

*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021*

- 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.



**THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD**

JANUARY 3, 2021

*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over
the place where the child was.*

Matthew 2:9

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PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday: St. John Neumann
Wednesday: St. André Bessette
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort

Parish News & Events

Bill Aloisio
Martin Brosas
Don Brummel
Richard Cibulskis
Mary Aloisio Cummings
Mary Beth Erickson
Evelyn Essling
Bartholomew Hansen
Jeanette Hovorka
Mark Huettner
Susie Hughes

Ernie Jaeger
Jacqueline Lehy
Arlene Likovich
Carrie Mitchell
Kelly Olson
Joe Pascolini
Mark Phillips
Ken Podsiadlik
Kathy Rapp
Janice Rippinger
Norb Rozanski

Judy Runge
David Saros
Rudolph Schlecht
Ron Smart
Geri Smith
Joann Tull
Jack Watson
Wayne Weiler
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.

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

THE HOLY STAR
O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

—William Cullen Bryant

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, December 13 \$12,308.00

GENTLENESS
Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.

—J. Masai



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the most popular Christmas hymns that many of us are familiar with is "We Three Kings." It is based on the beautiful story of the three Wise Men, who visited our Lord in the manger. The hymn speaks of the gifts brought to the infant Lord: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

St. Leo the Great, one of many holy and wise popes of our Church, in a sermon, wrote this about the three Wise Men and their gifts; it's one of my favorites. He wrote,

*"[The three Wise Men]...adore the Word in flesh, the Wisdom in infancy, the Power in weakness, the Lord of majesty in the reality of man: and by their gifts make open acknowledgment of what they believe in their hearts, that they may show forth the mystery of their faith and understanding. The incense they offer to God, the myrrh to Man, the gold to the King, consciously paying honour to the Divine and human Nature in union: because while each substance had its own properties, there was no difference in the power of either
(<https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/360331.htm>)."*

To me, this is a wonderful explanation of the reasons for the gifts, and how they perfectly sum up who and what that little baby in the manger is: he is fully God and fully Man, in perfect union. God became one of us!

My brothers and sisters, this is one of the greatest things God has done for us; he became like us, so that we can become like him.

Let us rejoice and be glad; our Savior has done something so miraculous and wonderful for us. It is no wonder that the angels on high sang their songs so sweetly over the plains! The songs were so wonderful that the mountains couldn't help but sing back!

Merry Christmas to all of you!

Fr. Patrick, Pastor

*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. Finally, if anyone needs to use the church, or the parish patio or basement, please call Mary for the availability of these areas.*



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This month Annunciation parishioners generously donated a whole car load of food to the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry. WOW! The next Annunciation food collection weekend will be **January 8, 9 and 10, 2021**. Please bring your non-perishable donations to the rectory porch and place in the food collection boxes. **Food Can Not be left in the church.** Also, please check the dates on the items donated. Thank you so much for your support!

FEAST OF FAITH **The Liturgy of Emmanuel**

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act *in persona Christi*, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice" (USCCB, *Sing to the Lord*, 14).

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH **Section Two: The Profession of Faith**

CHAPTER TWO: I Believe In Jesus Christ the Only Son of God

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

104. What does the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth teach us?

In the course of his *hidden life* in Nazareth Jesus stayed in the silence of an ordinary existence. This allows us to enter into fellowship with him in the holiness to be found in a daily life marked by prayer, simplicity, work, and family love. His obedience to Mary and to Joseph, his foster father, is an image of his filial obedience to the Father. Mary and Joseph accepted with faith the mystery of Jesus even though they did not always understand it.

105. Why did Jesus receive from John the “baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:3)?

To inaugurate his public life and to anticipate the “Baptism” of his death, he who was without sin accepted to be numbered among sinners. He was “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) The Father proclaimed him to be his “beloved Son” (Matthew 3:17) and the Spirit descended upon. The baptism of Jesus is a prefiguring of our baptism.

106. What do we learn from the temptations of Jesus in the desert?

The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his Passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love. The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of *Lent*.

