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.

Parish Annunciation Parish Website: www.parishannunciationlansing.org

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Today’s liturgy takes us to the Mount of Transfiguration, MT 17:1-9. You will recall that Jesus had prophesied his passion and death and then, several days later, takes three of his closest apostles up on top of a mountain where his glory would be revealed. Why would our Lord allow himself to be transfigured in front of them? It would seem that Jesus wanted to encourage them in the face of his impending crucifixion. The Transfiguration is a grace given to Peter, James and John to see beyond the veil of Jesus’ humanity into his luminous divinity. Though the light from the glory cloud was overwhelming, the apostles did not want to leave nor could they even speak of the experience until Jesus rose from the dead. Sometimes we too have transforming experiences of God’s presence—perhaps at the birth of a child, on a mountain hike, in a prayer garden or an adoration chapel or at the bedside of a loved one who is dying—and do not know what to say or do. In such a case, it would be good to give thanks to God for the transfiguring grace. Also, realize that God is drawing you closer to your eternal home for, as St. Paul tells us in Phil. 3:20 our citizenship is in heaven. We would all do well to take quiet time during lent to contemplate the glories of heaven so that we can face the trials of this life with faith, hope and love.

A SPIRITUAL FITNESS PROGRAM

1. Prepare the best version of yourself for God and neighbor.
2. Fix your eyes on Jesus as you run the race to heaven.
3. Sacrifice for your training: exercise the discipline of the virtues.
4. Read scripture and/or a devotional prayer book daily.
5. Pray the morning offering daily.
6. Make a retreat like Marriage Encounter or a day of recollection.
7. Give thanks to God for everything in your life.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

We begin our Parish Lenten Mission this Monday, March 9th with a 7:00 p.m. Mass which will be offered each night through Wednesday evening, March 11th. Our presenter is my brother, Very Rev. Thomas Parkerson, Oochoes. Father Tom is a deacon in the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana and pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ville Platte. Fr. Tom’s parish is similar in size to ours, though in a country setting where most people are Catholic. The parish has Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary and High Schools. The topic for the mission is “The Three Ways of the Spiritual Life.” We will begin each evening with Mass followed by the mission preaching. In addition, Father Tom will present a morning session on Wednesday, March 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Center for those who prefer a daytime experience. Come and bring a friend to this blessed, spiritual opportunity for growth in your spiritual life this Lent.

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

Our former parochial vicar, Fr. June Ramos, is leading a pilgrimage to Italy this summer, from July 13 to July 23, including Rome, Assisi, Montecassino, Sorrento and more. If you are interested you may go to www.canterburypilgrimages.com for more information. If you are interested in a pilgrimage to Lourdes and the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, Fr. Simeon Wimmershoff, a native of Germany, will lead this pilgrimage with Fr. Simon Carian from July 25 to Aug. 5. Go to www.holylandtc.com to see the Catholic destinations included.
Prayers for RCIA Elect & Candidates

Please continue to keep our Elect and candidates in prayer as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass. There is a poster in the vestibule with their names and photos so you can familiarize yourself with our soon-to-be-newest Catholics at Annunciation.

Lent Rice Bowls

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CRS Rice Bowl boxes are available at the two church entrances. Please, get a box—if you haven’t already—for your family’s Lenten Sacrifice. At the end of Lent, calculate the sum total of your Rice Bowl donations, and write a check to Annunciation of Nazareth Parish. The Rice Bowl box on the Memo Line. Donation will be collected on Palm Sunday. Thank you very much for participating. For more information, please call the parish office at 299-9111. More info a Lentin resources at www.crisricebowl.org

Marriage Matters Ministry

Make time for each other! United in Love — United in Christ is a 6 session marriage enrichment series that provides practical steps to assist couples to live out their vocation faithfully, joyfully, and sacramentally, to build up parish life, to learn the importance of God in marriage and family life, and more. This program is inspired by Pope St. John Paul II’s Theology of the Body. Please join next Sunday, March 18th, from 6:30 to 8:00 in the GSL Hall (2008) Donor’s Room. A Marriage Rich in Mercy. There will be free dinner, free childcare and free educational materials. Call Deacon Pat Serena 505-475-4570 or Deacon Terry Zipper 505-419-9701 to let us know that you are coming and if you will need childcare.

Consolation (Grief) Ministry

Every 1st Thursday of the month after the 230 PM Mass, this ministry gathers to pray for the decease parishioners and loved ones of our parish. The Consolation (Grief) Support Group continues on Thursdays at 6:30 PM in St. Bakhtina Hall. The program is called "Seasons of Hope." For details, please call the parish office at 299-9111 or Jim Twigg at 220-7297.

GEMS (Generous, Enthusiastic, Motivated, Seniors) Ministry

All Seniors are invited to the GEMS Annual St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon on Tuesday, March 17th at Noon to 2:30 PM in St. Magdalen Hall. Contact Mary Agnes at the parish office for details to register 299-9111.

