

*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Catholic Church  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 31, 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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**GOD FORGIVES**

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshiping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The "take-away" for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love.

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Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. Help Annunciation parish enter more deeply into this serving act of love by volunteering to have your feet washed this Lent on Holy Thursday. Prayerfully consider being a part of this sacred ritual and dramatization of Eucharistic love. For more information or to sign up, please contact Maria Olivo at 630-865-6109 or [jctotalg@comcast.net](mailto:jctotalg@comcast.net) or Deacon Dom at 630-761-8929. Thank you!



**Bring your concerns to Jesus in prayer**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAY-**

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)*

## **Parish News & Events**

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

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

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*

### **Stewardship**



### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Sunday, March 25—\$8,892.90



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*My brothers and sisters,*

*I pray that your time in the desert this Lent is bringing much spiritual growth!*

*Last week, I mentioned that we have a kiosk in the back of church. Many parishes throughout the diocese use this same kind of kiosk. The kiosk, and the products available on it, come to us from the Augustine Institute. You might recognize the institution—and the kiosks—from other parishes that you have visited. In addition, this same institution has brought us the wonderful online experience Formed, which some of you might already be using. Both of the products offered on the kiosk, and the valuable resources that are found on the Formed website, enable all Catholics to enrich their spirituality and their faith.*

*So, please avail yourselves of the valuable books and media that are on the kiosk; there are suggest donations for all products, and the prices can be found at the bottom of the kiosk. You will also find a slot to insert money or checks there. I also encourage you to sign up for Formed—if you haven't done so already. The website address is <https://formed.org>. The code needed to do log on is found on the second page of the bulletin.*

*I pray that you will all be spiritually prepared for the joys of the Easter season. Continue your journey with our Lord in the dessert, with the Paschal Mystery in mind!*

*God bless,*

*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](mailto:annunciationbvm-aurora@rockforddiocese.org) or [mglosson@rockforddiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:annunciationbvm-aurora@rockforddiocese.org), or [mglosson@rockforddiocese.org](mailto: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.

The **VIP Organization** will meet on Wednesday, April 3rd at 12:30pm in the Patio.



Did you know that the Blessed Virgin Mary gave us 15 promises if we pray the **Rosary** including Her special protection and greatest graces, the light of God, a powerful armor against Hell, as well as dominance over misfortune?

Please join the Knights of Columbus in **praying the Rosary Thursday evening, April 4th at 7pm in the Church.** We hope to see you there!

**St. Joseph Parish Mission-The Spirituality of Pope Francis.** Sunday, March 31, Monday, April 1 and Tuesday April 2 at 7pm each night. Presented by: Fr. Joel Rippinger, O.S.B.

**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 59<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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).

Good Friday “Way of the Cross” at Planned Parenthood  
Aurora

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. None suffer more deeply than their mothers, who carry such a burden of guilt and shame.

This year’s service will be officiated by His Excellency Bishop Daniel Conlon of the Diocese of Joliet!

On Good Friday we remember all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted—in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service:

Event: Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion

When: Friday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Planned Parenthood, 3051 E New York Street in Aurora

More Info: Contact Matt Yonke at 630-896-1200 or [matt@prolifeaction.org](mailto:matt@prolifeaction.org)

Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this injustice in our land.



Please support our Camp Rock Fundraising Group Bake Sale! A wonderful and delicious variety of homemade goods will be available to purchase on April 6th and 7th after each mass. All proceeds from this Bake Sale will benefit the campers and counselors attending Camp Rock this summer. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Rosary Sports Boosters  
March Madness Elite 8 Party  
Sunday, March 31, 1:30 pm  
Ballydoyle in Aurora  
\$35 pp  
Get tickets and board squares online at [rosaryhs.com/marchmadnessparty](http://rosaryhs.com/marchmadnessparty)

**St. Francis High School**  
**Explore the Path - See the Difference!**

**Information Sessions for Prospective Parents**

Thursday, April 11, 2019; 9:00 a.m. OR 6:00 p.m.

