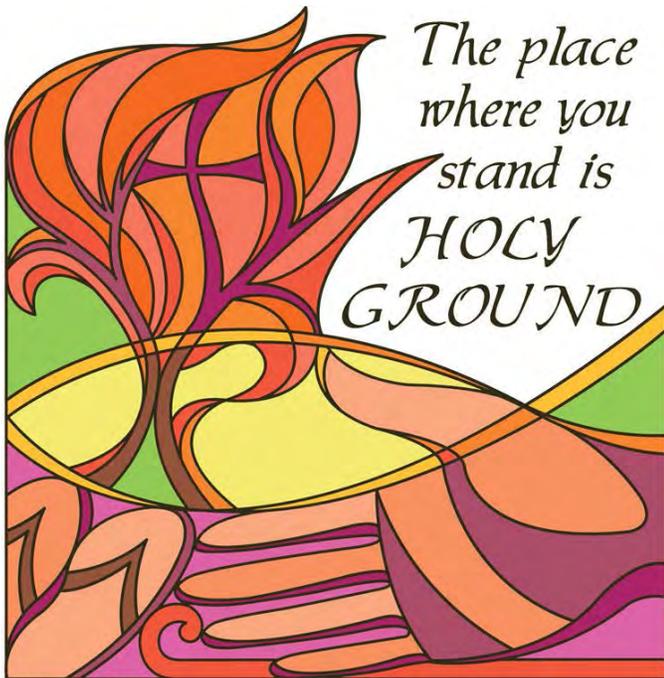


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019*

~ 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.



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On **Monday, March 25**, the Feast of The **Annunciation of the Lord**, the **All School Mass** will be at 8:45 on Monday and not on Wednesday. Wednesday's second Mass will be at 8:00am.



The Knights of Columbus will host an **all you can eat pasta night on Saturday, March 30th** from 5:30-7:30, at Annunciation School gym. Featuring all you can eat pasta, salad and desserts. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. The Knights would love to see all families come and enjoy dinner out. All proceeds benefit Camp Rock campers and counselors.

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.

Confessions are on Saturday at 4pm or by appointment. **Parish Penance Service:** Wednesday, March 27 from 7-8:30pm

Be Reconciled is on Wednesday, April 10 from **10:00-11:30am; 1:30-3:30pm** and from **6:30-8:30pm**

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.

Easter Sunday: 7:30am, 8:45am, 10:00am and 11:30am.

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.

We pray for the **Repose of the Soul** of: **Clarence Roth**.

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, March 17- \$7,689.49

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Lord tells us today, “If you do not repent, you will all perish!” These seem like some harsh words coming from the Divine Physician of Souls; what happened to the loving, merciful, and forgiving Savior? His words seem rather harsh, and not loving, merciful, and forgiving! Nevertheless, He said the words; so, we must take them to heart. Why, because it’s true!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is quite clear on the matter, in 1035: “The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death, the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, ‘eternal fire.’ The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.”

Why has the Church taught—and continues to teach—this? Our Lord was quite clear on the matter; today’s Gospel is a prime example of this, as are many other passages of the Gospels; confer John 8:34, Matthew 7:3, Luke 6:45, Mark 7:20-23, Luke 12:3, and John 8:11. Jesus hated sin! Mind you, not the sinner, but sin. Therefore, we must do everything in our power to avoid sin. However, because of our darkened intellects and weakened wills, it’s very difficult, at times, to lead completely sinless lives. Nevertheless, there is hope; there is something that you can do that is so simple, and so soul-altering, if you find yourself in the state of sin—especially mortal sin—the Sacrament of Divine Mercy!

Since we are in the great season of Lent, I encourage you to take advantage of this soul-cleansing sacrament. There are ample times to go. As usual, we have Saturday evening confessions at 4:00pm to 4:45pm. We will have a parish penance service on Wednesday, March 27th, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. I also will be hearing confessions on the April 10th—the diocesan-wide Be Reconciled day—from 10:00am to 11:30pm, 1:30pm to 3:30pm, and 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Other parishes will be offering to hear confessions that day, too. Moreover, you can always call the parish office to schedule an appointment to go to confession.

My Brothers and Sisters, if you find yourself in one serious need of confession, please take advantage of what is being offered. If you don’t have a serious need to go to confession, then thank God!

As always, God bless you,

Father 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 April 6th and 7th. Please mark your calendars and 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.

Other News and Events

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE
25th TOTALLY YOURS MARIAN CONFERENCE

APRIL 6-7, 2019

PHEASANT RUN RESORT - 'MEGA' CENTER
4051 E. Main Street (North Ave)
St. Charles, IL 60174

with

BISHOP JOY ALAPPATT
FR. UBALD RUGIRANGOGA (Healing Services on both days)
FR. RICK WENDELL - FR. JOSEPH JACOBSON
SUSAN TASSONE - DR. THEODORE HOMA - FR. CHARLES BECKER
FR. ANIELLO SALICONE & MORE!

SIGN UP FOR SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR BOTH DAYS

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND THAT WILL
SPIRITUALLY UPLIFT AND INSPIRE YOU TO
THE TREASURES OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH WITH DYNAMIC SPEAKERS,
MASS, HEALING SERVICES, MUSIC MINISTRY AND
SO MUCH MORE!!

