

Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

The Holy Family of Jesus and The Epiphany of the Lord

December 30, 2018 and January 6, 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.



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FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route. We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Bring your concerns to Jesus in prayer
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAY
- January 4

Visit anytime from close of 8:00 a.m. Mass
until 4:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the Word and Benediction at 4:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond. (Pope Paul VI)*

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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On **Sunday, January 13**, after the 11:30 Mass all volunteers are welcome to help us take down the Christmas Environment and help put up Ordinary Time Environment. Just a friendly reminder that volunteers need to complete all Safe Environment forms.

Parish News & Events

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

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.

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

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

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

We pray for the **Repose of the Soul of Esther Hill**.



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 16 \$9,228.41



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My Brothers and Sisters, if you are reading this on December 30th, it is the Solemnity of the Holy Family, if you are reading this on January 6th, it is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. One week after the Epiphany, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, which officially ends the Christmas season (I am hoping that my reckoning of each of those dates was correct!) The Solemnity of the Epiphany utilizes one of my favorite hymns: "We Three Kings of Orient Are." This familiar hymn relates the story of the three wise men, and the gifts that they brought to our Lord; each King brought a specific gift, and the carol explains it beautifully:

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign...*

*Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship Him, God most high...*

*Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes of life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb...*

Each gift points to an aspect of Christ that we all recognize. The gold is offered, signifying His Kingship over all creation. The frankincense is offered, signifying His being God—back then, that would have been huge! Incense was only offered up to God, and to offer to the Christ child was, without a doubt, a nod to His divine nature. Finally, myrrh is offered, honoring the human nature of Christ, who was destined to suffer and die. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh, King, God, and Man, this is what we celebrate on this feast of our Lord. God became Man, to rule as King over all of creation. Indeed, we have much to celebrate.

Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, definitely guide us to that Perfect Light, who is Christ Jesus our Lord! Let us thank God for the gift of His beloved Son, and may He bring us all to everlasting life!

God bless you, and have a most blessed New Year!

By the way, in case you're wondering—and I'm sure you are—pitchers and catchers report in February!!!!!!

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.*

Annunciation School

Join us at Pockets on Thursday, January 17th for family dine out!
2933 Kirk Rd, Aurora
Mention Annunciation when ordering online or in store



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!



The next **Annunciation food collection weekend** is January 5th 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.

Vocation Corner

Fear makes us see things that don't exist. I remember when I was little every time I was into a dark room I began to see things that were not there. I was afraid of darkness, my mind worked so fast that I start seen ghost everywhere. In the present, sometimes when I go to an old empty building, and it is dark I am scare, fear makes me see things that does not exist. What I want to say is that the lack of knowledge leads to fear, so if there is fear and lack of knowledge, love is absent.

Some passages of the gospel talked about how the disciples don't always understand the things Jesus does. Others say that the disciples at the beginning did not recognize the risen Lord. That is why when they saw him walking on the water they thought it was a ghost. Fear, lack of knowledge, and therefore lack of love, make them blind to see reality. They believed Jesus was a ghost. Sometimes in our relationships with other people we may be afraid, we may see things that don't exist, we may imagine situations that don't even happened. Jesus is always inviting us to love, and to allow ourselves to be loved. So, we won't see thing that don't exist.

Likewise happens when trying to find our vocation. Am I called for priesthood? Is it marriage my call? If we don't recognize the risen Lord, if we don't accept his call, fear will take over us blocking any possibility of love. Let us open our mind to the knowledge of Jesus, so we can love him and answer his call.

"There is not fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear".

By Fr. Kyle Manno

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."

55. What is divine Providence?

Divine Providence consist in the dispositions with which God leads his creatures toward their ultimate end. God is sovereign Master of his own plan. To carry it out, however, he also makes use of the co-operation of his creatures. For God grants his creatures the dignity of acting on their own and of being causes for each other.

56. How do we collaborate with divine Providence.

While respecting our freedom, God ask us to cooperate with him and gives us the ability to do so through actions, prayers and sufferings, thus awakening in us the desire "to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

57. If God is omnipotent and provident, why then does evil exists?

To this question, as painful and mysterious as it is, only the *whole* of Christian faith can constitute a response. God is not in any way---directly or indirectly---the cause of evil. He illuminates the mystery of evil in his Son Jesus Christ who died and rose in order to vanquish that great moral evil, human sin, which is at the root of all other evil.

58. Why does God permit evil?

Faith gives us the certainty that God would not permit evil if he did not cause a good to come from that very evil. This was realized in a wondrous way by God in the death and resurrection of Christ. In fact, from the greatest of all moral evils (the murder of his Son) he has brought forth the greatest of all goods (the glorification of Christ and our redemption).

Rosary High School Entrance Exam
 January 5 at 8 am
 901 Edgelawn Drive, Aurora, Illinois
 Register online at www.rosaryhs.com/exam
 (630) 896-0831 x245

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>.

