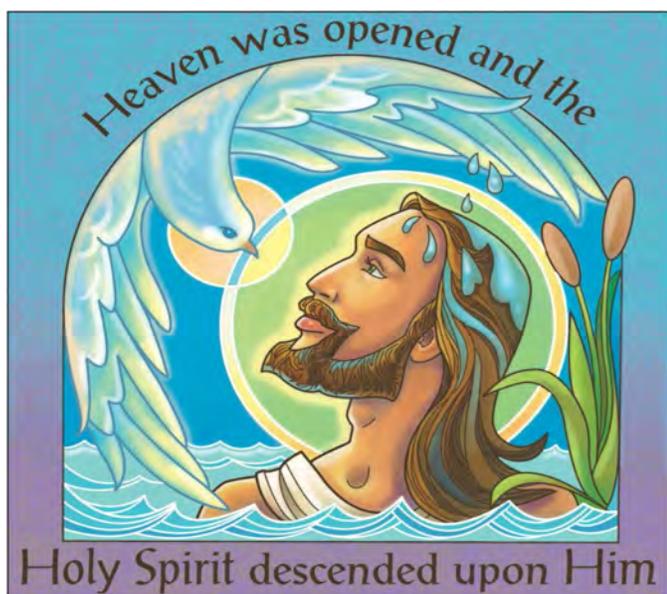


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
The Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019*

- 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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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.*

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104.*

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.*

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

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Thank you to the people who donated flowers in honor of their loved ones:

George Bohr, Marie Bohr, Evelyn Bohr & Donald Bohr
Ron Bonifas
Lillian & Dan Dalesio
The Frantzen & DeSotell Families
James Edwards
The Edwards Family
Stacy & Bill Frantzen
Julianne Gallo
Phil & Ann Gette
Tatjana S. Grogan & Peter S. Litow
Karen Heriaud
The Kaifesh Family
Tony Komm
The Malette Family
Al & John Olah
Courtney Oroni
Regnier & Bohr Families
Cal & Marge Smith
William Trentt
Weiler & Garofalo Families

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 Rippinger
Jacob Chilelli	Judy Mallon	Philip Rippinger
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	

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.

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 Ruth Homan.



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

We would like to thank all of you for your generous contributions this past year. If you are a registered member of the parish and donated you will receive a statement later this month. If you made contributions to the Diocese, the Diocese will mail a statement to donors. If there are any questions, please call Mary at the parish office.

Sunday, December 23—\$9,409.05
Christmas—\$21,927.00

December Eoffering EFT
\$3,617.350

Sunday, December 30-\$7,128.30

December We Share EFT
\$4,961.59

New Year's -\$2,079.00

We Share EFT Christmas \$425.00

Sunday, January 6-\$9,709.41



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday is the Baptism of the Lord. The day, for one, marks the end of the Christmas Season; it also marks the beginning of our Lord's public ministry. As soon as He entered into our baptism, by being baptized, He was led out into the desert; St. Mark says "driven!" There, our Lord entered into our temptation, as well. Once He came out of the desert, He started His public ministry. In Monday's Gospel, we will here the very first words that inaugurated His ministry: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." My Brothers and Sisters, it doesn't get any clearer than that; repent, and believe in the Gospel. He is preparing us to look forward to hearing those words, once again, in just a couple of months. On Ash Wednesday, those words will ring out again, preparing us for the great season of Lent! We should keep these words ever in our thoughts! Repent, and believe in the Gospel!

Since this Sunday marks the official end to the Christmas Season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity in giving of your time, talent and treasure always. Thanks to the Proclaimers of the Word, the Eucharistic Ministers, the Altar Servers, the Sacristans, the Ushers, the Musicians and the choirs, the Art & Environment volunteers, the collection Counters, my brother monks, and everyone who participated by coming to the Masses on Christmas; thank you so much for your enhancing our Christmas celebrations, and for being a part of our Annunciation Family.

As always, if you are interested in volunteering at Mass, in any capacity, please give Mary a call at the office.

My God bless all of you this new year, and may it be a joyous and prosperous one for all of you!

Father Patrick

P.S., don't forget; pitchers and catchers report in February!



*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.*



This month Annunciation BVM Parish will conduct its Baby Bottles for Life campaign to benefit, support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies. The funds collected through the Bottles for Life campaign support the programs and services of the Waterleaf Medical Clinic and Education and Resource Center located in Aurora.

Waterleaf provides practical help; pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment as well as continuing education and support for women in our community who would otherwise be at risk for choosing abortion. Last year with the support of churches like Annunciation, Waterleaf provided 977 clinic visits, performed 494 pregnancy tests, 556 ultrasounds and rescued 101 babies.

