

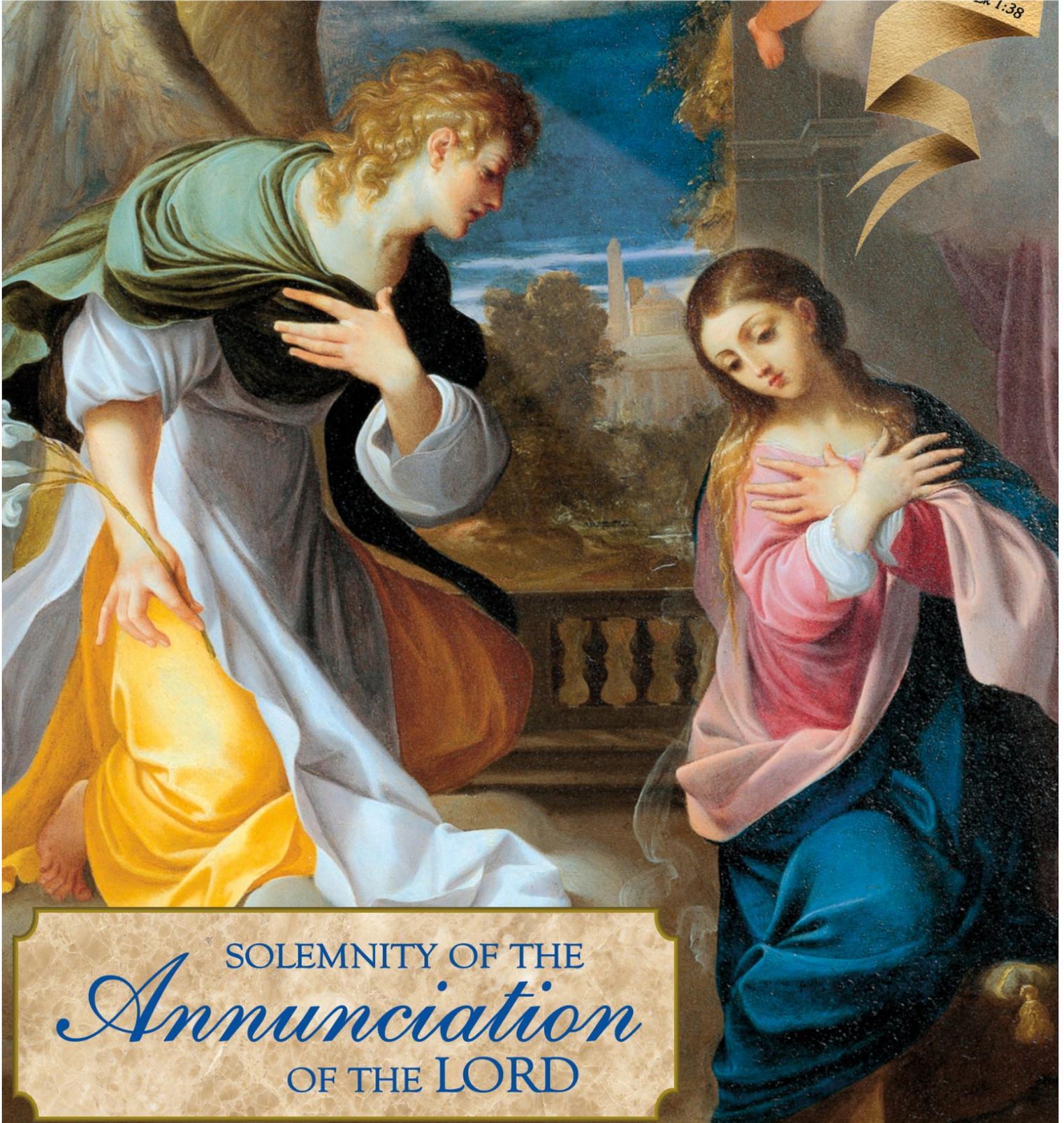


March 26, 2023

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

*"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
My spirit is ready for your word."*
PARISH & MISSION AT LAKE PLEASANT PKWY

Lk 1:38



SOLEMNITY OF THE
Annunciation
OF THE LORD

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Daily (Monday - Saturday)	8:30a.m.
Saturday	4:00p.m.
Sunday	9:00a.m.
Sunday	11:00a.m.

Vistancia Elementary School
30009 N. Sunrise Point, Peoria, AZ 85383
Sunday 1:00p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday	9:30a.m.-10:30a.m.
Tuesday	10:00a.m.-11:00a.m.

