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As Eliakim is given authority as master of the palace, so does Jesus confer upon Peter authority to bind and loose. To Jesus, who promised to be with his Church for all time, be glory forever and ever.

ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL

Due to the cancellation of the Washington Parish Fair, ACS students will have a shorter break in October. The students will be out of school October 19th and 20th for a brief Fall Break.

ACS students continue to adapt to regulations necessitated by the pandemic. Though our normal routines and procedures are very different, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to be in school. We ask for the continued prayers of the Annunciation family for the health and well-being of our students, faculty and staff. We also ask for prayers that we may joyfully accept challenges with the knowledge that God always provides.

Annunciation is pleased to announce the re-introduction of the daily recitation of the Angelus. Each day at 12 noon, students and staff stop to recite this beautiful prayer.

We would like to extend our continued gratitude to the parishioners of Annunciation for their generosity to the school, particularly in our red school house that is located in the vestibule of the church.

Tabetha S. Ezell
Dean of Students
Annunciation Catholic School

CCD Students in Grades 8-10:

Registration for CCD classes will held on Wednesday, August 26th at 6 PM in Dobyns Center. Contact Verna Haik at the parish office if you have any questions, 985-732-4280.

Respect for Life

That more religious and political leaders may courageously speak out in defense of life.

We pray to the Lord….

PRAYER FOR FAITHFUL TO RETURN TO THE CHURCH

O God, giver of all good gifts, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Sorrowful Mother. We ask you to grant a resurgence of faith in Christ to all those who have left the Church and the Sacraments for any reason, that they may return to the Faith in which they were baptized.

In particular, we pray for those members of our community who have ceased coming to Mass for fear of contagion. May they be convicted in faith and receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist with joy upon their return. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Attention High School Juniors:

There will be a parent/candidate meeting for all students who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, on Sunday August 23rd at 4 PM in the ACS Cafeteria. Parents should attend with student. Confirmation will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the 4 PM Vigil Mass. Contact Mrs. Ezell at 985-516-1920 if you have any questions.

Please Pray for those on the

Parish Prayer List

Danny Augustine, Anne Atkinson, Baby Liam, Patty Bailey, Mary Barber, Rhody Bertoniere, Dale Boler, Ray Bonnette, Tim Blansett, Buddy Breland, Linda Brennan, James Brignac, Mary D. Brignac, Margie Brown, Teresa Busby, Troy Carney, Gilly Charbonnet, Louise Clocksin, Kelly Chighizola, Marettie Corkern, Charles "Bud" Crain, Alex Diaz, Andy Daley, Merle Daley, Stella Dicharry, Gary Duncan, Buddy Green, Linda Haaga, Vic Haik, Carolyn Hardy, Freddie Hartfield, Mike Henley, Gary Holloway, Sylvia Hughes, Aline Hymel, David Jarrett, Perry Keen, Walter Landrum, Denise Langston, John Lee, Kathleen Lemoine, Richard Lively, Billy Lott, Julie Lott, Ann Martin, Leonard Mayfield, Mary Mayfield, Brittany Mitchell, Marie Mizell, Sarah Mizell, Marty Paige, Ruby Penatallo, Rhonda Penton, Val Perry, Huey Pierce, Tammie Pierce, Pat Pounds, Ethel Quirk, Emanuel Rachel, Kathleen Rachel, Tommie Jean Rayburn, Wayne Rhoden, McKenna Scroggs, Sheryl Shelby, Elizabeth Stewart, Jerri Stewart, June Stewart, Dudley Talley, Phillip Talley, Sidne Tate, Diana Thibodeaux, Gloria Tullier, Colby Wheat, Shirley Wheat, Chuck Williams, Sharon Williams

Mass Schedule

Monday	**(August 24, 2020)**
8:00 AM	Comm. Serv. - Church
3:00 PM	Rosary-Church
Tuesday	**(August 25, 2020)**
8:00 AM	Mass - Church
Wednesday	**(August 26, 2020)**
8:00 AM	Mass - Church
Thursday	**(August 27, 2020)**
8:00 AM	Mass- Church
Friday	**(August 28, 2020)**
8:00 AM	Mass - Church
Saturday	**(August 29, 2020)**
3:00 PM	Confessions
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass - Church
Sunday	**(August 30, 2020)**
8:30 AM	Mass - Church
10:30 AM	Mass - Church
4:30 PM	Confessions *(en Espanol)*
5:00 PM	Mass *(en Espanol)*

