Our Lady of the Annunciation Roman Catholic Parish is a people of living faith rooted in the Gospel, centered on the Eucharist and led by the Holy Spirit. We are inspired by the example of Mary to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by ministering to all.

**From the Pastor**

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

The Parish Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 (7/1/19 - 6/30/20) is based on the giving of our faith family for Fiscal Year 2019. The portion of our budget contributed in envelopes, checks and loose cash is $1,768,000.00. The 4th weekend of the fiscal year was $30,426.00. In the 4th week Year 2019. The portion of our budget contributed in envelopes, checks and loose cash is $1,768,000.00 or $34,000.00 per week. Contributions for the 4th weekend of the fiscal year were $30,426.00. In the 4th week

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Today’s gospel passage, Luke 12:13-21, gives us a teaching on the danger of the deadly sin of greed. Often, families are divided over inheritance and this was the case Jesus was asked to judge, which He refused to do. Instead, Jesus told the parable of the rich man who built a larger granary to store his bountiful harvest rather than sharing his blessings. Tragically, that rich man’s life ended suddenly and unexpectedly. In verse 21, Jesus concludes by saying: Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God. Greed seems to be such an all American sin as we are constantly giving in to the advertisers call for bigger and better, more and more of this, that or another thing. When we go in to the store for one thing, we cannot resist getting far more than we ever need because it’s “on sale”! In Colossians 3:5 St. Paul says we are to: Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. St. Paul can refer to greed as idolatry because by our actions we end up worshipping things instead of God. Long ago, Blessed John Henry Newman claimed that the world was bowing down before wealth and notoriety already in the 19th Century, which today we would call our moment of fame or going viral on the internet. Reflecting on the call to true happiness in the beatitude “Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God,” the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1723 remarks that: The beatitude we are promised confronts us with decisive moral choices. It invites us to purify our hearts of bad instincts and to seek the love of God above all else. It teaches us that true happiness is not found in riches or well-being, in human fame or power, or in any human achievement—however beneficial it may be—such as science, technology, and art, or indeed in any creature, but in God alone, the source of every good and of all love.

**MEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

This year’s Men Under Construction Conference will take place this coming Saturday, Aug. 10th at the National Hispanic Cultural Center here in Albuquerque. The conference begins at 7:00 a.m. with registration and breakfast and then concludes at 4:00 p.m. The conference is for men ages 18 and above, though fathers may bring their sons ages 13-17. Among the speakers will be Archbishop Wester, offering Mass in the morning, Fr. John Burns from Milwaukee, Fr. John Carney from here and Juan-Paul Gonzalez, a motivational speaker with the New York Giants. If you would like to register, go to www.mucnm.com or call 831-8253. Get going, men of God!

**PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES**

If only I possessed the grace, good Jesus, to be utterly at one with You! Amidst all the variety of worldly things around me, Lord, the only thing I crave is unity with You. You are all my souls needs. Unite, dear friend of my heart, this unique little soul of mine to your perfect goodness. You are all mine; when shall I be yours? Lord Jesus, my beloved, be the magnet of my heart; clasp, press, unite me for ever to your Sacred Heart. You have made me for yourself; make me one with You. Absorb this tiny drop of life into the ocean of goodness whence it came. Amen.
PARISH LIFE & PASTORAL OUTREACH
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
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We may think that we give glory to God only by our worship and prayers, but simply by following certain ethical norms. It is true that the primary is our relationship with God, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which we live is judged to be what we do for others. Prayer is most precious, for it prepares a future commitment to love. By coming to God, we dedicate ourselves to being generous, and allow God’s gifts, grounded in prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters.
-Pope Francis, Christmas Message, December 25, 2016

This Week’s Meetings / Activities

August 1 Sunday Social Concerns Meeting 11:30 - 12:30 PM STH
August 1 Monday Marian Rosary 9:30 - 10:30 AM STH
August 1 Tuesday Communion/Visit to the Sick & Homebound
August 2 Thursday Contemplative Prayer 6:45 - 7:15 PM STH
August 1 Thursday Sunday Readings Reflection 9:30 - 10:30 AM STH
August 1 Thursday Consultation Ministry After 5:30 PM Mass Church

RITUAL CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC?

At Annunciation we welcome inquirers who would like to learn more about what it means to be a member of the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know wants to become Catholic or complete the Sacrament of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist), you are invited to the first stage of the RCIA called Inquiry. It will start on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00 - 9:00 PM in St. Magdalen Hall. Registration is on-going.

If you are interested, please call Sr. Nocy at 299-9111 or pick-up the flyer on the book rack in the vestibule and drop-off the registration section at the parish office.

CONSOLIDATION MINISTRY
Consolation Ministry offers Mass every second Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM followed by praying the Rosary for all deceased members of our parish, families, and friends.
The bereavement group that meets on Thursdays at 6:30 to 7:30 PM in St. Balchus Hall begins again in the Fall — watch the bulletin for announcements. This bereavement group is a space-based and open to anyone who has lost loved ones. Volunteers are also needed to help with the program. There will be a training program in August for team members of the program.
Contact Jim at 220-7297 for details.

