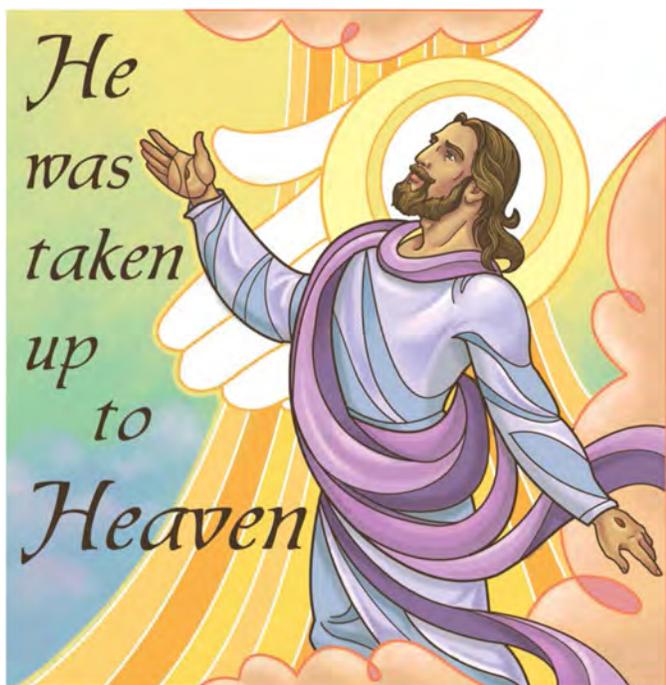


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
The Ascension of the Lord
June 2, 2019*

- 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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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God's nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.

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Bring your concerns to Jesus in prayer

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - FRIDAY— June 7

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)



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Parish News & Events

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

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

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary will continue to pray for all the sick and suffering, even if unable to list by name.

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 soul of Wanda Cavato.

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

Weekly Offering



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Thank you for your contributions.
Sunday, May 26: \$7,610.05

WINGED FAITH

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar into Heaven.

—St. John Climacus

A GARDENER'S CREED

One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.

—Anonymous

Diocesan Appeal 2019

Goal **\$68,500.00**

1073 Registered Families:

Sunday, May 12th DA second collection:

Loose: \$593.50

40 Pledges \$7,970.00

\$8,563.50

Thank you to the 97 Families who have pledged: \$19,858.50. We need everyone's help, please prayerfully consider pledging to this Appeal.

\$68,500.00

-19,858.50

\$48,641.50 to reach our goal.



My brothers and sisters, we are heading into the last week of Easter. We celebrate this weekend the Ascension of our Lord. Then next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate the glorious moment when our Lord sent His Holy Spirit, and we will celebrate that equally glorious moment when His Church is born. Pentecost Sunday marks the end of the Easter Season. It's hard to believe that Easter has gone by so quickly, but it has. I hope and pray that this Easter was wonderful and fruitful for you, and that the Holy Spirit continue to guide and protect you.

Besides the end of Easter, this Monday and Tuesday will be the last two days for our students of Annunciation. I wonder if the school year went by quickly for them. Please pray for them, as they take a few months off to rest and recharge. They have worked very hard this year—as they do every year—and they deserve some rest. Please also pray for our Faculty and Staff of our school. They have worked hard as well, and they deserve some time to rest and recharge as well.

In three weeks, summer will officially begin. Judging by the weather lately, it looks like it might be a very active summer, weather wise. Please pray that all will be safe this summer, if dangerous weather should come our way. I pray that this summer will be an enjoyable one for all of you, and I hope that you can take some time to relax and enjoy it; recreation is good for the soul!

May God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—the Advocate—fill you with His love! 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.*

Upcoming Parish Events

The **VIP Organization** will meet at noon for a potluck on Wednesday, June 5, at noon, on the Patio.

SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, September 12th at 6:30 pm we are going to be providing valuable information regarding Preparing for the End-of-Life Issues.

We will be discussing the Catholic Church's beliefs of cremation, end-of-life decisions, Medical details, and funeral options for the families, and the benefits of preplanning your funeral details. We would like to have our own parishioners be involved in the presentation of this information, along with Amy from Moss Family Funeral Homes. If you are in the medical field or are an elder law attorney who specializes in this type of planning and would like to participate please contact Mary Glosson at the church office. We will be getting the participants together to discuss the agenda for this event.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Creed: Chapter Two

“Jesus Christ Descended into Hell; on the Third Day He Rose Again from the Dead”

126. What place does the Resurrection of Christ occupy in our faith?

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowing truth of our faith in Christ and represents along with his cross an essential part of the Paschal Mystery.

127. What are the signs that bear witness to the Resurrection of Jesus?

Along with the essential sign of the empty tomb, the Resurrection of Jesus is witnessed to by the women who first encountered Christ and proclaimed him to the Apostles. Jesus then “appeared to Cephas [Peter], and then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time” (Corinthians 15:5-6) and to others as well. The Apostles could not have invented the story of the resurrection since it seemed impossible to them. As a matter of fact, Jesus himself upbraided them for their unbelief.

128. Why is the Resurrection at the same time a transcendent occurrence?

While being an historical event, verifiable and attested by the signs and testimonies, the Resurrection, insofar as it is the entrance of Christ's humanity into the glory of God, transcends and surpasses history as a mystery of faith. For this reason the risen Christ did not manifest himself to the world but to the disciples, making them his witnesses to the people.

