



Annunciation Parish



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WITNESSES OF THE NEARNESS OF GOD

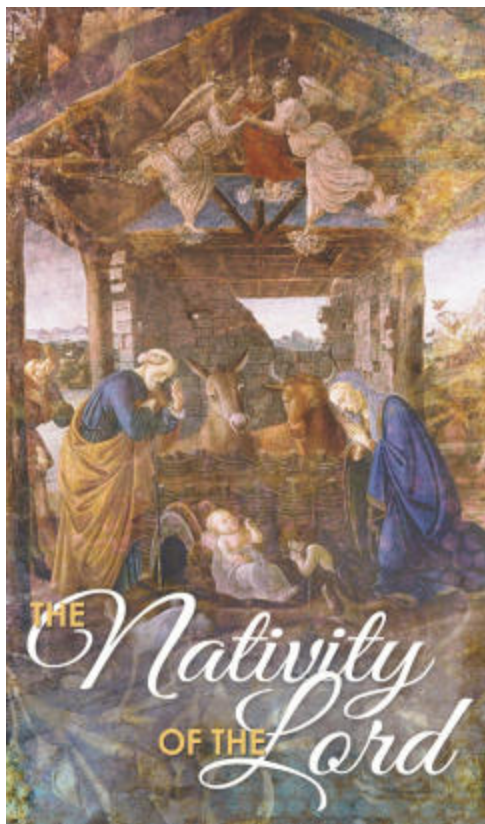
On behalf of the entire Annunciation Parish community I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas! This is a beautiful moment in the life of the Church that has been shared with the whole world: a moment to acknowledge that God draws near to us in His Son, Jesus.

The nearness of God is the antidote to loneliness, meaninglessness, sadness and despair. And that nearness is not meant to be a purely spiritual reality. At Christmas we don't celebrate the idea of God becoming flesh; we don't celebrate the philosophical concept of God's affection for His people. No, we celebrate the FACT of this event. God draws near to us in human flesh, with a face and a voice and a name.

And isn't this what we go looking for in life? We go looking for love: not the idea of love, but someone to love! We go looking for hope: not some tiny thought that will get us through the day, but someone who gives us a reason to keep going! We go looking for a community: not a digital forum where we can share ideas, but a place where we can be embraced and helped and challenged. This is Christmas! More than anything else, it is the concrete expression of God's nearness to His people.

But the impact of Christmas today goes as far as our flesh will carry it. To the weak we have to announce that God became weak...for them! To the outcast, we have to announce that God in the flesh could find

nowhere to lay His head. To the depressed, the lonely, the poor, to all of humanity who still lack something and are looking for fulfillment, we say that God has come for you!



We ought to tremble with joy at the fact that God seeks us out in this way. But we ought to tremble with even greater joy (and maybe some fear) that God chooses us to seek out others, that they might come to know His face and His voice.

This is the challenge that comes with Christmas: we are the gift that others are waiting for. We are the voice they are waiting to hear and we are the face they are longing to see. You and I, with all of our weakness and all of our sins and all of our struggles, we are the ones that bear the Presence of Christ into the world.

It's tempting to just celebrate the coziness of Christmas and let the foggy haze of eggnog carry us into the new year. But this is not a time

to get cozy; it is a time to make of ourselves a gift to others. This is how we show that Christmas is not merely an event of the past, but that Christ comes to us in the flesh even now.

God is near us. For those who do not know that nearness, He has sent us. We are the witnesses of the nearness of God.

In the newborn King,
Fr. Alex

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

(CHECK MASS INTENTIONS FOR UPDATES)

Weekend: Saturday	4:00 p.m. Holy Spirit
	5:30 p.m. Christ The King
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Christ The King
	9:00 a.m. Holy Spirit
	11:00 a.m. Christ The King
Weekday: Monday	7:45 a.m. Christ The King
Tuesday	7:45 a.m. Christ The King
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Holy Spirit
Wednesday	8:30 a.m. Holy Spirit
Thursday	8:30 a.m. Christ The King
Friday	7:45 a.m. Christ The King

To arrange for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

Parents who want the sacrament of Baptism for their child should contact the office for information about preparation and to schedule the Baptism. Couples planning to marry should contact the parish at least seven months before their anticipated wedding date.

