

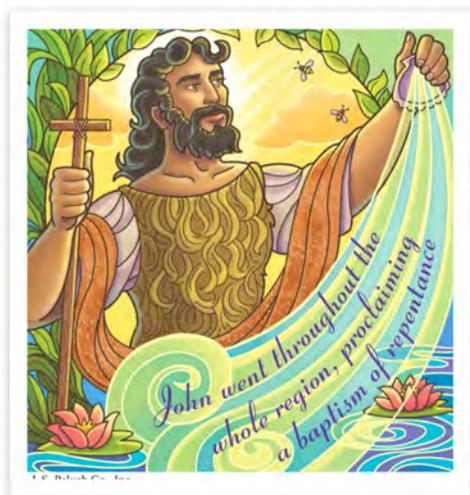
Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

- 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.



AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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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 23, information emailed by noon on Wednesday, December 12.

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:	International Human Rights Day
Tuesday:	St. Damasus I
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday:	St. Lucy
Friday:	St. John of the Cross

Parish News & Events

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

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

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

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.

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 2-\$12,199.25

Diocesan Appeal 2018-19

We would like to **thank everyone** who has supported the Diocesan Appeal. As you can see we still have a ways to go to meet our goal. If you would like to contribute to this Appeal, there are extra envelopes in the back of church and we ask because of the Christmas Season that all contributions for the Diocese to be in by Sunday, December 16. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.





My Brothers and Sisters, now that we have started the great season of Advent, perhaps it is a time to renew our commitment to a more healthy, and, perhaps, a more vigorous, spiritual life. I read in a book, once, which the book and author escape me, wherein the author said that we have to avoid the problem of spiritual senility. He meant that we should avoid spiritual fatigue and inactivity. In the Benedictine tradition, this could be known as “acedia,” (pronounced a-see-dee-a), a term which has a few meanings, but one apt meaning is “spiritual weariness.”

This author argued that when we lose our spiritual energy, our physical energy is also depleted. Perhaps, some of you have experienced this. Perhaps some of you realized that, whenever your life of prayer has been lacking, you find that laziness creeps in.

Another book whose title and author do not escape me, and which I am currently reading, is called “The Noonday Devil: Acedia, the Unnamed Evil of Our Times.” I have only started this book, but I can say that it is very interesting. The book was written by Abbot Jean-Charles Nault, the Abbot of the Abbey of Saint Wandrille, in France. The gist of this book is summed up nicely, on its back cover:

The noonday devil is the demon of acedia, the vice also known as sloth. The word “sloth,” however, can be misleading, for acedia is not laziness; in fact it can manifest as busyness or activism. Rather, acedia is a gloomy combination of weariness, sadness, and a lack of purposefulness. It robs a person of his capacity for joy and leaves him feeling empty, or void of meaning. Although its name harkens back to antiquity and the Middle Ages, and seems to have been largely forgotten, acedia is experienced by countless modern people who describe their condition as depression, melancholy, burn-out, or even mid-life crisis (The Noonday Devil: Acedia, the Unnamed Evil of Our Times, back cover).

My Brothers and Sisters, perhaps spiritual fatigue and inactivity are all part of this idea of acedia, the noonday devil. In any event, if you wish to commit yourself to a more healthy and vigorous spiritual life this Advent, then I highly recommend this book. Here's the link at Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Noonday-Devil-Acedia-Unnamed-Times/dp/158617939X>.

I pray that this Advent the Lord will find you watching and waiting, with a more intense spiritual mindedness!

God bless!

Fr. 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.*



Jesse Tree

During the season of advent please consider taking an envelope off of the Jesse Tree in the front of church. Inside you will find a name of a resident of The Fox Grove of Fox Valley on Farnsworth Ave. It will also contain a few suggestions of items that he/she would enjoy. You may take the present over to The Grove anytime before Christmas and spend a little time with the resident. If for some reason you are unable to drop it off yourself, place the item under the tree with the envelope attached. Please do not drop it off at the rectory, sacristy or any other place except for under the tree. If you have any questions feel free to call Mary Ann Frantzen 630 898-7339.



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.

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It's time for Annunciation's annual **Christmas TLC Cookie Event!** Please mark your calendars for **December 16, between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.** A "batch" of your delectable treats will be welcome on the **Parish Patio** at that time. Please place them in a disposable container.

We will then prepare them for distribution, and with assistance from volunteers, deliver them with Christmas love... to our parish family and parish friends. If you have names of parishioners that would appreciate some TLC, please let us know.

Thank you! See you on Sunday December 16! Any questions, or signing up to volunteer... please call! Mary Moon 630-892-8581 — Kathy Tentinger — Trish Theriault 630-236-1317.

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”

44. What is the central mystery of Christian faith and life?

The central mystery of Christian faith and life is the mystery of the Most Blessed Trinity. Christians are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

45. Can the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity be known by the light of human reason alone?

God has left some traces of his Trinitarian being in creation and in the Old Testament but his inmost being as the Holy Trinity is a mystery which is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of the Son of God and the sending of the Holy Spirit. This mystery was revealed by Jesus Christ and it is the source of all the other mysteries.