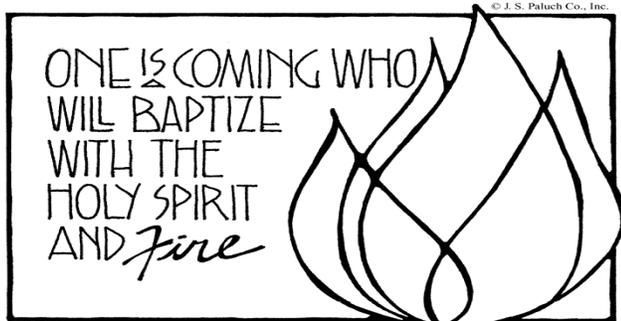
Baby bottles will be distributed to parishioners on the weekend Saturday, January 19th and Sunday, January 20th to take home and fill. Bottles can be returned to the parish at any of the Masses through Sunday, February 3th. Please pick up a Baby Bottle after Mass and fill it with your heartfelt financial donation. Please make checks payable to Waterleaf. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information call us at 630-701-6270 or visit us on the web at www.onechoiceonelife.org.

Christmas Cookie Thank You!

Thank You Annunciation! Once again all of our wonderful bakers delivered their finest Christmas cookies for our annual "TLC Christmas Event!" The lovely cookies were shared with our many parish friends and neighbors! After being carefully packaged in holiday decorated boxes by the enthusiastic volunteers, they were delivered by equally enthusiastic volunteers! Thank you for bringing a small part of the spirit of Christmas to the door of over 80 parishioners! See you next year!

And may God Bless you, the Bakers...the Boxers...and the Deliverers!

Kathy Tentinger Trish Theriault Mary Moon



Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Heaven and Earth

59. What did God create?

Sacred Scripture says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). The Church in her profession of faith proclaims that God is the Creator of everything, visible and invisible, of all spiritual and corporeal beings, that is of angles and of the visible world and, in a special way, man.

60. Who are the angels?

The angels are purely spiritual creatures, incorporeal, invisible, immortal, and personal beings endowed with intelligence, and will. They ceaselessly contemplate God face-to-face and they glorify him. They serve him and are his messengers in the accomplishment of his saving mission to all.

61. In what way are angels present in the life of the Church?

The Church joins with the angels in adoring God, invokes their assistance and commemorates some in her liturgy.

"Beside each believer stands an angel as a protector and shepherd leading him to life." (Saint Basil the Great)

62. What does Sacred Scripture teach about the creation of the visible world?

Through the account of the "six days" of creation Sacred Scripture teaches us the value of the created world and its purpose, namely, to praise God and to serve humanity. Every single thing owes its very existence to God from whom it receives its goodness and perfection, its proper laws and its proper place in the universe.

63. What is the place of the human person in creation?

The human person is the summit of visible creation in as much as he or she is created in the image and likeness of God.

School News

Annunciation School is the proud recipient of a **\$140,000 grant from the Dunham Fund Foundation** to remodel our current art room into a science lab/art room, increase the STEM components of our science curriculum, and create STEM after school and summer camp programs for our community. This generous award will enable our school to have a designated science lab for our students to engage in real world STEM problem solving to best prepare them for high school and beyond. This grant was co-written and presented to the Dunham Foundation by Annunciation parent and Education Commission member Erika Miller and our school principal Jennifer Wardynski.



Come see all that a Catholic education at Annunciation School can offer your child at our **OPEN HOUSE on January 27 from 12:00-2:00pm**. We offer a rigorous curriculum in a faith-based environment under the direction of fantastic teachers. Our school community really feels like a family! For information on our Open House or registration information, please contact the school office at (630) 851-4300.

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 Illinois **INVEST IN KIDS ACT** is designed to help you have a **CHOICE** for the best K-12 school for your child—including **Catholic Schools**

If your family qualifies for the Tax Credit Scholarship Program (according to federal guidelines), you could qualify for **50, 75 or 100% of necessary tuition and fees** to send your child(ren) to the Catholic school of your choice.

How do I apply? Step #1

The application is a two-step process. Click on the Empower Illinois Website (www.empowerillinois.org) and complete a brief online form with parent name, child(ren) name(s) and contact information beginning on **Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00pm**.

What happens after completing the online form? Step #2

An e-mail with instructions will be sent to those who completed the online application. Empower Illinois will begin awarding scholarships on **Monday, January 28th**. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first served basis until the scholarship money runs out. Therefore, it is recommended that all applicants register online as soon as possible on Tuesday, January 15th and complete the Empower Illinois Scholarship application before Monday, January 28th.

