

Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 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.

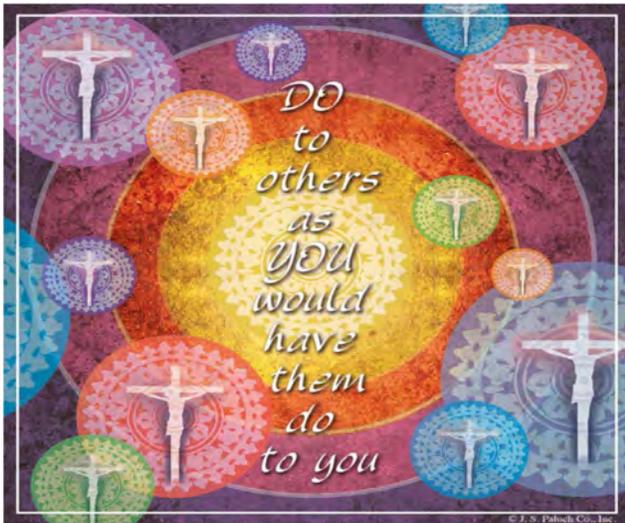


DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the “punch line” of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture's way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus' teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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Bring your concerns to Jesus in prayer

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAY- March 1

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)

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.

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.

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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, February 17 - \$7,792.18



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My brothers and sisters, I spoke last weekend about the tragedy that occurred a week ago, this past Friday. I wanted to take this opportunity to express gratitude for the men and women of Aurora's finest. Every day, these angels in blue go out of their way to make sure that we can go about our daily lives, safely and without incident. We are all eternally grateful for their efforts. We are also grateful for all of the EMTs, who responded to the events, we are grateful for the doctors and nurses, and anyone else involved, who all made an effort to bring about order in the midst of all the chaos. Let us never stop praying for these angels of mercy!

Let us also pray for those who have lost their lives that day; may they be welcomed into the Kingdom. Pray for the victims' families. Our prayers can help sustain them in their grief. Let us also pray for the perpetrator of this horrific act; the man was obviously troubled, and he and his family need our prayers, as well.

I mentioned in my homily last weekend that some people have asked, "Where was God in all of this? My brothers and sisters, the same question gets asked whenever any person or groups of people suddenly lose their lives in similar, tragic circumstances, and understandably so. Where was God? It's very easy to wonder where He is in the chaos. It's not easy to know, if we can't see Him physically. However, are we looking hard enough? Perhaps we aren't.

Where was God that day? Where was He in all that chaos? Well, I believe that He was there, the whole time. He was there in the first responders, who came, in force, and in number, ready to lay down their lives for people whom the first responders might have not even known. He was there in the EMTs, the doctors, and the nurses who worked selflessly to save the wounded.

He was there, in all of you, and all believers, who prayed for the victims, their families, and the emergency personnel. He was there, as He always will be, in every tragedy and every circumstance in our lives. He is always there, and He will never abandon us.

My brothers and sisters, please continue to pray for all those involved in the shooting, especially the victims and their families, and pray especially for an end to all violence and hatred. Pray for peace and calm in lives of God's creatures, and pray for His order in a world that can be very chaotic at times.

Thank you very much, and God bless all of 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.*



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.



Waterleaf would like to extend a heartfelt “THANK YOU” to the parishioners of Annunciation BVM for participating in this year’s Baby Bottle for Life fundraising campaign. As of February 14, 2019, Annunciation BVM Parish has raised \$3,375.18! Your support ensures that we can provide the material and emotional support necessary for men and women to choose life for their babies. Sometimes, just the simple fact that our doors are open and a woman visits us, rather than an abortion provider, is the difference between life and death. We greatly appreciate your support, and ask that you keep Waterleaf in your prayers. For information about Waterleaf and our programs and services, please contact us at 630-701-6270 or visit us on the web at www.onechoiceonelife.org.

Other News and Events

On Wednesday, March 13, RDCCW will honor Bishop Malloy and the Deanery Spiritual Advisers with a luncheon at the Brandywine Banquet and Event Center, 441 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL. Registration forms are available at your parish office or from your parish women’s president. Reservations are \$30 per person, deadline is Friday, March 1. For more information please call Sharon 815-389-4012 or Josie, 815-440-5374. Checks payable to RDCCW.