Lenten 40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life has begun again for Lent. Annunciation is assigned to pray in front of Planned Parenthood on March 8th and April 3rd. If you would like to sign up join in peaceful witness to life call the parish office.

Religious Education Programs

We accept children in their Faith Journey Round.

Elementary Religious Education (Pre-K - 5th grade)

Regular classes for Pre-K through 2nd grades only this Wednesday, March 11th at 4:15 to 5:45 PM

3rd through 5th grades — Lenten Penance Service

Parents, please drop-off/pick-up at usual 4:15-5:45 PM in classrooms; Penance Service is during regular class time.

Middle School Religious Education (6th & 7th grade)

Confirmation I Program

(8th, 9th, 10th grade)

Regular classes today, Sunday. March 8th at 3:30-5 PM in classrooms.

RICE BOWL more at ricebowl.org

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Week 2 of CRS Rice Bowl Home & Family

For Tina, home is where her family gathers—to play, to eat, to rest. "My family is the most important thing to me," she says. Tina has to catch cockroaches and cockroaches when she’s not. Since her house is surrounded by rice fields, coconut and bamboo trees, there’s plenty of places for them to play, but the house is also near a river, and when storms pass through, Tina’s home often fills with water. "With rain," she would have a house that was flooded, and "and would not flood anymore," says Tina. In Vietnam, CRS is working with students like Tina, helping them to learn ways to protect their home, food, and family from destructive storms. Tina is happy that she can apply what she learned in school to help her family.

How to Pray During Lent

1. Make your abstinence (what you “give up” for Lent) a prayer in action.
2. Renew yourself through personal prayer
3. Pray the Stations of the Cross
4. Meditate on Holy Scripture with Lectio Divina
5. Reflect deeper on your liturgical prayer (what you are praying during the Mass)
6. Join or start a prayer group
7. Pray as a family
8. Start a practice of daily prayer that will last even after Lent

Ministry of Mann Support (M.O.M.S.)

Join your fellow moms for faith, fellowship, fun and as we work toward raising future saints!

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 8th at 9:30 to 10:30 am in St. Magdalen Hall.

Children are welcome to attend with their mothers. For more info, please contact Rebecca at perko.rebecca@gmail.com
LECTIO NARY READINGS: Monday, March 9th — Saturday, March 14th, 2020

MONDAY: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Dn 9:4b-10  Lk 6:36-38
TUESDAY: Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16-20  Mt 23:1-12
WEDNESDAY: Lenten Weekday
Jr 18:18-20  Mt 20:17-28
THURSDAY: Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10  Lk 16:19-31
FRIDAY: Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a  Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
SATURDAY: Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20  Lk 15:1-3, 1-32

MUSI C & LITUR GICAL MINISTRY
Dr. Jane Smith, Director  298-9636
Rose Marie Vigil, Administrative Assistant

MINISTRY & MUSIC HAPPENINGS

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MINISTRY
Sacristans are needed at a number of our weekend and weekday Masses. Some Masses currently have Sacristans, but it is always good to have trained back-up!  There is a particular need for additional Sacristans at the Sunday 7am, 7am noon and 5pm Masses. If you are interested in serving at another Mass time, your service is still needed. Sacristan duties include setting up for Mass, perhaps even opening up (unlocking) or locking up the church. Weekday Masses could also benefit from having a greater number of Sacristans to call on. Please contact Dr. Jane Smith @ 298-9636 if you want to know more about this ministry.

LENT is here!  There are a number of opportunities for liturgical service during this solemn season. Please give prayerful consideration to your Lenten observances this year. You should have received a form detailing these opportunities. There are several different sections with different deadlines; please look over the form and help out where you can. Liturgy is hosting the Lenten Soup Supper on Friday, March 13. These soup suppers are a great way to gather together and enjoy a simple meal before the Lenten Reflections and Stations of the Cross. If you are able to bring a soup or bread/rolls, please drop off that section of your form, or call the Liturgy Office (298-9636) as soon as possible.

Due to the current flu season, Communion is being distributed only from the plate. You are also asked to receive in the hand, even if this is not your preferred manner of reception. If you insist on receiving on the tongue, the Communion Minister may ask you to wait at the end of the line to receive. At the Sign of Peace, please do not shake hands, but extend another gesture or word of Christian greeting. These restrictions have been instituted for the common good and health of all the members of our assembly.

Please keep the sick and homebound of our parish in your prayers.
Anointing of the Sick: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 after the 8:30 AM Mass (Please note date change)
The Liturgical Minister Schedule Annunciation Parish Website:
www.annunciationparishabq.org/litschedule.html

ATTENTION PLEASE!

ANNUAL BROTHER MATHIAS CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER
Tickets & raffle tickets for the 69th Annual Brother Mathias Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner after all Masses the weekend of March 7th & 8th. The dinner is on Saturday, March 14th, 2020 at St. Pius High School Gym from 4-8pm. All proceeds benefit the Good Shepherd Center.

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SO WHAT’S THE POINT?

THURSDAY Mar 12th, AT 4PM
SAINT FRANCIS HALL

Our Lady of the Angels School

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