

Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2019

- Our Mission Statement -

We, the Roman Catholic Parish of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, joyfully worship together to give praise, honor and glory to Almighty God. We are called by the Holy Spirit to proclaim and to live the gospel message through the sacraments and to spread the message of Jesus Christ by living out the example of God's power in our lives.



REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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Advent/Christmas Information

Vespers: Sunday evenings at 6:00pm in church.

Advent Penance Service: Wednesday, December 19 from 6:30-8:00pm.

**Masses Christmas Eve: 4:00pm & 5:30pm
Christmas: Midnight, 8:00am, 10:00am and 11:30am.**

All volunteers who have completed all of the Safe Environment requirements are welcome to help with Environment set up: Sunday, December 23rd after the 11:30am Mass.

Early Bulletin Deadlines:

Sunday, December 30/January 6, information emailed by noon on **Wednesday, December 19**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Closed:

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 24-Tuesday, January 1. For any emergency, please call the parish, and dial Father's extension number 204.

New Year's Day Masses-Solemnity of the Mother of God, a holy day of obligation.

Masses are: Monday evening, December 31 at 5:15pm.

Tuesday, January 1: 7:30am and 10:00am.

Parish News & Events

Let us pray for those members of our parish who are sick and suffering

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| Bill Aloisio | Bob Kresz | Mark Phillips |
| Martin Brosas | Jacqueline Lehy | Ken Podsiadlik |
| Jacob Chilelli | Arlene Likovich | Janice Rippinger |
| Mary Aloisio Cummings | Judy Mallon | Philip Rippinger |
| Mary Beth Erickson | Mary Mayer | Norb Rozanski |
| Delores Franck | Mike McMahon | Judy Runge |
| Carole Glassford | Dave Medernach | Rudolph Schlecht |
| Bartholomew Hansen | Linda Miller | Geri Smith |
| Jack Hollis | Genie Millhouse | Lisa Tamplin |
| Ruth Homan | Carrie Mitchell | Jack Watson |
| Jeanette Hovorka | Baby O'Brien | Wayne Weiler |
| Mark Huettner | Kelly Olson | Linda White |
| Ron King | Joe Pascolini | |

Please note:

Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that **person, or, in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care**, calls the parish office to give permission. The above also pertains to the **Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick**.

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary will continue to pray for all the sick and suffering, even if unable to list by name.

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If you would like a visit from Fr. Patrick, please call the parish office at 630-851-1436 to schedule a visit.

Our parish has joined a Catholic website called **FORMED**. This website is loaded with articles, videos, eBooks, and much more—all of which are thoroughly Catholic. You simply go to this website: <https://formed.org> (This is a secure site, which is why there is an “s” in the address). Once there, there will be a spot to enter our parish access code, which is 6MMWKC. We have unlimited access to everything on the site. I hope that you take advantage of this site, and pray that it will be beneficial to you.

Fr. Patrick

Stewardship



CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, December 9-\$9,313.74

November We Share EFT \$5,083.27

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My brothers and sisters, there was a discussion, recently, about whether or not Advent was a penitential season. It would appear that, in the early Church, it was; however, according to current Canon Law, only Fridays throughout the year, and Lent are penitential times (“The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent” Canon 1250). That, brothers and sisters, pretty much seals the debate; Advent is NOT a penitential season. However, perhaps there is nothing wrong with treating Advent as a penitential season.

After all, the liturgical color for Advent is purple—just as it is in Lent, because purple is a penitential color. As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, Advent, like Lent, is a season of intense preparation.

In Lent, we spend 40 days in fasting and prayer, and contemplating our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is a time of spiritual examination, when we look at our lives, to see if there is anything holding us back from being in a right relationship with God. We examine our lives for any sin, and then prepare ourselves by repenting of those sins. That is the season of Lent.

Thus, it is with Advent. Advent is a time when we pray more intensely, perhaps fast as well, and we examine our lives more intensely, in order to determine if we are ready for our Lord's birth. We spend the days of Advent preparing our hearts, souls, and minds, for the Lord to take up His dwelling within us, just as Mary did; she prepared herself to receive the Christ child.