46. What did Jesus Christ reveal to us about the mystery of the Father?

Jesus Christ revealed to us that God is “Father,” not only insofar as he created the universe and mankind, but above all because he eternally generated in his bosom the Son who is his Word, “the radiance of the glory of God and the very stamp of his nature” (Hebrews 1:3).

47. Who is the Holy Spirit revealed to us by Jesus Christ?

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. He is God, one and equal with the Father and the Son. He “proceeds from the Father” (John 15:26) who is the principle without a principle and the origin of all trinitarian life. He proceeds also from the Son (*Filioque*) by the eternal Gift which the Father makes of him to the Son. Sent by the Father and the Incarnate Son, the Holy Spirit guides the Church “to know all truth” (John 16:13).

SCHOOL SPIRIT

TASTES GREAT

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Annunciation B.V.M. School. Come in to the **Chipotle at 2902 Kirk Road Unit 100** in Aurora on **Tuesday, December 11th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Please pick up a flyer in the back of church, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Annunciation B.V.M. School.

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

Many Thanks to my Annunciation Family!

As I make my way back behind the church organ and piano, a place I've loved since childhood, I want to express my deepest gratitude. Thanks to my family and friends for their love, prayers and support; expressed in words, cards and innumerable ways. A special thanks to Father Patrick and Mary Glosson for their constant support. Thank you to Dick Gardner and the Adult Choir, Pat Doctor and the Junior Choir and Amy Jurado and the Resurrection Choir for adapting to my absence. Thank you to Mark Spoden and Cathy Unruh, who along with Dick and Amy, were willing to change schedules and play extra masses to fill in for me. A special thank you to Mary Thompson, who beautifully filled in to provide accompaniment for both the Adult and Junior choirs. How fortunate to find such an accomplished musician willing to step in with little notice or prep time. Lastly, I'd like to thank all of you, my parish family, for your cards, well wishes and most importantly prayers. I could feel every thought and prayer. God is truly good, and I'm truly blessed to have such caring people in my life.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Bob Kresz



*** ANNUNCIATION PACK 316 ***

DECEMBER PACK MEETING: Cub Scout Pack 316 December Pack Meeting taking place Sunday, December 9th, 1:30pm in the Annunciation School Gym.

DECEMBER SERVICE OUTING: Pack 316 will be volunteering at Feed My Starving Children Saturday, December 15th 9:00 AM. Scouts should wear uniform shirts but not neckerchiefs and slides.

For more information, or to contact the Pack, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/annunciationpack316>



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!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistry, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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Ministers' Schedule

December 10-11	8:00am	B. Feltes A. McCarty	
December 12	8:45am	M. Gay J. Gay	
December 13-14	8:00am	J. Hirner C. Hirner	
Saturday, December 15	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers
5:15pm	J. Faunce	Fr. Patrick K. Zinken E. Zinken D. Mutersbaugh	E. Zinken B. Feltes
Sunday, December 16			
7:30am	M. Garofalo	Fr. Patrick Deacon Ken J. Garofalo F. Salis	M. Gay J. Gay
8:45am	J. Hensley	Fr. Patrick S. Phillippe M. Benrus J. Benrus	K. Phillippe E. Hensley
10:00am	S. Hirner	Marmion Deacon Mike A. Fata M. Lober	J. Hirner C. Hirner
11:30am	J. Meyer	Marmion Deacon Dom (Preaching) G. Petitti K. Griffin	J. Gatto P. Fitzgerald

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

B. Jordan & E. O'Malley



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
 Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,
 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;
 Lk 3:10-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 10
 6:30am †The Deceased Members of Gopher Club by the
 Gopher Club
 8:00am †John & Diane Modaff by Don Modaff

Tuesday, December 11
 6:30am †Jacques Toussaint
 8:00am †The Poor Souls

Wednesday, December 12
 6:30am †The Poor Souls
 8:45am †The Poor Souls

Thursday, December 13
 6:30am †The Poor Souls
 8:00am †The Living & Deceased Members of the Aloisio
 Family

Friday, December 14
 6:30am †The Poor Souls
 8:00am †Diane Brummel by The Family

Saturday, December 15
 8:00am †The Poor Souls by Tom Gallenbach
 5:15pm †Ray Heintz by The Heintz Family

Sunday, December 16
 7:30am †LaVergne Windett by The Family
 8:45am †Floyd Roesler & Agnes Cutlip by The Family
 10:00am †Shirley Hopp by Mary & Lee Evans
 11:30am † Marguerite Jones by Al & Marilee Bacchi
 The People of the Parish

Parish Office

1820 Church Road, Aurora, IL 60505
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Friday: 8:30-12:00.
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Facebook: facebook.com/annunciationbvmchurch

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.

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: 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):

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):

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