Parents of prospective students are invited to learn about our exceptional college preparatory environment, unlimited opportunities, and distinctive community spirit.

- Learn about the SFHS curriculum, admissions process, and co-curricular options
- Hear from current parents and students

Tour the school

Register at <https://www.sfhscollegeprep.org/page/admissions/visit-st-francis-high-school>

**School News**

Join us at **Chili’s** on Orchard Road any time between **March 21<sup>st</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>** 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.**



**Jakob Schmidt** won the Knights of Columbus regional free throw competition and will compete for a state title on April 6th. **Eddie Vera** took third place in his age group. Also pictured is Eddie's #1 fan, Jimmy.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today, “Laetare Sunday,” breaks the somberness of Lent for a little rejoicing, and the readings all summon us to an awareness of reconciliation. One of the best-loved stories of our tradition is today’s Gospel story of the runaway son and the prodigal father. Prodigal, of course, is an adjective meaning “spendthrift or extravagant to a degree bordering on recklessness,” and although the boy maxes out the credit cards, it is really the father who is prodigal with forgiveness.

Part of the excitement of this Laetare Sunday is rooted in the ancient catechumenate. Long ago, midway through Lent, the “elect” were focusing more and more on the gift of reconciliation accomplished for them by Christ and about to be realized in the Easter sacraments they were preparing to celebrate. In some places, the elect were even bedecked with roses on this day. A person bedecked with roses sticks out in a crowd; a person formed by the Eucharist and committed to living a life of reconciliation does, too. That’s you!

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April 1-2	8:00am	A. Kalantzis R. Hren
April 3	8:45am	C. Blackwell S. Sanchez
April 4-5	8:00am	P. Frieders M. Lambert

Saturday, April 6	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:15pm	M. Garofalo	Marmion J. Garofalo B. Mattas J. Mattas	I. Ortega C. Ortega
Sunday, April 7			
7:30am	M. Franck	Marmion Deacon Ken F. Salis T. Evans	M. Gay J. Gay
8:45am	B. Brouch	Marmion Deacon Dom G. Pettiti C. Griffiths	W. Schwartz R. Hren
10:00am	B. Fox	Fr. Patrick J. Cheney A. Fata R. Michuda	P. Fitzgerald A. McCarty P. Novicki
11:30am	M. Olivo	Fr. Patrick Deacon Mike K. Zinken J. Zinken	E. Zinken C. Drudi L. Hasenjaeger

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE GROVE OF FOX VALLEY**  
A. Gette, A. Quintanilla, M. Benrus, J. Benrus

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**  
M. A. Frantzen, M. Moon

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord  
Psalm 34

**Second Reading** — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**Gospel** — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny

Tuesday: St. Francis of Paola

Thursday: St. Isidore of Seville

Friday: St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, April 1

6:30am No Mass Intention

8:00am †Carole Glassford by Arlene Bonifas

Tuesday, April 2

6:30am No Mass Intention

8:00am †Jim Klein by His Family

Wednesday, April 3

6:30am No Mass Intention

8:45am No Mass Intention

Thursday, April 4

6:30am No Mass Intention

8:00am †Elizabeth J. Noble by The Kelly Family

Friday, April 5

6:30am †Phil Gette by Ann Gette

8:00am No Mass Intention

Saturday, April 6

8:00am †Gene Dempsey by Mark & Mary Spoden

5:15pm †James Edwards by Linda Edwards

Living and Deceased Members of the Seppell Family

Sunday, April 7

7:30am †LaVergne Windett by The Family

8:45am †Robert Carey, Sr., & Angela Carey by The Family

10:00am †Agaton Edgar Adriatico by The Family

The People of the Parish

11:30am †Charles Jansz by Joan Jansz and Pat Poss

**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  
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**Annunciation BVM School**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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