More to the point, every Advent we have a penance service for both the parish as a whole, and for the students of our school. I don't know about any of you, but it sure sounds like Advent is a penitential season. After all, if Advent IS NOT a penitential season, then why have penance services? Regardless, it would appear that Advent is NOT a penitential season.

Nevertheless, as I said, perhaps there is nothing wrong with treating Advent as a penitential season, maybe, maybe not.

Anyway, speaking of penance services, we will be having our parish penance service on Wednesday, December 19, from 6:30 to 8:00pm. It will be, as always, an open-ended service, with a liturgy of the Word at the beginning, followed by an examination of conscience, and then individual confessions. After confessing, the penitents, who are attending this penitential service, during this non-penitential season, ahem, are free to leave.

Thank you and God bless!

Father Patrick

Please consult the bulletin for deadlines, if you would like something in the bulletin. The usual deadline for things in the bulletin is **MONDAY, BY NOON**, unless otherwise stated. Please send the item/article that you would like to see in the bulletin to Mary at annunciationbvm-aurora@rockforddiocese.org or mglosson@rockforddiocese.org. If it is a document, please make sure that it is created in Word. If it is a picture, please make sure that it is in black and white. Also, if you would like something announced at any or all of the weekend Masses, please email Mary at annunciationbvm-aurora@rockforddiocese.org, or mglosson@rockforddiocese.org, no later than **WEDNESDAY EVENING, BY 4:00PM**. If you would like both an announcement and a bulletin item/article, please send two separate emails, one for the announcement, one for the bulletin item/article.



Hesed House Workers—December 19

Kim Davis, David Hernandez, Alex & Nathan Ip, Bill Jordan, Colleen & Abby Smith, Jeremy Stern, John Bakken.



Annunciation's December collection for the Interfaith Food Pantry was 354#s! That was over 100#s greater than November's collection. **Thank you** to all those who donated. This year Annunciation has donated 2,776#s of food and goods. Annunciation is a very generous parish!

The next **Annunciation food collection weekend** is January 5 and 6th. Please bring your non-perishable donations to the bin in the back of the church. Also, please check the dates on the items donated. Thank you so much for your continued support. Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.



This year as in years past, there are envelopes in the back of church to put a donation (if you wish) in honor of someone who is living or deceased. Names will be published in the bulletin.



“Julie” came to us feeling she is not prepared to be a parent. She initially intended to abort her pregnancy, and her boyfriend was supporting this decision. During a spiritual discussion, she said she’s prays to God for guidance every day. She appeared interested in the ultrasound, remarking that is was interesting to see. She was still undecided after her appointment but agreed to come back for a follow up to check progress. When we saw her a second time, “Julie” stated she decided to keep the baby, and that when we prayed with her at the previous appointment, she “knew that it was a sign from God.” She has the support of family and friends. The father is OK with her keeping the baby. She said that it’s “not about us, it’s about the baby.”

Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

“I Believe In God The Father Almighty, Creator Of Heaven And Earth.”

48. How does the Church express her trinitarian faith?

The Church expresses her trinitarian faith by professing a belief in the oneness of God in whom there are three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The three divine Persons are only one God because each of them equally possesses the fullness of the one and indivisible divine nature. They are really distinct from each other by reason of the relations which place them in correspondence to each other. The Father generates the Son; the Son is generated by the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

49. How do the three Persons work?

Inseparable in their on substance, the three divine Persons are also inseparable in their activity. The Trinity has one operation, sole and the same. In this one divine action, however, each Person is present according to the mode which is proper to him in the Trinity.

“O my God, Trinity whom I adore....grant my soul peace; make it your heaven, your beloved dwelling, and the place of your rest. May I never abandon you there, but may I be there, whole and entire, completely vigilant in my faith, entirely adoring, and wholly given to your creative action.” (Blessed Elisabeth of the Trinity)

50. What does it mean to say that God is almighty?


God reveals himself as “the strong One, the mighty One” (Psalm 24:8), as the One “to whom nothing is impossible” (Luke 1:37). His omnipotence is universal, mysterious and shows itself in the creation of the world out of nothing and humanity out of love; but above all it show itself in the Incarnation and Resurrection of his Son, in the gift of filial adoption and in the forgiveness of sins. For this reason, the Church directs her prayers to the “almighty and eternal God” (*“Omnipotens sempiterna Deus...”*).