Additional information may be found at www.empowerillinois.org.

Junior High Honor Band at Marmion Academy

Marmion Academy, located at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora, will host the 19th annual Junior High Honor Band on Sunday, January 27, 2019. Check in is at 1:00 PM (enter through door #7) with rehearsal beginning at 1:30 PM. Pizza will be served to participants prior to the 5:45 PM concert which is open to the public. Parents are welcome to attend rehearsals, tour Marmion Academy's campus and visit with Marmion Academy and Rosary High School parents who will be on hand throughout the day.

The Junior High Honor Band at Marmion Academy is open to 6th-8th grade students proficient on a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. There is also an option for students who perform on upright string bass. 5th graders may participate with a note from their band director or private lesson instructor certifying his/her proficiency.

For additional information and to register, please visit marmion.org/honorband (please indicate on the registration form what part the student usually performs). There is a \$10 fee per student to cover the cost of pizza and sheet music. A confirmation email with a .pdf attachment of the music for the concert will be sent once the registration is complete. Attire, schedule and other details can be found on the registration site and will also be included in the confirmation email.

Students participating in the Junior High Honor Band will have the opportunity to work with Marmion and Rosary students during sectional rehearsals. Marmion Academy Band Director, Mr. René Rosas, will then rehearse the full band in preparation for 5:45 PM concert.

This is a great opportunity for students to meet musicians from other schools and have a fun musical experience! For any questions or comments please contact Mr. René Rosas at rosas@marmion.org.

Ministers' Schedule

January 14-15	8:00am	J. Schmidt A. McCarty	
January 16	8:45am	A. Kalantzis M. Lambert	
January 17-18	8:00am	L. Garcia P. Fitzgerald	
Saturday, January 19 Confirmation 10am, please by at church by 9:15	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers
10:00am	Students	Bishop Malloy Fr. Patrick Deacon Ken Deacon Dom	E. Zinken J. Gay C. Hirner R. Parsons
Saturday, January 19 5:15pm	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers
	D. Frerich	Marmion M. Garofalo J. Garofalo A. Helfer	I. Ortega G. Ortega
Sunday, January 20 7:30am	M. Franck	Fr. Patrick Deacon Ken T. Evans F. Salis	M. Gay J. Gay
8:45am	R. Piro	Fr. Patrick Deacon Dom (Preaching) G. Petitti T. Theriault	J. Schmidt B. Feltes
10:00am	J. Meyer	Marmion M. Lober J. Wardynski A. Fata	G. Wardynski M. Lambert
11:30am	J. Zolfo	Marmion M. Olivo T. Buonauro A. Quintanilla	J. Gatto C. Drudi

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

B. Klein, T. Gallenbach



Happy New Year! We are off to a good start. Annunciation's food collection for the Interfaith Food Pantry, this January, was 264#s. Thank you to all those who donated.

The next Annunciation food collection weekend is February 2nd and 3rd. Please bring your non-perishable donations to the bin at the back of the church. Also, please continue to check the dates on the items donated. Thank you so much for your continued support.

SELF-DISCIPLINE

The greatest of all warriors in the siege of Troy had not the preeminence because nature had given him strength and he carried the largest bow, but because self-discipline had taught him how to bend it.

—Daniel Webster

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 14

6:30am †Bud Bowen by Fr. Patrick
8:00am For the Intention of Tom Rosensteel by A. Seebeck

Tuesday, January 15

6:30am For the Intention of Johnny Sanders by A. Seebeck
8:00am †Elisabeth Schum (anniversary) by Her Daughter

Wednesday, January 16

6:30am For the Intention of A. B. by A. Seebeck
8:45am †Special Intention of Julie Lynch by Zaleski Family

Thursday, January 17

6:30am †Margaret Driscoll by Fr. Patrick
†Theresa Shakal by Fr. Patrick
8:00am The Christopher Inn Project by The Seebeck Family

Friday, January 18

6:30am †The Poor Souls
8:00am For the Intention of Jen, JP, Joe, Charlie & Maria Rosensteel by A. Seebeck

Saturday, January 19

8:00am †The Poor Souls
5:15pm †Jim Klein by The Family

Sunday, January 20

7:30am The Living & Deceased Members of the Aloisio Families
8:45am The People the Parish
10:00am †Eugene Driscoll by Fr. Patrick
11:30am †Catherine Nero by Joe & Debby Nero