

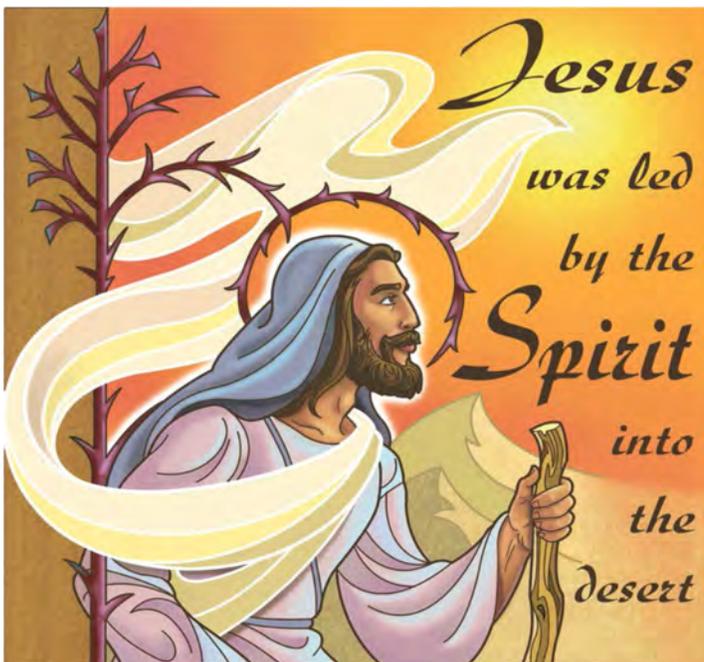
Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 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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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday
Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
Friday: Abstinence

Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence and Good Friday, April 19 is a day of fast and abstinence. **FASTING** is to be observed by all, 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. **Abstinence** is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

Weekday Masses are M-F at 6:30am and 8:00am and when school is in session, Wednesday at 8:45am.

Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 7:00pm in the church.

Vespers are on Sunday evenings at 6:10pm in the church.

Holy Thursday, Mass is at 7pm.

Good Friday Service is at 3pm; Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

Holy Saturday, 7:30pm.

Early bulletin deadlines: Information for the April 14 bulletin is due in the parish office by Wednesday, April 3. Information for the April 21 bulletin is due in the parish office by Wednesday, April 10.

The **parish office will be closed** from Thursday April 18-Monday, April 22.

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.

I want to **thank everybody** for your generous donations to help my Rosary sisters and I go on our mission trip this summer.

Izabella Kalantzis

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



Thank you for your generosity.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, February 24—\$10,472.12

February Eoffering—\$3,416.66

February WeShare—\$4,604.00



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Ending Perfectionism in Lent

There is this thing. And this thing prohibits growth. Because this thing thinks that if I am going to do something at all, then I have to do it properly, poignantly, and perfectly without question, every time. This thing is Perfectionism and it is time for it to die. But get this, we won't and we can't be perfect in killing it off, one fell swoop...the way we kill it is by making mistakes. GASP. And then learning from them. GASP again.

Look we just entered the season of Lent. We have made what feels like another set of New Years resolutions and if we “fail” at them, we can sometimes find that we quit; we give up because “well, we failed, better luck next year.” We fall into this perfectionist ideology. But to fall into defeat would be below our dignity. It would also be exactly contrary to what this season is about. Lent is a journey. And if you have read any true hero's journey you will know and be okay with the notion that on a journey, I do not know what lies before me, I just have to make the next best decision that I can make. And if I find that I make a mistake on my journey, then I get up, brush off, LEARN FROM THE MISTAKE and then move on. No need to quit because it got too hard. This season is not about doing the hardest thing possible to prove to yourself or others that you can do it, it is about making a sacrifice, and if I have to re-adjust my penance somewhere between week one and week five, then thanks be to God that we are learning that it is okay to not perfectly “do” this journey.

By: Fr. Kyle Manno



My Brothers and Sisters,

We are now in the great season of Lent. We have entered, once again, into our annual time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The Apostle, in his letter to the Corinthians, implores us, "In Christ's name, be reconciled to God." It is in this way that we turn to the Lord. By doing so, we allow God's grace to renew us and strengthen our relationship with Him. After all, our relationship with God is the most important relationship in our lives. Yet, there are times when we turn from Him in so many ways, through neglect, through anxiety, through lack of charity, and, most of all, through too much self-concern.

During this holy season of Lent, let us put aside self; let us turn to the Father who loves us and who is eager for us to have abundant lives, and let us pray, "A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me."