Parish Center Office Hours:

CTK Campus 812-476-3061

Mon-Fri 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Holy Spirit Church Office Hours:

Tues & Thurs 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
812-477-1738

PARISH STAFF 812-476-3061

Pastor: Fr. Alex Zenthoefer
Associate Pastor: Fr. Pascal Nduka
Permanent Deacon John McMullen
Business Manager: Shelly Wolf
Evangelization Coordinator: Julie Rosario
HS Campus Liaison: Diana Dewig
Assistant Bookkeeper: Anne Pampuch
Music Liturgy at CTK: Jeff Holden
Music Liturgy at HS: Elizabeth Casteel
Parish Secretary: Diana Braun

ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL AT:

Christ The King-School Office 812-476-1792

CTK Principal: Matthew Moore

Holy Spirit-School Office 812-477-9082

HS Principal: David Memmer

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you to all those who have helped to make our Capital Campaign a success. It's wonderful to see us upgrading our facilities so that we can continue the mission that God has entrusted to us!

WINDOW UPGRADES

New EIFS (Exterior insulation and finish system, a stucco-like material) has been installed over the glass block on the top of our school windows at CTK.



By using EIFS rather than replacing all the glass block we saved over \$200,000. It will also allow us to clean the sandstone in the near future.

The next phase will be to clean the window frames on the bottom and replace the glass with higher-efficiency double pane glass.



NEW ENERGY EFFICIENT BOILER AT CHRIST THE KING

This may not be the most beautiful sight to see, but this new and more efficient boiler will keep our school and

church warmer at a much lower cost!

STREET SIDE SIGNS TO BETTER IDENTIFY WHO WE ARE

These beautiful new signs were originally to be paid out of our Capital Campaign funds, but we received a \$25,000 donation to cover the cost! They dramatically improve the curb appeal and since they use LED lights, they are more cost effective.



NEW VESTMENTS AT BOTH CHURCH CAMPUSES

Our new vestments were budgeted to cost \$10,000, but due to a very generous donation, we were able to cut that cost in half!



NEW AND SECURE DOORS AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH



These new doors will provide greater security, better insulation and a fresh, new look!

A generous \$3,000 donation helped to minimize the cost of this project.

OTHER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON...

- Upgrades to heating & air conditioning systems
- Ensuring that our children are safe with adequate fire alarms
- Restroom in the narthex at Holy Spirit Church for easy access & fewer distractions
- Getting our cafeteria grease traps up to code
- New roofing for both campuses

If you missed contributing to the Capital Campaign, you can still help plan or finance the capital projects that are on the horizon. Contact the Parish Office to learn how you can share in the work of strengthening our Parish!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS!

If you are visiting and would like more information about Annunciation Parish, Annunciation Catholic School, or about joining our Parish family, please contact the Parish Office, 812-476-3061.

STEWARDSHIP FORMS

Thank you to all those who have returned their Stewardship Renewal Commitment Cards. We are so excited about the new and renewed interest we are seeing from those who have already returned their cards. Here are some of the exciting results:

- 704 prayer commitments were promised
- 315 new ministry commitments were made
- 54 households are committing to ministries for the first time
- Of the 31% of households who have responded, we have received a pledged increase in Sunday Giving of over \$55,000

These are some wonderful results and this is only with 1/3 of our households responding! We hope that you will return your commitment card and we look forward to seeing the new life that emerges from this renewal.



ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Do you know of families who are looking for a place where their children can grow in faith and receive a solid education? We are happy to educate over 300 students in our school and with the most diverse school in the Diocese of Evansville we strive to find a place for every child. Call the school office at either campus to find out more information.

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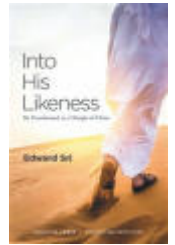
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A BOOK FOR YOU

The Knights of Columbus have a gift for you. They are giving away the book "Into His Likeness" by Edward Sri. They will be in the back of Church until they run out. Wishing you a Blessed Christmas Sesason!



UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS

Moms in Touch: Fridays at 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Moms who are looking for companionship and encouragement in the faith are invited to meet and engage with children in tow. We will meet in the Youth Room inside the parish center and may make plans to play outdoors when weather permits.

Parish Mission: Fr. Jim Sichko, a Papal Missionary of Mercy will be guiding us at our next Parish Mission in February. (From his website:...) Fr. Jim uses real lives experiences and ties those experiences into the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Known for his presentations entitled "60 minutes for Jesus", each talk is geared for all in a family household with no exceptions.

Life of the Spirit: God graciously offers us many ways to accept him into our lives. With the help of the Holy Spirit we may gain firsthand experience of God's goodness and his way of making humanity more fully alive. To learn what we know of God's gifts, fruits, and charisms, come to the Parish Center Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. starting in January.

Know What You Believe: A Study of Our Profession of Faith: Enrich your understanding of our core Christian beliefs that we confess in the Profession of Faith at every Sunday and Vigil Mass. Join UE professor Jim Ware from 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays in Christ the King Church for this ten-week study beginning January 9. All are welcome!

2018 CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

In Memory of:

Simon & Marie Ackerman
The Aholt Family
Joan & Jim Alexander
Bette Jo Alvey
Jim Alvey
Otha & Georgia Alvey
The Austin Family
Patty Bagby
Dr. L.C. Becker and Family
The Becker Family
Bertilla Bell
Clifford Bell
Mary Bell
Ronnie Bell
Christof Biegel
Charles Blessinger
Karl Blessinger
Keith Borst
Leroy & Margaret Borst
Rosa & Joseph Borst
Martha Boswell
Mary M. Schmidt Brown
Charles Browning
Dolores Browning
The Bruenderman Family
George & Annabelle Capin
Ali Carter
Sam Carter
The Cron Family
Melvin Dassel
Ralph & Margie Donohoo
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Eberhard, Sr.
Willard & Lillian Ennis
Tommy L. Fairchild
Eugene Fleming
Henry & Ann Fleming
Patrick Fleming
Clara & Joe Frank
Bob & Esther Fridrich
David Gilberg
Bill Gorman
Jerry Gorman

Larry Gorman
The Hails Family
The Don & Mary Haller Family
T.L. & Betty Hardesty
John C. Harlow
The Harlow Family
Michael & Violette Hawa
The Haynes Family
Mr. & Mrs. Harrison Hicks
Robert & Viola Johnson
Mr. Wm. Judd I
June Kayser
Ron & Linda Keeton
Lawrence & Mary K. Keller
Ambrose & Mary Klein
Bob & Mary Koch
Steve Kremer
Jacob Langlois
George & Clotilda Laval
Mr. & Mrs. John Lintzenich
Bernie & Glen Livers
Chris Long
Albert & Eileen Mangin
Margaret May
Don & Jane McBride
Everett & Gert McCallister
Chester & Agnes McGill
The McGill Family
Noah Meyer
Sandy Alvey Mills
Leo & Veronica Moeller
Marty Montrastelle
William Montrastelle
George Mooney
Jean Mooney
Howard & Frances Morris
Herman & Louise Muehlbauer
Wm. Muensterman
Matilda Muensterman
Robert Ossenberg
Dot Neumann
Dr. Jon C. Perkins and Family

The Powell Family
Ollie & Rosina Prechtel
Carl & Frances Preske
Julie A. Preske
Jim Pruiett
The Pruiett Family
Clarence Reising
The Richardson Family
Danna Eberhard Roe
Anna Schapker
Irvin Schapker
John Schapker
Bob Schlachter
Donna Schlachter
Edgar Schlachter
Jerry Schlachter
The Schmidt Family
Emily Seiler
Shirley Skinner
Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Stieler
Paul Stieler
Stephen Stieler
Betty Sweeney
Hubert & Mary Taylor
Robert Townes
Sr. Mary Joyce Trimble, OSB
The Tuley Family
The Vieth Family
Sherrie Alvey Wagner
The Walker Family
Glen Wetzel
Timothy Whobray
Addie Willett
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Willett Sr.
Malinda Willett
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Williamson
Herman & Lillian Wittgen
Richard Wittgen
Jacqueline Marie Wolf
Sue Ellen Wolf
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wolf