Adoration:

Thursday	9:00a.m.-11:00a.m.
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Fr. John's Pasta Sauce

Fr. John's pasta sauce is currently sold out! Please keep checking back here to find out when we are able to restock.



Open Sundays after 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. Mass. Bring a bulletin and join us for coffee, donuts or fritters, and fellowship!

Close to Sinful

Dear Friends,

In a recent interview, President Biden said, "What's going on in Florida, is as my mother would say, close to sinful." Wow. I must admit I never thought of Florida as a den of iniquity. Well, maybe Miami Beach or the Keys but certainly not Tallahassee or Clearwater. So, what almost sin has Florida committed? The "close to sinful" sin is that the Florida Board of Medicine put the brakes on sex-reassignment surgeries (mastectomy, hysterectomy, castration etc.) on minors.

Well, you can add to the places that are close to sinful: Arizona, the entire countries of Denmark, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. They all have put the brakes on "affirming care", that is that the only acceptable clinical intervention for a young person who wants to transition to the opposite gender is affirming their choice and doing whatever is necessary to facilitate the choice. What Health officials and others have learned in these almost sinful places, is that the transgender experiment is just that, an experiment. There is very little solid clinical research and peer reviewed studies to support the "affirming care" protocol. In fact, there is increasing evidence, which should surprise no one, that a great deal of harm is being done.

For instance, puberty blockers were considered "harmless" and "reversible". It turns out they are not. Additionally, they can cause lifelong bone density problems as well as affecting brain development in adolescents. Then there are serious side effects from surgical procedures that result in long-term, usually life-long need for medical treatment. And one of the biggest harms is the lack of attention that is paid to other issues or comorbidities that affect a young person struggling with gender identification. Issues such as depression, anxiety, autism, past trauma from bullying, sexual abuse, substance misuse, and many other psychological and psychiatric issues. The lack of clinical treatment of these issues can often lead a young person to think that changing genders will fix their pain and stop their struggles.

The most dramatic change in clinical thinking is perhaps the closing of the Tavistock Clinic Gender Development Service run by the National Health Service in London. A long and deep dive into the practices and protocols of the clinic, lead the NHS to take dramatic steps and shut it down. The Investigation basically concluded that the Clinic was experimenting on children without any research driven treatments; there was little to no follow up to see how patients were progressing or long-term monitoring of outcomes, mental health wellbeing, etc.

Basically, medical science was being held hostage by a political ideology and children were its victims. The use of hormones and surgeries to treat gender dysphoria is not unlike how in the early Twentieth Century lobotomies were used to treat mental illness. You can read the full report here: <https://segm.org/Tavistock-closure-the-times> . It's pretty scathing.

Oh, and we can also add Pope Francis to the "close sinful" as he recently stated: "Gender ideology is one of the most dangerous ideological colorizations... because it blurs the difference between men and women..." In 2016 the Pope also said, "Today children — children — are taught in school that everyone can choose his or her sex. Why are they teaching this? Because the books are provided by the people and institutions that give you money. These forms of ideological colonization are also supported by influential countries. And this is terrible!" (Follow the money and you will find lots of vested interested in pushing this ideology.)

The fast growing "Detransition" Movement is revealing the regret than many have for undertaking these treatments and the hard sell that only hormones and therapy will fix you. The Medical Malpractice lawsuits are starting to roll in.

The President's words were reckless, harmful, and divisive. I know he is being fed political talking points and I doubt he has done any serious research into the issue. And you would think that as a responsible leader, a father and grandfather, he would want to know that children who suffer gender confusion would be given the very best assessments based on solid evidence and data, clinical interventions that don't go only one way and be informed what outcomes might be like from hormone treatments or surgical mutilations. Or maybe consider that these other countries and Florida have discovered something that should make him reconsider his position. But sadly, no. He, like many others are content to use our children's suffering and confusion to further a political ideology and not solid evidence based clinical treatments. And that is more than close to sinful.

Love, Fr. John B.

Mass Intentions

March 26: The 5th Sunday of Lent

9:00a.m.: Johnny, Emery & Cassidy

11:00a.m.: For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

1:00p.m.: For the Living & Deceased Members of the Blahut Family

March 27

For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

March 28

Jean & John Ward†

March 29

Founder's Day of Knights of Columbus

March 30

Rosa Garcia†

March 31

Gabriel Emery†

April 1

8:30a.m.: Judy Gordon†

4:00p.m.: Mr. & Mrs. Roman F. Krupa†

April 2: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00a.m.: For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes

11:00a.m.: Marguerise Laspesa†

1:00p.m.: FullCircle Benefactors

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Procession: Mt 21:1-11

At Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66



Every Friday at 4PM during Lent
Starting March 3rd

Our Lady of Lourdes - Madonna Hall

Visit: kofc11809.org/fishfrydays

For more information

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS & SHARE IN FELLOWSHIP



Knights of Council
Columbus 11809

Stations of the Cross



March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 3:30p.m.