School News



Mark Your Calendars! Our Men's Athletic Fund-raiser is Friday, February 1, 2019. Great food, raffles, poker & more! More details to come, but men over the age of 21 are welcome. Come out for a night of fun with family, friends & fellow parishioners!

High School News



AURORA CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
1255 N. Edgelawn Drive • Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 907-0095 • fax (630) 907-1076
www.auroracentral.com

Placement Exam
Saturday, December 15, 2018
or
Saturday, January 12, 2019

All 8th grade students are invited to take the Placement Exam at Aurora Central Catholic High School. Students are asked to arrive at 7:45 a.m. The exam will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 12:00 a.m. You may sign-up online at www.auroracentral.com/placementexam Exam fee: \$30.00

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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Marmion Academy

Entrance Exam at Marmion Academy

Marmion Academy, located at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora, is hosting an Entrance Exam for 8th grade boys on Saturday, January 12, 2019 beginning at 9:00 AM. This exam is for any 8th grade boy who was unable to take the Scholarship Qualifying Exam on Dec. 1, 2018. Students interested should register for the exam at <http://www.marmion.org/admissions>.

In addition to academic scholarships, Marmion Academy offers need-based assistance to families that qualify. Over \$722,500 in tuition assistance was awarded for the 2018-2019 school year. Contact the Office of Admissions at 630-897-6936 ext. 227 for additional information.

While students are taking the exam, parents are invited to join members of Marmion Academy's administration, faculty and staff for a continental breakfast and an informal Q&A beginning at 9:00 AM. Parents in attendance will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 tuition deposit voucher (valid for the 2019-2020 school year).

Marmion Academy, a Catholic-Benedictine college preparatory school for young men, is a community dedicated to spiritual formation, academic excellence and leadership development.

Religious Ed News

Mrs. Glosson's second grade class celebrated the Feast of St. Nicholas by hearing a story about St. Nicholas and the class received a small gift. The class has also been working on Advent activities and are busy learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. She is assisted by Caryl Riley and Niraj Abraham.

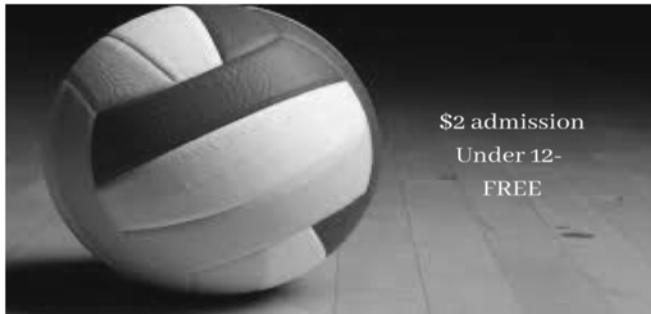


Ministers' Schedule

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| December 17-18 | 8:00am | A. Kalantzis M. Lambert | |
| December 19 | 8:45am | J. Schmidt W. Schwartz | |
| December 20-21 | 8:00am | A. Alanis P. Fitzgerald | |
| Saturday, December 22 | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers | Servers |
| 5:15pm | A. Helfer | Marmion B. Mattas J. Mattas D. Mutersbaugh | D. Tranchita A. Alanis |
| Sunday, December 23 | | | |
| 7:30am | E. Trowbridge | Marmion Deacon Mike T. Evans T. Theriault | Volunteers |
| 8:45am | B. Brouch | Marmion Deacon Dom G. Petitti C. Eversole | L. Garcia V. Garcia |
| 10:00am | B. Fox | Fr. Patrick K. Zinken J. Zinken A. Digate | E. Zinken B. Yager |
| 11:30am | M. Olivo | Fr. Patrick Deacon Ken A. Quintanilla K. Griffin | C. Drudi A. Kalantzis |

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR
THE GROVE OF FOX VALLEY**
K. Gay, J. Benoit

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
FOR THE HOMEBOUND**
M. A. Frantzen, M. Moon



