 9</b> Mass(Main Church)	
8:00 a.m.	Mass(Main Church)	
10:30 a.m.	Mass(Main Church)	



Happy INDEPENDENCE Day

The Church Office will be closed July 4th

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

07-02-23

Weekly Offering	06-25-23	\$ 3,774.12
On-Line Giving:	06-25-23	\$ 2,245.00
On Line Mass	06-25-23	\$ 0.00
SVDP	06-25-23	\$ 873.00
Chapel Preservation	06-25-23	\$ 70.00



A commitment to Jesus changes everything. A commitment to Jesus rearranges priorities and relationships. When we decide to follow Jesus, and each time we renew that decision, we are laying everything on the line. Only his Kingdom will last forever. And there is no guarantee that the other

people in our lives will agree with our decision to live for that Kingdom. If they don't, we will inevitably have conflicts with them. Those can be painful trials. But in the end, Jesus is faithful, and our relationship with him—our obedience to his teachings and faithfulness to his call—is what will give lasting meaning to our lives. Whenever what is fallen within us and around us clashes with the newness of life in Christ, we have a cross: "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Jesus was clear about the cost and difficulties of being his disciple. But he was also clear about where following him leads— with Christ, every crucifixion comes to and opens the door to a resurrection that will never end. When we commit to Christ, that is what we are looking forward to: the painful loss of all that is fallen and the joyful gain of all that is redeemed. That deal is well worth it.

As faithful stewards, I am willing to follow you and leave behind anyone who would obstruct me from doing your will.

## Mass Intentions

Tuesday	7-04-23	5:30 pm		
Wednesday	7-05-23	8:00 am	Andy Darst	LR SI
Thursday	7-06-23	8:00 am		
Friday	7-07-23	8:00 am		
Sunday	7-09-23	8:00am	People of the Parish	SI
Sunday	7-09-23	10:30am	Greg Gabriel	DG RIP




### Weekly Faith Focus

BEFORE SENDING HIS DISCIPLES FORTH, JESUS TOLD THEM WHOEVER WELCOMED THEM WOULD BE WELCOMING HIM, AND WHOEVER WELCOMED JESUS WOULD BE WELCOMING GOD THE FATHER.

JESUS, THE SON, SHINES THROUGH ALL OF HIS DISCIPLES, INCLUDING US. THE SON SHINES WHEN WE WELCOME OTHERS AND WHEN OTHERS WELCOME US. AND OF COURSE, THE SON AND THE "REIGN" GO TOGETHER. THE SON-SHINE BRIGHTENS OUR WORLD, AND THE REIGN OF GOD HELPS US ALL TO GROW!

Religious Education

ACCReligiousEd@gmail.com



### Steubenville Atlanta Catholic Youth Conference

July 6-9, 2023

Please keep our Teens and Chaperones in your prayers...

as they experience this amazing pilgrimage where they will encounter Christ through inspiring talks, music, fellowship, Adoration, Mass, and the Sacraments.

**Teens:**  
Claire, Ashley, Jose, Elijah, Luke, Patrick, Abby, Abigail, Jasmine, Tony, Isabelle, Nicole, Stephanie, Chris, & Miguel

**Chaperones:**  
Susan, Forest, Ginny, Todd, Maria, & Jesus

"Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."  
Matthew 11:28



Annunciatio CYO Summer '18 Tips for Teens'

Make a list of all the blessings God has given you!

Say a prayer of thanks for the gift of our freedom and those who protect our country. God bless America!

Father of all nations and ages, today we rededicate ourselves to your service, and to the works of justice and freedom for all.

As you have called us from many people to be one nation, help us to give witness in our lives and in our life as a nation to the rich diversity of your gifts.

Grant that under your providence our country may share your blessings, with all the peoples of the earth.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
- Amen

(from the Catholic Sacramentary, combined Collect)

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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of July 02, 2023



### Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.



### The Resurrection of Jesus: Luke 24 | The Bible Project

Luke's video wraps up his depiction of Jesus of Nazareth. The disciples find an empty tomb, leading to a life-altering encounter with the risen Jesus. This marks the climax of Jesus' mission to establish the kingdom of God, and sets the stage for its continuation in Luke's Acts.



### The Annie Moses Show - Salute To America

The Annie Moses Show "Salute To America" honors the past and looks to the future with eyes of faith! Featuring world-champion yodeler, Don Derby, a Mark Twain Broadway blowout, and up-and-coming virtuosos from across the fruited plain.

## Graced Moments of June



*Baptisms:*  
Cecelia Laurel Rogers  
George Henry Hammerbacher

*Quinceañera:*  
Ashley Damniguez

*Marriages:*  
Kevin Kugel & Shelby Tiffany

*Deaths:*  
Jay Mitchell  
Bea Covert  
Janet DeHart  
Flora Olsen



### 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	Mary Hydrick
Shirley Butler	Patti Johnson
Ginny Clarke	Dr. Ralph Johnson
Judy Coleman	Susie Johnson
Carl Deddo	Greg Jones
Carl Doumit	Kathy Jones
Tom Ebner	Ginny Konieczki
JoAnn Ferguson	Diane Loftis
Ruby Forrester	Betty Lou Luczak
Mary Forrester	
Paulette Garton	

Floyd McIntyre  
Anne Mitchell  
Doug Phillips  
Sam Phillips  
John Purtell  
Ron Shepperd  
Steve Wells  
Deborah Weseli  
Wink Wright

### Prayer Changes Things

Barbara Aicement  
Katie Atkinson  
Melissa Baur  
Rufus Beason  
Gary Belhumeur  
Joe Birch  
Michael Boland  
Ashley Britt  
Luke Brown  
Joel Carrigan  
Claude Carter  
John Michael Crimm  
Marc Ciolino  
Linda Etter  
George Ferguson  
Mary Forrester  
Sue Gentry  
Gus Gianini  
Mimi Gholson  
Scott Hankins  
Mike Hearington  
Dee Dee Hindman

### Prayers for Families and Friends

Beth Shelton Huffer  
Kerry Huffer  
Doreen Kahaulelio  
Michelle Lawton  
Billy Livingston  
Donna Loftis  
Darryl Lopaka  
Patrice Majewski  
Rose Maness  
Jamie Manning  
Lynn Rosamond  
Richard Sertich  
Brice Shepherd  
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](mailto: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 **Pat Jones** 662-364-3108(cell) or [ljones8873@aol.com](mailto:ljones8873@aol.com)

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