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22nd **4:00 PM**
Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, David Arceneaux, Welfare of Rochelle St. Marie, Welfare of Jo and Leo Mickenhiem, Sr., Scott Lee, Hillory Swilley, Anita Sierra Nuss, Miriam and Ethan Allen, Welfare of Rose Concerly

Sunday, August 23rd **8:30AM**
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, Irma Lee Callender, Andy Stewart, Amy Runfalo Holden, Rita Anderson, Scott Lee, John Underwood, Clyde Swilley, Lawrence Wille, Winnie H. Jordan, Thomas James Owens, Jr.,

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Tuesday, August 25th **8:00AM**
David Arceneaux

Wednesday, August 26th **8:00AM**
Amy Runfalo Holden

Thursday, August 27th **8:00AM**
Andy Stewart

Friday, August 28th **8:00AM**
In Thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, August 29th **4:00PM**
Mickey Paduda, EJ and Dody Champagne, John Underwood, Welfare of Rochelle St. Marie, Rita Anderson, Welfare of Jo and Leo Mickenheim, Sr., Welfare of Joetta Holloway, Patriia Holloway, Hillory Swilley,Anita Sierra Nuss, Welfare of Teddy Drummond, Mary Lollar, Miriam and Ethan Allen

Sunday, August 30th **8:30AM**
Earl Hughes, Betty Scroggs, E. J. and Dody Champagne, Irma Lee Callender, Andy Stewart, David Arceneaux, Scott Lee, Clyde Swilley, In Thanksgiving to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Lawrence Wille, Winnie H. Jordan, Dot Warner

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Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns
In memory of:
Elise Angelette

Last Week's Collection August 15th and 16th, 2020

Loose-Checks & Cash	$1,141.00
Envelopes	$2,210.00
Total:	**$3,351.00**

Budgeted funds needed to operate: $6,299.00

Amount under weekly budget: $2,948.00

Parish Maintenance Collection $1,114.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!!!

The Sanctity of Life

We live in a "throw away" civilization. Obsolescence is built into electric light bulbs, automobiles and washers, so they will be thrown away in a few years and a new one bought. Throw-away bottles, throw-away napkins, throw-away cans have produced our ecological problem of the pollution of land, air and sea. NOW there is danger that there may be thrown-away cells, throw-away tissue and throw-away fetuses, creating the greater problem of a moral pollution. Could it be that we live in the Peril of Over-kill?

When life first came to earth, Cain used the first Over-kill to attain it with his brother's blood. Abel was "disposable life". When Divine Life came to the world, He, too, was treated as "disposable life". The sacredness of life has nothing whatever to do with when life begins; it depends on who produced it. The time element has little to do with the value of life, otherwise, there could be fixed an age-limit for living. Life is sacred because it is produced by humans; tadpoles beget tadpoles, elephants generate elephants, humans beget humans. Life is sacred in itself: its value is not relative, i.e., not whether it is useful or non-useful to any other person or thing.

What other tests could possibly be applied to show that an insane man was human, that a sleeping woman is human, that a narcotic victim is human or an alcoholic? In none of these cases is there rational thought or action. But we know these are human because they came from the conjunctions of humans and had human potentiality. To say the human embryo is non-human, opens the door for Nazis to say Jews are not human, for the mugger who needs money for his "fix" to say the pedestrian is not human.

The assault on life is all the more demonic because it so often operates in the dark – the darkness of the womb. As long as there are no witnesses except willing cooperators, it claims that moral immunity of other crimes that are done in the dead of night.

But it may be objected that the embryo has a right to be destroyed because there is a chance that it may be defective. This assumes that life is relative to its quality. As Dr. John Noonan says: "Ask any person who is crippled or blinded or deaf: would you rather have not been born? How few would answer that they preferred nonexistence to the present hardship". And if defects are a basis for the destruction of life, it is well to be remembered that for the first three centuries, Christians were "defective" in the eyes of the Roman law; the Jews had "defective traits" in the eyes of Hitler; property owners had a "defective trait" in the eyes of the Communists. We must also be careful if we give to mothers the right to destroy a child because it may have "defective traits", that someday a child may claim the right to destroy the mother because she has the "defective trait" of poverty or senility.

In ancient Rome, there was a potestas patria or the right of the father to dispose of a child. In our modern day, there is the potesta matria or the right of the mother to dispose of a child. In between pagan Rome and pagan today there was, and still is, a group of God-loving people who will protect those who are incapable of independent existence because they sense in their own frailty the mercy of God and, therefore, resolve to extend it to others.

- Archbishop Fulton Sheen