



St Joseph Bradley Religious Education

March 2026



*Our prayers and hearts continue to be with
Annunciation Catholic Church.*



MARCH



**EVERY FRIDAY , STARTING 02/20/26
LENTEN STATION OF THE CROSS AT 4PM**

**SUNDAY 03/01/2026
TEEN BIBLE STUDY 5 PM-6:15 PM
MINISTRY CENTER**



March is dedicated to St Joseph



St. Joseph Prayer

O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of thy chaste spouse, the virgin Mother of God, I choose thee this day to be my special patron and advocate and I firmly resolve to honor thee all the days of my life.

Therefore I humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, to obtain for me and for all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of my death.

Amen



**SUNDAY, 03/08/26
YOUTH/FAMILY MASS 11:00 AM FOLLOWED BY
DONUT SUNDAY
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE/SPONSOR SESSION
(ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES REQUIRED)
ST. PATRICK EVENT FOR KIDS**



2 PM PWD MASS / 3 PM PWD SOCIAL

**WEDNESDAY, 03/11/26
RE SESSION K-8
5:30 PM-6:45 PM PARISH HALL/GYM**



**THURSDAY, 03/12/26
FIRST RECONCILIATION
6 PM**



**SUNDAY, 03/15/26
BIBLE STUDY
10:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, 03/18/26
RE SESSION K-8
5:30 PM-6:45 PM PARISH HALL/GYM**



**SATURDAY 03/21/26
ST JOSEPH TABLE**



**SUNDAY, 03/22/26
CONFIRMATION COUNTDOWN 3 PM-4:30 PM
PARISH HALL**



**WEDNESDAY, 03/25/26
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
6 PM**



**SATURDAY, 03/28/26
BUNDT CAKE PICKUP
PARISH HALL
10 AM -12PM**



**PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT
SUNDAY, 03/29/26
12:15 PM-2 PM**

DONUT SUNDAY

— MARCH 8 —

Join us after the 11:00 AM Mass for our monthly Donut Sunday!

Since it's the month of March, we'll also have a fun St. Patrick's scavenger hunt set up for kids who want to join in.

Donuts, fellowship, and a little extra fun for the kids — we hope to see you there!




**Teen Bible Study
March 1, 15**



**Take an ACTIVE part of the next
Youth & Family Mass
Confirmation Sponsor Sunday
Sunday, 03/08/25**



**Thursday, 03/12/2025
First Reconciliation
@6:00 pm**



**Confirmation Candidate countdown to
Confirmation Sunday, 03/22/26
3 pm-4:30 pm**



**Bundt Cake pickup
03/28/26
10 am-12 pm**



**Parish Easter Egg Hunt
03/29/26
12:15 pm-2 pm**

Support Our Parish
Groups
Lend a Hand
and/or Spread the
Word!

Please check the church
bulletin and social media
platform for more
information other
upcoming parish events



Our next Mobile Food Pantry is Friday, March, 20 2026

**St. Joseph
Table**

Saturday, 03/21/2026
after 4:00 pm mass



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
6PM
03/25/26



THANK YOU does not adequately express our gratitude to all of our Catechists and volunteers who share their time, faith and love for Christ with our children & families! Without them we could not have an RE program! May God continue to bless them for their generous spirits!

Saints Feast Day Of March

As we continue our journey "up to Jerusalem" during the month of March, three prominent ideas are proposed for our contemplation by the liturgy of Lent: the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, baptism, and penance.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19) is a special landmark this month in which we will celebrate the great honor bestowed upon the foster father of Jesus. The Solemnity of the Annunciation is celebrated on March 25. And if you are Irish (who isn't?), St. Patrick's feast is another cause for a joyful celebration.

The saints that we will focus on this month and try to imitate are:

St. Katharine Drexel (March 3),

St. Casimir (March 4),

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity (March 7),

St. John of God (March 8),

St. Patrick (March 17),

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (March 18),

and St. Joseph (March 19).

The Optional Memorials of St. Frances of Rome (March 9) and St. Turibio de Mogrovejo (March 23) are superseded by the Lenten Sunday liturgy.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2026

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



A Reflection for Parents This Lenten Season

Here and there in the stark March landscape, small signs of life begin to appear – buds on trees and plants quietly reminding us that winter never has the final word. In much the same way, the Church's vibrant life can seem hidden during the penitential season of Lent, yet beneath the surface, something beautiful is growing. That new life will burst forth at Easter, just as Christ rose from the tomb.

As we begin our journey toward the cross, marked by ashes and clothed in the purple of penance, we are invited to reflect on our mortality – "Remember that you are dust..." – and also on the gift of time – "Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Lent reminds us that every moment matters.

For parents, this season is also an invitation to extend grace – to yourselves and to your children. Just as God patiently nurtures growth in us, we are called to patiently nurture faith in our homes. The education of your children, especially in their Catholic faith, is not simply about lessons or requirements. It is about forming hearts, guiding consciences, and keeping them safe and sound – spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Religious education exists to partner with you in that sacred responsibility. Everything we do is rooted in helping your child know Christ, grow in virtue, and remain protected within a loving community of faith.

