

# Annunciation Catholic Church

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## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

What a powerful example of "faithfulness" we have today in the person of St. Joseph. A normal, good-ole-boy, who thought that he had everything worked out: a good job; betrothed to the love of his life, Mary; had their wedding date set. Although everything was falling into place, not all was perfect. St. Matthew tells us that Joseph had a dream that not only was Mary with child, but that Joseph was to trust that this was all God's doing. He was to take Mary as his wife. Troubling was the fact that Joseph had to feel betrayed. He was about to marry a woman who was pregnant before marriage. It was not his child. The penalty during that time was that Mary should have been stoned and outcast. Joseph didn't run away, didn't have it out with God, didn't turn Mary over to the authorities, didn't say "why me." Great was Joseph's faithfulness. He did what God commanded of him and took Mary into his home as his wife. Joseph was faithful to God, to his wife and to himself. Whatever fear, anger or resentment that Joseph felt, it didn't get the best of him. I believe that many times it is frustrating when our lives do not go as planned. But, if we are faithful to God's Will, whether His Will comes through a sacrament, through a dream or through others, we have nothing to fear. During these last days of Advent, let us be ever more aware of the direct and indirect ways that God reveals "God's Self" to each of us. For as God reveals His Will, we have nothing to be afraid of for truly "Great is thy Faithfulness".

*Christ's Blessings*  
*F. Jeffrey Waldrep*

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Friday 8:30-12:30

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December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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# PARISH NEWS

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and MASSES

### Tuesday, December 24th

5:30 Christmas Eve Vigil  
11:00pm Christmas Music  
12:00am Midnight Mass

### Wednesday, December 25th

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

### Thursday, December 26th

8:00am Mass ( Chapel)

### Friday, December 27th

8:00am- Mass (Chapel)

### Sunday, December 29th

7:15 a.m.- 7:45 a.m. Confession (Church)  
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church)  
10:30 am Mass (Church)



## Religious Education News

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** Christmas Pageant actors Rehearsal,  
10am in the church

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** Youth Choir Rehearsal 11am

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

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** **Happy Birthday, Jesus!**

**December 29<sup>th</sup>** No Classes

**January 5<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## CYO

Classes will resume January 6th at 4:30.

## RCIA

January 7 at 6:30

Class will be on Baptism and Confirmation



## Home Bound

December 29

Jan Roberts

will visit and minister to  
all our home bound.



## 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



## Loaves and Fish

Annunciation will serve again...

January 6-First Monday

(Chili, Rice, Crackers, Cookie and Tea)

January 8th- Soup Wednesday

( Bear Creek Soup, crackers, cookie and tea)

I want to thank everyone who has supported this ministry  
in 2019 for serving an/or providing food.

For questions call Jo Ann Kitchens @

662-295-8363.

Donations for Loaves and Fishes can be made payable  
to Annunciation. Please write Loaves and Fishes on the  
memo line. Thank You!!

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Church Office  
will be closed  
December 24- January 1.





## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

December 22, 2019

Weekly Offering 12/15/19: \$ 9,568.00

On-Line Giving: 12/15/19: \$ 805.00

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Historic Chapel Debt Balance: \$ 384,376.49

*(Our goal is to collect a minimum of \$10,000 per month in order to fund our monthly payment. ) \* Including a Charitable Foundation donation to fund the reduction of debt.*

### Generous Donations:

December 1, 2019	\$ 225.00
December 8, 2019	\$ 2,759.00
December 15, 2019	\$ 120,507.00 *
December 22, 2019	\$
December 29, 2019	\$

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

## "Continuing the Mission" Capital Campaign

	12/11/19	12/18/19
Total amount pledged (fulfilled & unfulfilled):	\$ 1,831,443.84	\$ 1,833,843.84
Number of new pledges:	0	1
Amount of new pledges:	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,400.00

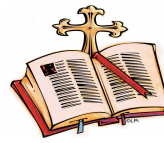
Receipts this week (pledge payments + one-time gifts):	\$ 6,809.27	\$ 6,221.27
Number of new one-time gifts:	4	1
Amount of new one-time gifts:	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,000.00

Pledge balances (unfulfilled):	\$ 808,620.36	\$ 807,849.09
Receipts-to-date (pledge payments + one-time gifts):	\$ 1,234,793.89	\$ 1,241,015.16
<b>TOTAL (Pledge balances + Receipts-to-date):</b>	<b>\$ 2,043,414.25</b>	<b>\$ 2,048,864.25</b>



## Mass Intentions

Tuesday	12/24/2019	5:30 p.m.	Ralph Corrado	CF (RIP)
Wednesday	12/25/2019	10:00 a.m.	Eva H. Corrado	CF (RIP)
Thursday	12/26/2019	9:00 a.m.	Carmela Corrado	CF (RIP)
Friday	12/27/2019	8:00 a.m.	Stella C. Vanzanten	CF (RIP)
Sunday	12/29/2019	8:00 a.m.	Eddie Roberts	JR (RIP)
Sunday	12/29/2019	10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### December 23—Monday

MAL 3:1-4, 23-24, LK 1:57-66

### December 24—Tuesday

2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16  
LK 1:67-79

### December 25— Wednesday

IS 52:7-10, PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6  
HEB 1:1-6, JN 1:1-18

### December 26—Thursday

ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
MT 10:17-22

### December 27— Friday

JN 20:1A AND 2-8, 1 JN 1:1-4

### December 28— Saturday

1 JN 1:5—2:2, MT 2:13-18

### December 29—Sunday Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14, PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
COL 3:12-21, MT 2:13-15, 19-23



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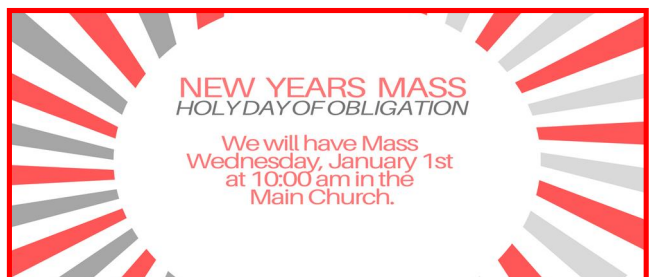
To receive a charitable contribuon credit for 2019

Be sure that your donaon is postmarked by December 31, 2019.



## 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 .



NEW YEARS MASS  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

We will have Mass  
Wednesday, January 1st  
at 10:00 am in the  
Main Church.



## Upcoming Dates:

**December 23—January 3**

Christmas Holiday

**January 20** - MLK Day (No School)

**January 26 - 31**—Catholic Schools Week

**January 26**—In Our Parish Day—Students will participate in the 10:30 Mass and there will be a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser hosted by the Knights of Columbus in the Activities Center after the 8:00 Mass.

## 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](mailto:marketing@annunciationcatholicsschool.org).

## SCHOOL NEWS



## Annual Appeal

It's that time of year again for the ACS Annual Appeal Campaign! We ask that you remember us for your year end giving.

The Annual Appeal Campaign is vital each year for us to maintain affordable tuition for young families. The funds raised from this campaign help to fill in the tuition gap+.

We have an extra incentive for you to give this year! The ACS Development Office has started an exclusive society and you can be a member! The 1963 Society recognizes individuals and organizations, through their financial stewardship to the Annual Appeal, who affirm the mission and perpetual legacy of Annunciation Catholic School. Your yearly participation affirms the time-honored tradition of providing affordable Catholic education. Visit our website to donate to the campaign, and to learn more about the 1963 Society and how to join.

## 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

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**January 11 - 12**

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 Elizabeth Yost

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