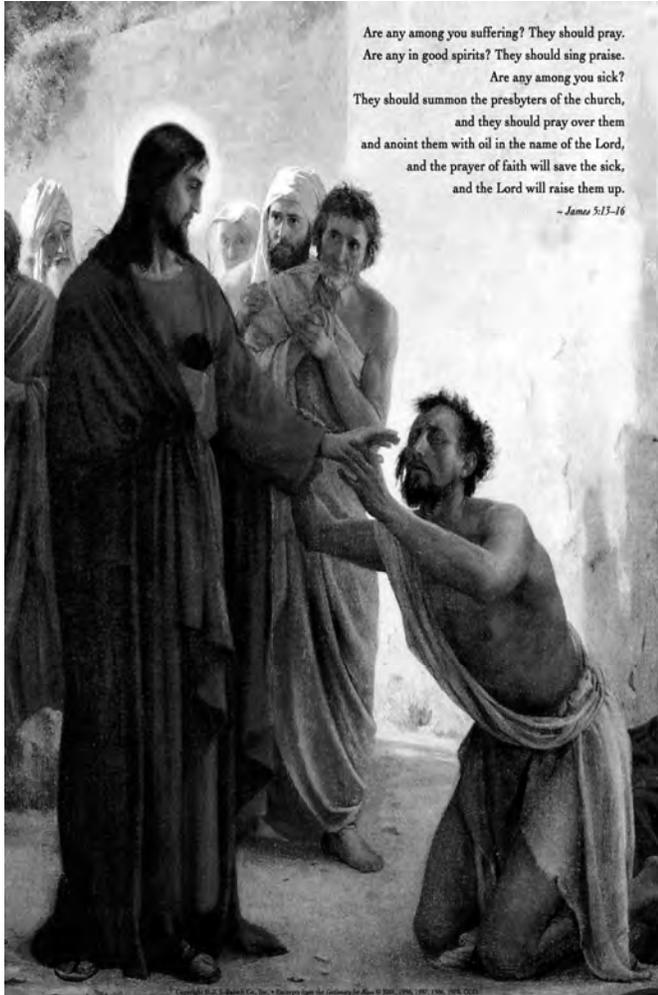
107. Who is invited to come into the Kingdom of God proclaimed and brought about by Jesus?

All are invited by Jesus to enter the Kingdom of God. Even the worst of sinners is called to convert and to accept the boundless mercy of the Father. Already here on earth, the Kingdom belongs to those who accept it with a humble heart. To them the mysteries of the Kingdom are revealed.

108. Why did Jesus manifest the Kingdom by means of signs and miracles?

Jesus accompanied his words with *signs* and *miracles* to bear witness to the fact that the Kingdom is present in him, the Messiah. Although he healed some people, he did not come to abolish all evils here below but rather to free us especially from the slavery of sin. The driving out of demons proclaimed that his cross would be victorious over “the ruler of this world” (John 12:31).

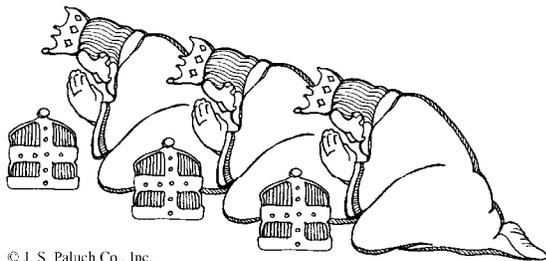
High School News



Are any among you suffering? They should pray.
Are any in good spirits? They should sing praise.
Are any among you sick?
They should summon the presbyters of the church,
and they should pray over them
and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord,
and the prayer of faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise them up.
— James 5:13-16

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All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.
— Psalm 72:11



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Marmion Academy is hosting an Online Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 9:00 AM for any 8th grade boy who was unable to take the Scholarship Qualifying Exam on Dec. 5, 2020. Students interested in taking the January exam can register at marmion.org/admissions.

In addition to academic scholarships, Marmion Academy offers need-based assistance to families that qualify. Over \$710,000 in tuition assistance was awarded for the 2020-2021 school year. Contact the Office of Admissions at 630-897-6936 ext. 227 for additional information.

While students are taking the exam, parents are invited to join members of Marmion Academy's administration, faculty and staff for an informal Zoom Q&A beginning at 9:00 AM. Parents in attendance will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 tuition deposit voucher (valid for the 2021-2022 school year). Please visit www.marmion.org/admissions for the Zoom login information.

Marmion Academy, located at 1000 Butterfield Road in Aurora, is a Catholic-Benedictine college preparatory school for young men dedicated to spiritual formation, academic excellence and leadership development.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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Weekend Masses

- Saturday: 4:00pm and 6:00pm
- Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
- Church doors will open **30 minutes** before Mass, and will be **locked 5 minutes before** the start of Mass.
- Sign up online (AnnunciationChurchBVM.org) or by calling the parish office (630-851-1436)

Daily Mass

- Monday - Saturday: **8:00am**
- Church doors will **open at 7:30**, and will be **locked at 7:55** for Mass.
- You do not need to sign up.
- We will ask for your name and phone number when you arrive.
- You will need to wear a mask and sit socially distanced.

Confessions

- Saturdays: 2:00pm - 2:45pm
- Confessions are temporarily being heard in the sacristy.

Personal Prayer

- **NEW** Monday and Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm
- **NEW** Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9:45am - 4:00pm
- Saturdays: 8:30am - 2:45pm
- Sundays: 1:15pm - 6:30pm
- **Vespers** (the evening prayer of the church) Sundays: 6:30pm.

Note: Confessions and Personal Prayer times may be adjusted to accommodate weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc.

Even though we have started public Masses, Fr. Patrick will continue to post a weekly video of a Sunday Mass on our Facebook page and website. