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Welcome to the January 2017 issue of the **Annunciation Catholic Church** newsletter.

Greetings to all,

The next meeting of the **Knights of Columbus** is on Tuesday, January 17.

Come at 6 pm for food, fellowship, and ‘freshments. Business meeting to follow at 7 until about 8.

The next meeting of the **Ladies Sodality** is on Tuesday, January 24.

They gather at 6:15 for a social time and eat a light dinner at 6:30. The meeting will follow.

All ladies of the parish are welcomed to join the companionship of each other at our meetings.

The Sodality will be collecting items (new and gently used) for the annual Birth Right Baby Shower. Diapers, clothing, baby soaps, powder, shampoo, and other items welcomed.

The annual \$10.00 dues will be collected at this meeting.

**HEALTHY FAMILIES, HEALTHY SOCIETY
Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori**

GROWING UP, I would sometimes throw stones into a nearby pond and watch the ripples. Whenever a stone hit the water, a series of rings radiated from the point of contact. The ripples flowed outward from the center, ring after ring.

This widely observable phenomenon helps us understand the wide-ranging impact of decisions. Newly enacted laws, for example, often have far-reaching consequences unintended by those who crafted the legislation. In our own lives, when we give good examples, our actions have a positive “ripple effect” on others, including people we may not even know. Conversely, when we behave scandalously, our behavior can tear down the faith and undermine the virtue of others. Our personal lives, even our private thoughts, attitudes and decisions, can have an impact on those closest to us – family members, friends and co-workers – but also on the common good of our communities, our countries and even the world.

(shamelessly “borrowed” from www.kofc.org, you can read the entire article there)

Closed on Sundays:

(Just something to think about)

- Chick-fil-A
- Hobby Lobby
- Forever 21
- Tyson Foods
- Mary Kay
- In-N-Out Burger
- Timberland
- Interstate Batteries

Kids’ Corner

Confirmation and PSR is back in full swing after Christmas break....later this month we have 3 people from the parish who will travel to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life.

Safe travels to Chris Hurt, Matthew Hurt, and Rachael Hoback!

Funny Stuff

My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot.

It got so bad, finally I had to take his bike away.

YOUR TASKS AS A CATHOLIC

(as per “Pillar of Fire, Pillar of Truth” available on www.catholic.com)

Your tasks as a Catholic, no matter what your age, are three: (BTW, CCC stands for “Catechism of the Catholic Church”)

Know your Catholic faith.

You cannot live your faith if you do not know it, and you cannot share with others what you do not first make your own (CCC 429). Learning your Catholic faith takes some effort, but it is effort well spent because the study is, quite literally, infinitely rewarding.

Live your Catholic faith.

Your Catholic faith is a public thing. It is not meant to be left behind when you leave home (CCC 2472). But be forewarned: Being a public Catholic involves risk and loss. You will find some doors closed to you. You will lose some friends. You will be considered an outsider. But, as a consolation, remember our Lord’s words to the persecuted: “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven” (Matt. 5:12).

Spread your Catholic faith.

Jesus Christ wants us to bring the whole world from captivity into the truth, and the truth is Jesus himself, who is “the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). Spreading the faith is a task not only for bishops, priests, and religious—it is a task for all Catholics (CCC 905).

Just before his Ascension, our Lord told his apostles, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matt. 28:19–20).

If we want to observe all that Jesus commanded, if we want to believe all he taught, we must follow him through his Church. This is our great challenge—and our great privilege.

The quote of the month is from:

Billy Graham

“I’ve read the last page of the Bible. It’s all going to turn out all right.”

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