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Under 12-
FREE

NEWMAN
CENTRAL HS
STERLING, IL
DEC 26
6:30 PM

PRIESTS/SEMS
VOLLEYBALL
&
BASKETBALL

MARIAN
CENTRAL HS
WOODSTOCK, IL
DEC 27
6:30 PM

**BOTH GAMES
BOTH NIGHTS**



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 17
6:30am †Jacques Toussaint
8:00am †The Poor Souls

Tuesday, December 18
6:30am †The Poor Souls
8:00am †The Poor Souls

Wednesday, December 19
6:30am †The Poor Souls
8:45am †Joseph Brummel by Arlene Bonifas

Thursday, December 20
6:30am †The Poor Souls
8:00am †The Poor Souls

Friday, December 21
6:30am †Phil Gette by The Family
8:00am †Diane Brummel by The Family

Saturday, December 22
8:00am †Pedro Chaidez by Leon & Gert Saros
5:15pm †Robert Schaffner by The Family
†Edward Peters by The Family

Sunday, December 23
7:30am †Ginger Salis by The Family
8:45am †Joan (Soris) Heriaud by Friends
10:00am †Tony Pattermann by The Family
The People of the Parish
11:30am †Marguerite Jones by Arlene Bonifas

Parish Office

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Parish Staff

Pastor.....Rev. Patrick Gillmeyer, OSB
Deacons...Rev. Mr. Mike Giblin, Rev. Mr. Domenic Petitti,
Rev. Mr. Kenneth Gay
Business Manager.....Mary Glosson
RE Secretary.....Chris Barrett
Cemetery Secretary.....Jane Cebulski
Religious Ed. Director.....Mark Fletcher
Director of Music.....Dick Gardner
Head Organist.....Bob Kresz

Annunciation BVM School

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Phone: 630-851-4300
Website: annunciationbvm.org
Principal.....Jennifer Wardynski
Administrative Assistant.....Patti Brouch
Maintenance.....Ron Springer

We Welcome You!

We welcome you to our parish and our community. If you would like to become a member of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, please contact the parish office 630-851-1436 to register. Adult children of current members are also encouraged to register.

Baptism:

Please contact the parish office to schedule. Normally baptisms take place on Sunday afternoons, after the last Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday.....4:00-4:45pm, or you may call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage:

The bride, groom, or either of their parents must be registered, contributing members of the parish. Weddings must be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. If there were any previous marriages that were not annulled by the Church, then it must be pointed out that the annulment process could take up to two years.

Anointing of the Sick:

Whenever someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dying, please contact the parish office immediately.

Communion for the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Adoration: Is normally celebrated on the first Friday of the month, after the 8:00 Mass, with Liturgy of the Word and Benediction at 4pm.

Bulletin Deadline:

If you would like something placed in the bulletin, please email the parish office by noon Monday at annunciationbvm-aurora@rockforddiocese.org.

Announcements:

Announcements are due in the church office by Thursday noon.

Catholic Men In The World Today:

Meets every Saturday morning at 6:30am in the Parish Patio. For information on who we are and what we do, please email us at annmensgroup@aol.com.

The Knights of Columbus Council 736: meets on the second Monday of the month at 8:00pm. For contact information and calendar of events, go to the council website at: knightsforcolumbusil.org/council736.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

If you are an adult who would like to be baptized; or was baptized in the Catholic Church as an infant, but did not receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation; or are interested in becoming Catholic; we would like you to consider our RCIA program. For more information, please contact Mary at 630-851-1436.

Mass Schedule (Unless Otherwise Announced or Stated Elsewhere):

Weekend:

Saturday: 5:15pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 8:45am, 10:00am, 11:30am

Weekdays (School in session):

M. T. Th. F.: 6:30am, 8:00am
Wed.: 8:45am
Sat.: 8:00am

Weekdays (School not in session):

Mass) M.—F.: 6:30am, 8:00am (Rosary prayed before 8:00am
Sat.: 8:00am

Holy Days of Obligation (School in session):

6:30am, 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm,
only on the Holy Day itself (Unless otherwise
announced or stated).

Holy Days of Obligation (School not in session):

6:30am, 8:00am, and 7:00pm,
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