I pray that this Lent be a very fruitful one for you, and that you grow evermore closer to the God who loves us all!

Father Patrick

On a completely different note, Manny Juarez, who so diligently cares for our cemetery, is also now employed in the parish, fulltime, as our new "overseer" of our parish and school buildings and grounds. Manny's two children are Annunciation alumni, and Manny formerly worked at Marmion Academy. Manny is here to make sure—with the help of the Building and Grounds Committee—that the building and grounds are all in good shape, and look good. If you happen to see anything out of the ordinary, or that needs attention/repair in the church or on the grounds, please contact Manny at 630.538.2368. This number appears on the info page—along with his email address—in this bulletin, and all subsequent bulletins.

*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.*

Pro Life News

URGENT: Your help is needed in Springfield to stop abortion-expansion in Illinois!

Several extreme abortion-expansion bills have been introduced in the Illinois General Assembly, and your help is needed to stop them! If passed, these bills would repeal the state's ban on partial birth abortions, define abortion as a fundamental right, remove abortion clinics from regulations for serious medical procedures, remove the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions, and repeal the current Parental Notification Law, among other things. We must make our voices heard and you can make a difference!

There is an urgent need to meet with legislators in Springfield to personally ask them to "Vote NO" on these bills. The Catholic Conference of Illinois will provide a training session prior to meeting with our legislatures. Please join us and others from throughout the Diocese of Rockford on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Your help is needed! Visit www.rockforddiocese.org/life for more details and to sign up online. Questions? Contact the Life & Family Evangelization Office at life@rockforddiocese.org or (815) 399-4300. Additionally, please visit www.ilcatholic.org to explore other ways you can voice opposition to these bills.

Men's & Women's Weekend Retreat:

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

March 22-24, 2019

Retreat Master:

Mary McKeon with Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ
an Ignatian, Silent Retreat for Men & Women

420 W County Line Rd • Barrington, IL 60010 • 847-381-1261

www.JesuitRetreat.org

Come and See the Sisters of Providence

Where is God calling you? Are you a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18 and 42? The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, invite you to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods for a Come and See Retreat. The retreat begins at 7 p.m., April 12, and concludes at 2 p.m., April 14. Explore where God is calling you. Learn what life is like as a Sister of Providence. Meet the newest sisters in the Congregation. Get to know more about foundress Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, and spend time in prayer and reflection. Register online at ComeandSee.SistersofProvidence.org or contact Sister Editha Ben at 812-230-4771 or eben@spsmw.org.

Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Creed: "And in Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord"

84. What is the meaning of the title "Lord"?

In the Bible this title regularly designates God as Sovereign. Jesus ascribed this title to himself and revealed his divine sovereignty by his power over nature, over demons, over sin, and over death, above all by his Resurrection. The first Christian creeds proclaimed that the power, the honor, and the glory that are due to God the Father also belong to Jesus: God "has given him the name which is above every other name" (Philippians 2:9). He is the Lord of the world and of history, the only One to whom we must completely submit our personal freedom.

"Jesus Christ Was Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit, and Was Born of the Virgin Mary"

85. Why did the Son of God become man?

For us men and our salvation, the Son of God became incarnate in the womb of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. He did so to reconcile us sinners with God, to have us learn of God's infinite love, to be our model of holiness and to make us "partakers of the divine nature" (2Peter 1:4).

86. What does the word "Incarnation" mean?

The Church calls the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in the one divine Person of the Word the "Incarnation." To bring about our salvation the Son of God was made "flesh" (John 1:14) and became truly man. Faith in the Incarnation is a distinctive sign of the Christian faith.

87. In what way is Jesus Christ true God and true man?

Jesus is inseparably true God and true man in the unity of his divine Person. As the Son of God, who is "begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father," he was made true man, our brother, without ceasing to be God, our Lord.

School News



Join us at **Chili's** on Orchard Road any time between **March 21st and April 4th** and 15% of all sales will benefit Annunciation!!!

All you need to do is take the voucher with you or show on your phone!

Feel free to pass out the vouchers to your friends and family and let's make this the best one yet!

Thank you for your continued support!

Chili Fliers are in the back of church.



Lenten Fish Fry at Marmion Academy

Marmion Academy's Fishing Team is having its annual Lenten Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday,

March 15, 2019 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Drive through pick up only at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora. Each meal is \$12 and includes 3 pieces of Sgt. Dotson's Famous Fried Catfish, French fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and a dinner roll. Meals must be purchased before March 14 at marmion.org/fishfry. All proceeds benefit Marmion's Fishing Team.