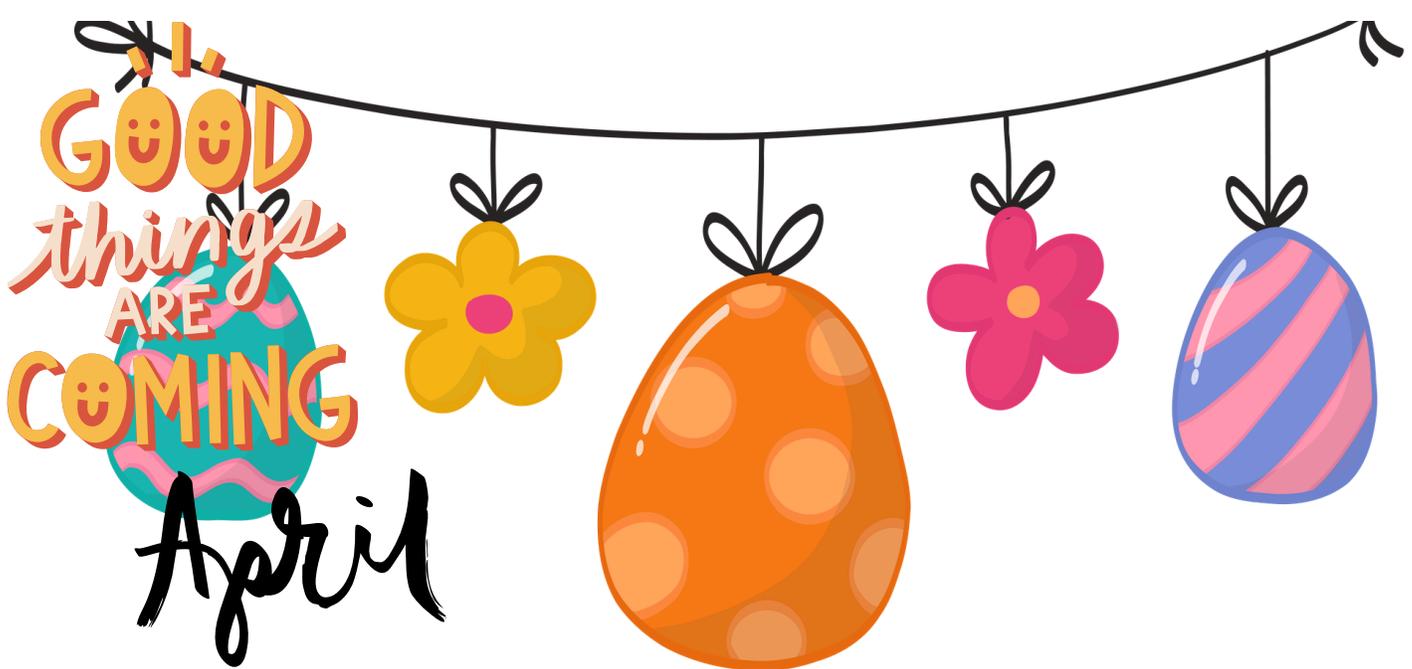
The Solemnity of the Annunciation appears like a white flower in Lent's purple landscape – a reminder that "yes" to God changes everything. May we, too, say yes each day in small ways: through prayer at home, conversation about faith, forgiveness offered freely, and example lived gently.

As Lent unfolds, may this season not feel like a forced march, but a joyful journey – one where grace grows quietly in your family, preparing hearts for the light of Easter.

God's peace & blessings,
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- 11 1st Communion Retreat
- 15 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm
- 18 Youth Ministry 6-8pm
- 22 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm
- 23 Confirmation Practice 6pm
- 24 Confirmation 6pm
- 30 1st Communion Practice



HOLY WEEK / TRIDUUM
EASTER
04/02/26-04/05/26



1ST COMMUNION
RETREAT
04/11/26



Gifted
In Hope
CONFIRMATION 04/24/26



1ST COMMUNION
PRACTICE
04/30/26



CSI NIGHT LIFE
04/18/26



Teen Bible Study
04/19/26

March Family Challenge

Write in a prayer journal or make a new prayer journal. You can work on a craft to decorate a new one or to give as a gift to someone. The things we know about Saints Perpetua and Felicity are because of a journal kept by Saint Perpetua.
(March 7th)

Go to a bookstore story time, or just take time to enjoy a fun time at the bookstore. St. John of God, the patron saint of booksellers, has his feast day on March 8th

Find a three-leaf clover and talk about the Holy Trinity.

Make cards for the fathers in your life. Saint Joseph was a wonderful husband and father, and his feast day is March 19th.

Make your favorite angel craft or maybe even a tasty treat like angel-shaped cookies or angel food cake to celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord. (March 25th)

Attend the Stations of the Cross



The poster features a festive Easter theme. At the top, a string of colorful bunting flags (blue, orange, pink) is adorned with five decorated Easter eggs: a gold egg with white hearts, a pink egg with white polka dots, a blue egg with white floral patterns, a striped egg, and a grey egg with yellow flowers. The background is white with stylized blue clouds. The title 'EASTER EGG HUNT!' is written in large, bold, purple capital letters. Below the title, a pair of white bunny ears with pink interiors is positioned in a field of green grass. Several colorful Easter eggs are scattered in the grass, including a striped one, a blue one with red polka dots, and a pink one with white stripes. At the bottom, there are three informational boxes: a yellow one for the date, a dark green one for the address, and a white one for the time.

EASTER EGG HUNT!

**Sunday, March
29, 2026**

**211 N Center
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12:15 PM - 2 PM

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