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 p.m. You may sign-up online at auroracentral.com/placementexam
Exam fee: \$30.00



We would like to invite more people to be Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to lessen the amount of times that people need to serve each month. It gets especially difficult to accommodate everyone's schedules during the holidays/spring break and summer trips. If we have more volunteers, it lessens the load on all. Please, prayerfully, consider joining this very important ministry. We also have a need for more Eucharistic Ministers for the homebound and the nursing homes. This may be a good fit for someone that doesn't feel comfortable in front of the whole parish, but would still like to help. Please call or email Mary Glosson at 630-851-1436 or mglosson@rockforddiocese.org if you would be interested in volunteering.

We will help you fill out your Safe Environment forms if you need help.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 31
No Morning Masses
 5:15pm No Intention

Tuesday, January 1-Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
 7:30am No Intention
 10:00am †Deacon Ray & Margaret Johnson by The Family

Wednesday, January 2
 6:30am No Intention
 8:00am No Intention

Thursday, January 3
 6:30am No Intention
 8:00am No Intention

Friday, January 4
 6:30am No Intention
 8:00am No Intention

Saturday, January 5
 8:00am No Intention
 5:15pm †Sylvia Wegman by Jack & Carole Glassford

Sunday, January 6
 7:30am †Don Nolde by Toni Nolde
 8:45am †Rick Cutlip by The Family
 10:00am †James Spoden (anniversary) by Rosanne Spoden
 11:30am †Maria Salinas by The Family
 The People of the Parish

Monday, January 7
 6:30am No Intention
 8:00am †Ann & Lawrence Hoffman by Don Modaff

Tuesday, January 8
 6:30am No Intention
 8:00am No Intention

Wednesday, January 9
 6:30am No Intention
 8:00am No Intention

Thursday, Thursday, January 10
 6:30am No Intention
 8:00am †Adolf & Elizabeth Wagner by The Family

Friday, January 11
 6:30am No Intention
 8:00am No Intention

Saturday, January 12
 8:00am No Intention
 5:15pm †Kenneth Sprott (anniversary) by The Family
 The People of the Parish

Sunday, January 13
 7:30am †Patricia Passaro by Friends
 8:45am †Mary Roesler by The Family
 10:00am †Adolf & Elizabeth Wagner by The Family
 11:30am †Dick Bonifas by Alden & Betty Killian

Monday, December 31-Mass of Anticipation for Mother of God			
5:15pm	J. Garofalo	Marmion Deacon Mike K. Wollwert M. Garofalo	E. Juriga P. Fitzgerald
Tuesday, January 1 Mother of God			
7:30am	T. Evans	Marmion Deacon Ken T. Nolde T. Theriault	M. Gay J. Gay
10:00am	M. Olivo	Fr. Patrick Deacon Dom G. Petitti A. Quintanilla	T. Litow W. Schwartz
Saturday, January 5	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:15pm	M. Garofalo	Fr. Patrick J. Garofalo B. Mattas J. Mattas	J. Seaton M. Kackert
Sunday, January 6			
7:30am	T. Evans	Fr. Patrick Deacon Ken T. Nolde F. Salis	M. Gay J. Gay
8:45am	B. Fox	Fr. Patrick Deacon Dom G. Petitti C. Griffiths	V. Garcia L. Garcia
10:00am	J. Faunce	Marmion P. Lynch S. Lynch R. Michuda	P. Frieders B. Yager
11:30am	J. Meyer	Marmion Deacon Mike T. Buonauro A. Quintanilla	A. Baloun O. Fleming
Saturday, January 12	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers
5:15pm	D. Frerich	Marmion Deacon Mike D. Mutersbaugh K. Griffin	W. Schwartz D. Tranchita
Sunday, January 13			
7:30am	E. Trowbridge	Marmion Deacon Dom G. Petitti T. Nolde	R. Nugent A. Nugent
8:45am	J. Hensley	Marmion M. Benrus J. Benrus J. Cheney	E. Hensley D. Domanus
10:00am	S. Hirner	Fr. Patrick A. Fata K. Zinken J. Zinken	J. Hirner C. Hirner
11:30am	M. Olivo	Fr. Patrick Deacon Ken (Preaching) A. Quintanilla T. Buonauro	N. Cibulskis A. Cibulskis

Sunday, January 6
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR
THE GROVE OF FOX VALLEY
 J. Hirner, J. Olivo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
FOR THE HOMEBOUND
 B. Jordan, E. O'Malley

Sunday, January 13
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR
THE GROVE OF FOX VALLEY
 A. Gette, A. Quintanilla, M. Benrus, J. Benrus

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
FOR THE HOMEBOUND
 M. A. Frantzen & M. Moon

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

1840 Church Road, Aurora, IL 60505
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.

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 8:00. For contact information and calendar of events, go to the council website at: knightsofcolumbusil.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):

M.—F.: 6:30am, 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,
only on the Holy Day itself (Unless otherwise announced or stated).