7th Grade Explore Day at Marmion Academy

Boys in 7th grade are welcome to attend one of Marmion Academy's Explore Days. This is an informational program (for students only) that provides an opportunity to experience a small slice of high school life. The 2019 Explore Days are Friday, March 22, 2019 or Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

This program includes overviews on spiritual development, academic excellence, athletic participation and two leadership-building forums. There will also be several collaborative learning opportunities with a hands-on digital design demo in the Computer Center, presentations showcasing our students doing real world engineering projects with a computational STEM learning focus in the CPARC and Engineering Center, and an anatomy dissection in the Biology Lab.

Drop off is between 7:45-8:15 AM at Marmion Academy's Battaglia Administrative Center Lobby (door #1), 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora. The program will start at 8:25 AM and pick up is at 10:30 AM in the same area.

For more information or to register, please contact Marmion's Admissions Office 630-897-6936, ext. 227.

High School News

Aurora Central Catholic High School

1255 North Edgelawn Drive

Aurora, Illinois 60506

www.auroracentral.com

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 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!



**ROSARY
HIGH SCHOOL**

A Catholic, College-Prep High School for Young Women

EXPLORE DAYS

For Seventh Grade Girls

March 16 or April 18

8:15 to 10:30 am

www.rosaryhs.com/explore

901 N. Edgelawn Drive | Aurora, IL | 60506

630-896-0831 | www.rosaryhs.com

Middle School Poetry Contest at Marmion Academy

All 6th-8th grade writers are encouraged to submit an original piece of poetry for Marmion Academy's 2019 Middle School Poetry Contest. Winning entries will receive prizes and be published in Marmion's annual Literary Magazine. The deadline is March 29, 2019. Please visit www.marmion.org/poetry for details.

Ministers and Servers Schedule

March 11-12	8:00am	G. Wardynski P. Fitzgerald
March 13	8:45am	A. Baloun K. Phillippe
March 14-15	8:00am	A. Alanis A. Baloun
Saturday, March 16		
5:15pm	A. Helfer	Fr. Patrick Deacon Ken K. Zinken J. Zinken
Sunday, March 17		
7:30am	T. Evans	Fr. Patrick D. Petitti (Preaching) G. Petitti S. Phillippe
8:45am	J. Korso	Fr. Patrick C. Shroka L. Bohr C. Eversole
10:00am	S. Hirner	Marmion M. Lober P. Lynch S. Lynch
11:30am	M. Olivo	Marmion Deacon Mike T. Buonauro A. Quintanilla

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

B. Klein, T. Gallenbach

Part Time Secretary/ Receptionist

Our Lady of Good Counsel (615 Talma St. Aurora, IL) is seeking a part-time (approx. 24 hrs. /wk.) secretary/receptionist for the parish office.

Must be a practicing Catholic with experience working in an office environment.

Professional phone skills are necessary. A familiarity with Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher and an ability to learn Parish Data Systems software is required.

Bilingual preferred.

If interested please email resume to Fr. Timothy at

fr.t.mulcahey@gmail.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 11

6:30am †The Poor Souls

8:00am †Carole Glassford by Joan Kluber

Tuesday, March 12

6:30am †The Poor Souls

8:00am †The Poor Souls

Wednesday, March 13

6:30am †The Poor Souls

8:45am †The Poor Souls

Thursday, March 14

6:30am †Don Nolde by Angela Hauert

8:00am †The Poor Souls

Friday, March 15

6:30am †Phil Gette by Ann Gette

8:00am †The Poor Souls

Saturday, March 16

8:00am †Joe Groom by Mark & Mary Spoden

5:15pm †Connie & Clayton Heintz by The Heintz Family

Sunday, March 17

7:30am †LaVergne Windett by The Family

8:45am †Rick Cutlip by The Family

10:00am The People of the Parish

11:30am †Ruth Homan by Phil & Jan Rippinger

Parish Office

1820 Church Road, Aurora, IL 60505
Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-12:00 and 1:00-4:00pm;
Friday: 8:30-12:00.
Phone: 630-851-1436
Fax: 630-851-2435
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pgillmeyer@rockforddiocese.org
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mfletcher@rockforddiocese.org
Website: annunciationchurchbvm.org
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
Parish Maintenance.....Manny Juarez
Email: mjuarez@marmion.org, Cell: 630.538.2368

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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