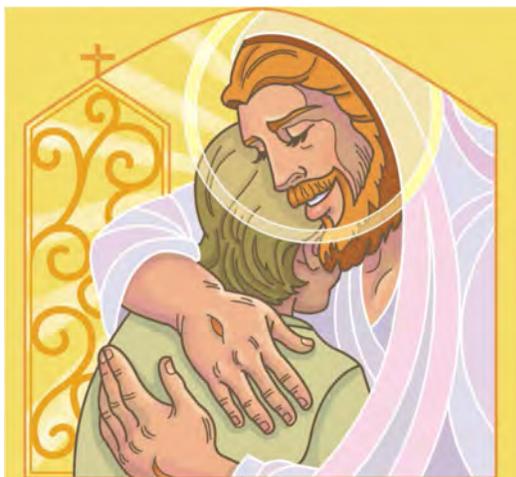


Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019

- 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.



Your reward will be great in heaven

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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BLESSED

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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Parish News & Events

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

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



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



Our **First Friday Adoration** is in need of some adorers. Please prayerfully consider: After 8:00am Mass, 9-10am, 10am-11am, 11am-12pm, 12pm-1pm, 1pm-2pm, 2pm-3pm, 3pm-4pm. We like to have at least two people per hour. To register for one of these time slots, please contact: Marilee Bacchi at 630.898.0560.

Stewardship



CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday, \$10,553.44

January (WeShare EFT) \$5,767.00

January (Eoffering EFT) \$2,046.66



My brothers and sisters,

Last week, I was up in Wisconsin for the annual Clergy Conference; it was held at the Abbey Resort, in Fontana-on-Geneva Lake, WI. If you ever want to “get away from it all,” check this place out; it is quite the place! Anyway, the conference was giving by the Bishop of Gary, Indiana, Bishop Donald J. Hying. He is originally from Wisconsin. The bishop gave some very good talks, and there was a lot of good things that he shared with the priests. One thing that I would like to share with you is his comments about confession; this is very appropriate, at this time, considering that Lent is just around the corner.

*The Bishop likened our being in a state of sin to that of a car whose front end is out of alignment. As we move along in life, and find ourselves in a state of sin, we are not traveling perfectly straight—veering to the left or to the right—because sin has misaligned us. When our **cars** become misaligned, we take them to an auto mechanic. When our **lives** become misaligned, because of our sins, we take our souls to the Divine Mechanic—the Bishop did not use that phrase, I did—and the Divine Mechanic—Jesus Christ—realigns our souls, so that we can straighten our lives out. I thought that this analogy was great. When we find ourselves drifting away from the “straight and narrow,” we can have recourse to the Divine Mechanic, who can tune up and realign our souls, so that we can once again move in a straight line!*

Just thought I'd share that with you.

God bless you!

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.*



Annunciation's February collection for the **Interfaith Food Pantry** was 202#s. We collected a little less than previous months...but I know the cold weather didn't help. Thank you to all those who faithfully donate.

The next Annunciation food collection weekend is March 2 and 3rd. 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.

Hesed House Workers-February 20

Gallenbach	Tom
Lydon	Tom & Donna
Medernach	Dan & Colleen
Medernach	Trent
Reddoch	Tammy
Shambaugh	Norm, Sue & Megan
Strong	Frank
Bakken	Jon

Pro Life News

"Irena" came to Waterleaf feeling confused as she was getting a lot of pressure to abort from the father of the baby as well as her family. She stated she was depressed and unsure but thought she may parent. Her caring advocate and medical team spoke to her about her options including the potential after-effects of abortion. She had an early ultrasound and agreed to return in a few weeks for a follow-up appointment and another chance to see her baby. Irena returned and felt much more confident in parenting after seeing the beautiful image of her baby on the screen and speaking again to the Waterleaf team!

Recently, Irena called us and excitedly shared the announcement of the birth of her beautiful baby girl. She stated "when I saw my daughter something alive rose inside of me and I remember the very first time I heard her heart beat at your location and started crying not knowing what I was going to do. Nine months later, I'm still in disbelief. Thank you for the counseling, thank you for the opportunity to hear her heartbeat for the very first time."

Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Creed

Chapter One: I Believe in God the Father

78. After the first sin, what did God do?

After the first sin the world was inundated with sin but God did not abandon man to the power of death. Rather he foretold in a mysterious way in the "Protoevangelium" (Genesis 3:15) that evil would be conquered and that man would be lifted up from his fall. This was the first proclamation of the Messiah and Redeemer. Therefore, the fall would be called in the future a "*happy fault*" because it "gained for us so great a Redeemer" (Liturgy of the Easter Vigil).

Chapter Two: I Believe in Jesus Christ the Only Son of God

79. What is the good news for humanity?

It is the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the "Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16), who died and rose from the dead. In the time of Emperor Caesar Augustus, God fulfilled the promises that he made to Abraham and his descendants. He sent "his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5)

80. How is the Good News spread?

From the very beginning the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Jesus Christ in order to lead all to faith in him. Even today, from the loving knowledge of Christ there springs up in the believer the desire to evangelize and catechize, that is to reveal in the Person of Christ the entire design of God and to put humanity in communion with him.

High School News

Congratulations to Juliana Roza, from Annunciation who made the high honor roll at St. Francis High School, Wheaton.