CALL TODAY TO REGISTER AT 630 279 8424 - ONLINE: www.med1f.com

MID-LENT CHECK-IN

God says to Moses, “This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you . . . The LORD, the God of your [ancestors], the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:14, 15). As Jesus would later say, God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, and so we believe that the dead will one day rise. At this midpoint of Lent, we pause to consider how our repentance is leading us to the Resurrection, to our reunion with the great “I AM.” Part of our repentance involves working to secure justice for all and helping our neighbor to live in God’s ways. We encourage each other and nurture each other, like the compassionate gardener of today’s Gospel, who tells the owner of the orchard that he will nurture the tree, fertilize it, and perhaps it will bear fruit.

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Repent,
the
kingdom
of
heaven
is
at hand



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Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Creed: Chapter Two

I Believe in Jesus Christ the Only Begotten Son of God

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

91. How did the two wills of the incarnate Word cooperate?

Jesus had a divine will and a human will. In his earthly life the Son of God humanly willed all that he had divinely decided with the Father and the Holy Spirit for our Salvation. The human will of Christ followed without opposition or reluctance the divine will or, in other words, it was subjected to it.

92. Did Christ have a true human body?

Christ assumed a true human body by means of which the invisible God became visible. This is the reason why Christ can be represented and venerated in sacred images.

93. What does the heart of Jesus exemplify?

Jesus knew us and loved us with a human heart. His Heart, pierced for our salvation, is the symbol of that infinite love with which he loves the Father and each one of us.

94. What is the meaning of the expression “conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.....”?

The expression means that the Virgin Mary conceived the eternal Son in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit without cooperation of a man. The angel told her at the Annunciation that “the Holy Spirit will come upon you” (Luke 1:35).

School News

Annunciation's newly formed **Service Club** has been off to a roaring start this year. Approximately 40 junior high students joined this new club led by Mrs. Chris Eversole and have participated in a variety of service opportunities. The Service Club has offered babysitting to our school families, delivered Christmas cookies to our parishioners, delivered Christmas trees for Britany's Trees, caroled at The Grove, and, most recently, made valentines and cookies for the residents of Fox Knoll. The activities director of Fox Knoll was so impressed with our students and how well they interacted with the residents. Upcoming plans include a trip to Feed My Starving Children and making cards for cancer patients. Kudos to these students who so willingly serve God by serving others!

Annunciation School will hold an **OPEN HOUSE** for prospective families on **Thursday, March 28 from 9:00 - 11:00am OR 6:00 - 7:00pm**. Come see what a Catholic education can do for your child



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.

High School News



**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

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.

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.

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 marmion.org/poetry for details



The **Camp Rock** Fundraising Group will be hosting a **Bake Sale** after all masses on April 6th and April 7th. All proceeds will benefit all 6th, 7th and 8th graders and Annunciation counselors who attend camp this summer. Thank you in advance for your support!

Ministers' Schedule

March 25-26	(Mon.) 8:45am (Tues.) 8:00am	C. Blackwell P. Frieders	
March 27	8:00am	N. Cibulskis A. Cibulskis	
March 28-March 29	8:00am	J. Gatto B. Feltes	
Saturday, March 30	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:15pm	A. Helfer	Fr. Patrick Deacon Mike (Preaching) K. Zinken J. Zinken	E. Zinken J. Seaton S. Sanchez
Sunday, March 31			
7:30am	M. Franck	Fr. Patrick Deacon Ken T. Evans F. Salis	K. Davis M. Gay
8:45am	J. Lipinski	Fr. Patrick Deacon Dom G. Petitti S. Phillippe	A. Kalantzis K. Phillippe
10:00am	S. Hirner	Marmion P. Lynch S. Lynch J. Dodson	J. Hirner C. Hirner
11:30am	M. Olivo	Marmion R. Michuda T. Buonauro A. Quintanilla	D. Hefke V. Hefke

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR
THE GROVE OF FOX VALLEY**
J. Hirner, J. Olivo

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
FOR THE HOMEBOUND**
B. Jordan, E. O'Malley

STRENGTH TO SPLIT ROCKS

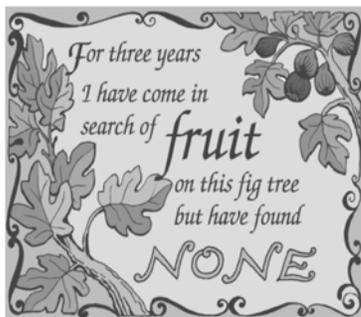
Do you know that oftentimes a root has split a rock,
when suffered to remain in it? Give no judgment to the
seed of evil, seeing that it will break up your faith.
—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

HURDLING

God's grace within me and God's strength behind me
can overcome any hurdle ahead of me.
—Anonymous

SPRINGTIME

Came the Spring with all its splendor
All its birds and all its blossoms
All its flowers, and leaves, and grasses.
—Longfellow, *Hiawatha*



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 25
6:30am †Barbara Dax
8:45am No Mass Intention

Tuesday, March 26
6:30am No Mass Intention
8:00am †Joseph & Elizabeth Meirus

Wednesday, March 27
6:30am No Mass Intention
8:00am †Robert Napierkowski by A Friend

Thursday, March 28
6:30am †Fr. John Kanzlitter
8:00am No Mass Intention

Friday, March 29
6:30am No Mass Intention
8:00am †Carole Glassford by Marilee Seppell

Saturday, March 30
8:00am No Mass Intention
5:15pm †Henrietta Calpin by D. Denney
†Terry Benoit by His Wife

Sunday, March 31
7:30am †LaVergne Windett by The Family
8:45am The People of the Parish
10:00am †George & Mary Nester by Ida Rhea
11:30am The People of the Parish

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.
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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
Facilities Manager.....Manny Juarez
Email: mjuarez@rockforddiocese.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: 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):

6:30am, 8:00am, and 7:00pm,
only on the Holy Day itself (Unless otherwise
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