RECOVERY IN CHRIST
Recovery in Christ helps support those recovering from drug or alcohol addiction seek a new life in Christ through support group meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Watch this bulletin for the Fall start date. Call 299-9111 with questions or for details.

Installing Fall Programs
Continue to watch this bulletin page for details on the NEW Fall Programs for Little Rock Scripture Study and ENLIGHTEN — Educating About the Nature and Exigency of Women.

2019 Installing 2019–2020 Officers
- Chaplain: Msgr. Voehl
- Grand Knight: Pat Schneider
- Deputy Grand Knight: Carlos Esparrap Jr.
- Chancellor: Todd Clay
- Recorder: Paul Janda
- Financial Secretary: Tom O’Driscoll
- Treasurer: Tracy McNeil
- Advocate: Mike Saliby
- Inside Guard: Jeffery Stephenson
- Outside Guard: Kevin Barum
- Trustee 3rd Yr: Gary Holschuh
- Trustee 2nd Yr: Fr. Thomas J. Timmerman
- Trustee 1st Yr: George Bostock
- Lecturer: Joe Busche
- Historian: Scott Madsen
- Richard DiCarlo
LECTIONARY READINGS: Monday, August 5th, 2019 — Saturday, August 10th, 2019

MONDAY: Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dt 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36

WEDNESDAY: St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28

THURSDAY: St. Dominic, Priest
Nm 20:1-13 Mt 16:13-23

FRIDAY: St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

MUSIC
Cantor Rehearsal: Thursday, August 8 @ 7:00 pm, in the church
5:30 PM Music Ensemble Rehearsal: Before Mass @ 4:15 pm in the church

MINISTRY
By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called upon to be ministers of word and deed. The manner in which we choose to live our daily lives—at work, at home, on vacation—bears witness to our belief in God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. The smallest of actions can convey powerful testimony to our conviction that God’s love and mercy are great gifts with the power to change the world. Nourished by our liturgies, we are emboldened to go forth into an often chaotic social scene and be agents of change: “Ambassadors of Christ”. Let the Gospel messages during Ordinary Time renew your commitment to truly live the Word of God.

Please keep the sick and homebound of our parish in your prayers.

Anointing of the Sick: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 after the 8:30 AM Mass

The Liturgical Minister Schedule Annunciation Parish Website:
www.annunciationparishabq.org/litschedule.html

Saint Pius X Raffle Ticket Sales
St. Pius students will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses on the weekend of August 17th - 18th. The tickets cost $5 each, and the money benefits Activities, Athletics and Tuition Assistance.

1st Prize: $20,000 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Prizes: $1,000 each
If your St. Pius student would like to sell tickets, please have them wear their uniform. If you have any questions, please call Christine Thomas at 331-2724.

SAINT PETER'S CAFÉ

Vinatian of Vanities

In today’s first reading from Ezekiel, we hear that the pursuit of worldly riches is vanity because in the end we have to let them all go. We can spend our whole lives acquiring things, but at the end of our lives everything for which we have worked so hard goes to another who hasn’t worked for it. This Old Testament reading sets us up for the Gospel reading from Luke, which begins when a man comes to Jesus complaining that his brother hasn’t divided the inheritance equally with him. Against this backdrop, Jesus gives us the divine perspective on wealth by telling the story of a wealthy man who has a crop so big it doesn’t fit into his barns. His solution is to tear everything down and build bigger barns so he can store up this great abundance of wealth. But God comes to the rich man and tells him that he will die that very night—and not be able to enjoy this wealth that he has stored up for himself. Jesus ends the story by telling his listeners that this is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasures for himself rather than being rich in what matters to God. The message here is an emphatic on what really lasts. Acquiring wealth is vanity if we acquire it just for ourselves since nothing we build or save up in this world will last forever. But Jesus tells us that these are things we can do in this life that will have eternal significance. If the man in the Gospel reading had divided his extra wealth to the needy, he would have had treasure in heaven. So Jesus is asking us whether, in our saving and our success, we are focusing on earthly success or investing in that which will have an eternal reward.

For more reflection like this go to FORMED.ORG
To watch/listen to good Catholic programming go to the website and use our parish code: BRNTP6
and enjoy a variety of movies, audios, books and courses for free, as a gift from our parish to your home!

High School Youth Ministry is Taking a Break in July.

Confirmation Registration is now open ONLINE. Visit the Youth and Young Adult website to sign up.

Registration in the office will begin in August. Date TBD.

Scouting
WED 08.07 Troop 280 Meeting 7:00pm in Community Center Pack 280 Kick-Off / Registration Sunday, September 10th

AHG Kick-Off / Registration Friday, August 23rd

Young Adult Ministry
MON 08.05 Bible Study—Mark
For more information call the YYA office

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