Aurora Central Catholic High School
1255 North Edgelawn Drive
Aurora, Illinois 60506
www.auroracentral.com

7th GRADE STEP-UP DAYS
TUESDAY, MARCH 5th, 2019
Or
TUESDAY, MARCH 19th, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

All 7th grade students are invited to participate in a 7th Grade Step-Up Day at Aurora Central Catholic High School. Step-Up Day is a unique experience for 7th grade students to interact with ACC students at a Student Panel, attend an all-school Mass and embark on their very own block schedule. While Aurora Area Catholic Grade Schools are invited as a class, students from Religious Education programs and Public Schools are encouraged to attend.

For more information or to register, please call Mackenzie Livingston at (630) 907-0095 ext. 109 or email mlivingston@auroracentral.com. Thank you!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents' Day
Thursday: St. Peter Damian
Friday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
Washington's Birthday
Saturday: St. Polycarp

Marywood Cemetery Rules and Regulations

March 1-15 and November 1-15 are used to clean up the grounds and prepare the cemetery for the spring and winter. All decorations will be removed and disposed of at this time. If you wish to save your decoration, please remove it before March 1 and before November 1. Please do not place any decorations during the clean up times. After November 1st, when the grass is not being cut, artificial wreaths no more than 30 inches in diameter placed on stands are permitted. No artificial flowers permitted from Nov 1 to March 1.

Planting beds of up to 18 inches are permitted directly in front of a raised family monument. Only potted or cut flowers are permitted on graves with flat monuments. Decorative stones and border edging are strictly prohibited. Woody perennials such as trees, bushes, or evergreens are not permitted. Permanent in-ground vases are not permitted. Evergreen blankets or grave coverings are not permitted because they damage the grass and encourage rodent populations. No planting of trees is permitted and all graves must be seeded in grass.

Decorations that do not conform to cemetery regulations will be removed by the caretakers.

We are not responsible for monuments, flat stones, flowers, shrubbery, pots, decorations, etc...

No shepherd hooks of any kind are permitted due to the danger they present to our mowing crew.

We encourage the placement of decorations and will try to be as careful as possible during our normal interment and maintenance activities. We regret that we cannot guarantee that all decorations will be free of damage or loss, and we cannot accept responsibility for these occurrences.

This Catholic Cemetery is a holy place and the grounds have been blessed by the Church and dedicated as a place of prayer and dignity for our faithful departed. Please maintain a quiet reverence and respect for the other people visiting the graves of loved ones.

Thank you
The Marywood Cemetery Committee

Other News and Events

Coming to St. Peter Church (1891 Kaneville Road, Geneva) for six performances, Friday March 15 through Sunday, March 17, is **Cross and Light!** Cross and Light is an international, critically acclaimed musical and video surround experience of Christ's Passion, Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. It's a baptism of the imagination! Performances are selling out! Buy your tickets today at crossandlight.com/stpeter or call (630) 232-0124, ext. 103.

"The Cross and Light's presentation of the greatest story ever told is perhaps the greatest presentation ever staged!" -Stanley H. Williams, Ph.D., Executive Producer SWC Films, Hollywood Script Consultant

"Unbelievable!" -Al Kresta, National Radio Host

"A 'Must See' Event!" -Monsignor Michael Bugarin of St. Joan of Arc in St. Clair Shores, MI

Ministers' Schedule

February 19	8:00am	A. Parsons R. Parsons	
February 20	8:45am	P. Frieders C. Drudi	
February 21-22	8:00am	A. Baloun K. Phillippe	
Saturday, February 23	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:15pm	J. Lipinski	Marmion J. Cheney B. Mattas J. Mattas	C. Drudi P. Fitzgerald
Sunday, February 24			
7:30am	M. Franck	Marmion Deacon Mike (Preaching) T. Evans S. Phillippe	K. Davis K. Phillippe
8:45am	J. Korso	Marmion Deacon Ken L. Bohr C. Eversole	R. Nugent A. Nugent
10:00am	S. Hirner	Fr. Patrick Deacon Dom G. Petitti A. Fata	J. Hirner C. Hirner
11:30am	M. Olivo	Fr. Patrick K. Griffin T. Buonauro A. Quintanilla	J. Gatto A. McCarty

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND
A. Gette, G. Petitti, D. Petitti



Spaghetti Dinner at St. George Church

St. George Church is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 5 to 7 PM in St. George's Hall, located at 667 Sheridan Street in Aurora. Take the night off from cooking and enjoy a delicious dinner with plentiful spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and desserts. Dinners are \$6.00 each or \$25 per family. Tickets are available at the door and carryout is available.

INSEPARABLE

Faith and works are like the light and heat to a candle; they cannot be separated.

—Anonymous

NONSENSE

A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest among us.

—Anonymous

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 18

6:30am †The Poor Souls

8:00am †The Poor Souls

Tuesday, February 19

6:30am †The Poor Souls

8:00am †Carol Glorioso by The Family

Wednesday, February 20

6:30am †Bernie Van Ham by The Konen Family

8:45am †The Poor Souls

Thursday, February 21

6:30am †The Poor Souls

8:00am †Theresia Komm (anniv.) by Anna Komm

Friday, February 22

6:30am †The Poor Souls

8:00am †Richard Bonifas (1st year anniv.) by His Wife, Arlene

Saturday, February 23

8:00am †Matt Wennes by His Wife

5:15pm †Mildred and John Anderson by The Heintz Family

Sunday, February 24

7:30am †Diane Moncrief by The Family

8:45am The People of the Parish

10:00am †Tony Komm by His Wife

11:30am †Laurie Kaput by Shirley Parr

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.

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):

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