You are invited to an education refresher of Biblical Citizenship in Modern America at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Madonna Hall

Program : Video presentation (90minutes) Discussion (30 minutes)

8 Sessions Every other week Jan – Apr. from 1PM – 3PM

- 1) The Foundation - January 18
- 2) Tending the Garden - February 1
- 3) Understanding the Times - February 15
- 4) The Seeds of Liberty - March 1
- 5) Who Has Authority - March 15
- 6) Of Kings and Courts - March 29
- 7) Religious Liberty - April 12
- 8) Being Salt and Light - April 26

Biblical Citizenship in Modern America presents the freedom principles of why we have a Declaration of Independence and how we stand strong in carrying out our Constitution written with respect and acknowledgment of our Christian values.

Retrouvaille (retro-vi) simply means 'rediscovery'.

This program presents the opportunity to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage.

Retrouvaille is for struggling couples.

Every marriage deserves the opportunity to survive, be healed and thrive as a covenant of life and love.

Retrouvaille is a live-in weekend and post-weekend program for married couples, with an emphasis on a technique of communication between husband and wife.

A series of in-depth presentations are given by one of three married couples and a priest, focusing on a specific area of a marriage relationship. You will be encouraged to put the past behind you and begin 'rediscovering' one another again.

**Our Next Program in Phoenix: March 31-April 2, 2023
(Registration ends March 28th)**

For a confidential inquiry, please email us at
4001@helpourmarriage.org
Phoenix 602-254-6723



Knights of Columbus®

People often ask, "What do the Knights DO?"

With a founding principle of Charity, you might say we are the masters of "re-gifting"! Once a quarter or so, people give us food, and we "gift" it to people who need it! (Valley View Community Food Bank). The Arizona State Council Knights of Columbus supports charities when given dollars for raffle tickets. We "re-gift" those dollars to local charities (First-Way Pregnancy Center, Valley View Community Food Bank, and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish). When you buy fish on Fry-Day during Lent, we re-gift the profits to good causes (last year, "Christus Vivit" participant.)

So what do the Knights of Columbus do? We "re-gift" the gifts you share. And we Thank You.

Upcoming K of C 11809 Events:

- **Fish Fry-Day Dinners**, 4 PM at Madonna Hall, Fridays during Lent.
- **April 10th:** Officer Planning Meeting, 2 PM Fr. McGivney Room; all members are welcome.
- **April 13th:** General Meeting, 5:30 PM rosary, 6 PM meeting, Madonna Hall; all members are welcome.
- **April 16th:** Bernadette's Brew, after the Sunday morning masses

Visit www.kofc11809.org for more information and learn how to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus!

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Your Sacrificial Giving - Totals for March 5

Plate Giving (cash & check)	\$19,890.72
Mission Giving:	\$1,413
Plate Giving (electronic)	\$6,385
Total Giving	\$27,688.72
Maintenance Fund	\$56.50
Respect Life Ministry	\$137.50
LP - Building Fund	\$1,258
St. Vincent de Paul	\$422
Catholic Charities	\$10
Campaign for Human Devel.	\$25
Solemnity of Mary	\$60
Flowers	\$5
Ash Wednesday	\$85
Good Friday	\$15
Easter	\$40
Christmas	\$350.25



This weekend is Charity Weekend. Please support our Respect Life Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Conference with your generous donations!

The March pregnancy center is First Way Pregnancy Center. They are in need of diapers, baby clothes (sizes 0-3m to 9-12m) Pack N Plays, and compact high chairs. Monetary donations can be made to First Way directly at <https://1stwaydonor.net>

Your generous donations to our St. Vincent de Paul conference go to help our struggling neighbors who need rental or utility assistance, gas cards, or food vouchers. Please remember to make checks out to OLOL SVDP Conference. Checks made out to Phoenix St. Vincent de Paul get used in Phoenix, not our most immediate community of Sun City West/Surprise.

CDA UPDATE

Our Parish Goal: \$116,000

Our Total as of March 6: \$49,234

Hail, 
favored one
The Lord is with
YOU.