129. What is the condition of the risen body of Jesus?

The Resurrection of Christ was not a return to earthly life. His risen body is that which was crucified and bears the marks of his Passion. However it also participates in the divine life, with the characteristics of a glorified Body. Because of this the risen Jesus was utterly free to appear to his disciples how and where he wished and under various aspects.

FEET ON THE GROUND

“Until next week, keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!” Not today’s scriptural wisdom, but legendary DJ Casey Kasem’s sage advice, heard across America for generations, *American Top 40’s* challenging sign-off. Though Casey wasn’t quoting scripture, today’s Acts of the Apostles offers similar advice. As Jesus ascended, disciples “were looking intently at the sky.” Wouldn’t we prefer a soul-relaxing gaze into peaceful blue skies to a heart-breaking focus on this blood-stained earth? But heavenly questioners asked Jesus’ first disciples, “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” Earth awaited their mission! While our hearts should “keep reaching for” heaven, we need to “keep our feet on the ground.” Ascension’s scriptures and the Jubilee of Mercy remind us: the Jesus we revere as “ascended into heaven” lives right here among us on earth, awaiting our recognition and loving service.

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Why do you
stand looking at
the sky?

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23*.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

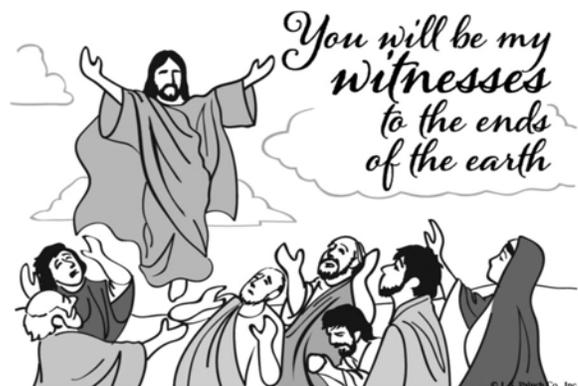
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Food Collection

The next Annunciation food collection weekend is **June 8th and 9th**. 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. Bernie, Don and Mary help load the food collection to take to Hesus House.

On June 9, 2019 **Father Witchousky, O.P.**, a former 1954 Saint Peter Grade School and 1958 Marmion Military Academy graduate will be celebrating his **50th anniversary jubilee of ordination to the Dominican Order**. He was the first priest ordained from St. Peter Parish in 1969 and celebrated his First Mass at St. Peter Church on the Feast of Pentecost. Father is currently the chaplain at the Dominican Mother House in Springfield, IL. A concelebrated Mass will take place at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter Church (925 Sard Ave., Aurora), with a luncheon reception following in the Parish Center (915 Sard Ave, Aurora). The family welcomes all parishioners and those who may know Fr. Witchousky, O.P. Please RSVP to paul.buddy@sbcglobal.net.



Ministers' Schedule

Saturday, June 8	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
5:15pm	A. Helfer	Fr. Patrick Deacon Mike K. Zinken J. Zinken	E. Zinken S. Sanchez
Sunday, June 9			
7:30am	E. Trowbridge	Fr. Patrick T. Evans T. Theriault T. Nolde	A. Alanis Volunteer
8:45am	J. Hensley	Fr. Patrick C. Eversole M. Garofalo J. Garofalo	E. Hensley W. Schwartz
10:00am	T. Hernandez	Marmion Deacon Ken (Preaching) A. Fata M. Lober	B. Yager T. Litow
11:30am	M. Olivo	Marmion R. Michuda A. Quintanilla T. Buonauro	V. Hefke D. Hefke

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
FOR THE HOMEBOUND
B. Klein, T. Gallenbach

St. Katharine Drexel

8S055 Dugan Rd., Sugar Grove, IL 60554

Pope Francis: A Man of His Word

On Tuesday, June 4, the Justice & Service Commission of St. Katharine Drexel would like to invite all area Catholics to join us in viewing the movie, *Pope Francis: A Man of His Word*. This is a revealing insight into his papacy, from his choice of his papal name to his spiritual views on a variety of real world issues.

Please join us for light refreshments at 7pm with the movie immediately following. So that we may be able to plan accordingly, contact Leticia Chavez (SKD Receptionist) at 630-466-0303 or leticia@skdmail.org if you will be attending...Hope to see you then!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 3

6:30am †Ed Heriaud by Jim & Eddie O'Malley
8:45am †Margaret Motto by Her Family

Tuesday, June 4

6:30am †Paul Barnes by His Family
8:00am †Rev. John J. Carolan by The Huemmer Family

Wednesday, June 5

6:30am The People of the Parish
8:00am †Helen Petrole by Her Family

Thursday, June 6

6:30am †Don Nolde by Toni Nolde
8:00am The People of the Parish

Friday, June 7

6:30am †The People of the Parish
8:00am †Carole Glassford by M/M Eugene Pitz

Saturday, June 8

8:00am The People of the Parish
5:15pm †Tony Komm (anniv.) by His Wife

Sunday, June 9

7:30am †LaVergne Windett by Her Family
8:45am †Leanne Bonifas by Her Family
10:00am †D.J. Smith by Ted and Shirl
11:30am †Fernando Salinas, Sr. by His Family
The People of the Parish

Parish Office
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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

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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.

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 8:00. 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):

M.—F.: 6:30am, 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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