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.

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

ROSARY PUB NIGHT

Featuring the Irish Music of Switchback
Friday, March 1

6 pm doors open / 7 pm music begins

Food & Beverages Included

(Beer & wine also will be available)

Tickets \$25 adults/\$15 students

Rosary High School

901 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora

Sister Geraldine Kemper, OP

www.rosaryhs.com/switchback

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!

Women's Morning of Reflection

An invitation for women - please join us for a Morning of Reflection to prepare our hearts and souls for Lent.

Saturday, March 9

8:45 am – 11:30 am

St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Sugar Grove

We will begin the morning with a tasty continental Breakfast and fellowship in the Narthex. Our program will begin at 9:15 am with prayer, music and Scriptures. Our theme this year is "Temptation", and three ladies will share their experiences with temptation and ways to strengthen self-control. We have a special Lenten Tool Kit for each attendee. Registration will take place the weekends of February 16/17 and 23/24. The event is free, but please contact Jodi Traub at 630-882-9000 or rtjltraub@gmail.com if you want to attend.

Ministers' Schedule

February 25-26	8:00am	I. Roskuszka M. Kackert	
February 27	8:45am	W. Schwartz J. Seaton	
February 28-March 1	8:00am	J. Gatto B. Feltes	
Saturday, March 2	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:15pm	A. Helfer	Fr. Patrick B. Mattas J. Mattas K. Griffin	J. Schmidt O. Fleming A. Quattrocchi
Sunday, March 3			
7:30am	M. Franck	Fr. Patrick Deacon Ken T. Evans C. Griffiths	M. Gay J. Gay
8:45am	B. Brouch	Fr. Patrick R. Michuda J. Dodson J. Cheney	V. Garcia L. Garcia R. Hren
10:00am	S. Hirner	Marmion Deacon Mike P. Lynch S. Lynch	J. Hirner C. Hirner
11:30am	J. Meyer	Marmion Deacon Dom G. Petitti T. Buonauro	D. Tranchita A. Baloun

<p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE GROVE OF FOX VALLEY J. Hirner, J. Olivo</p> <p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND B. Jordan, E. O'Malley</p>	<p>MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p>Monday, February 25 6:30am †The Poor Souls 8:00am †Sarah Pitz by M. Pitz</p> <p>Tuesday, February 26 6:30am †The Poor Souls 8:00am †Carol Klein by Her Family</p> <p>Wednesday, February 27 6:30am †Karen Heriaud by Her Family 8:45am †The Poor Souls</p> <p>Thursday, February 28 6:30am †The Poor Souls 8:00am †Carole Glassford by Joan Kluber</p> <p>Friday, March 1 6:30am †Jerome & Joe Van Ham by the Konen Family 8:00am †The Poor Souls</p> <p>Saturday, March 2 8:00am †Carole Nagel by Mark & Mary Nagel 5:15pm †Tony Aloisio by His Family The Living & Deceased Members of the Seppell Family</p> <p>Sunday, March 3 7:30am †Joan Harms by Her Family 8:45am †The People of the Parish 10:00am †Mary Sadowski by Her Family 11:30am †Frank & Evelyn Poss by Joan Jansz & Pat Poss</p>
<p><i>Why are you here? Where are you going? How will you get there? . . .</i> These important questions will be answered, your spirit uplifted, and your relationship with God and neighbor will be supercharged if you attend <i>"God Is! A One Day Journey Closer to God"</i> on March 2 at St. Rita of Cascia in Aurora. During this day of Spiritual Renewal, you'll hear the Good News proclaimed in a personal and compelling way; you will come to learn more about and better embrace the Sacraments; and you will grower closer to God and your fellow Knights of Columbus. All men 18 years and older, whether a Knight or not are invited to attend.</p> <p>The day will begin with a continental breakfast at 7:30AM and concludes with Saturday evening Mass at 4:30PM. Family members are welcome to join you for Mass.</p> <p>The suggested donation for this day is \$20.00. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Contact Don Walter 630.770.3778 don.walter@comcast.net to register or to obtain further information.</p>	

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: 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):

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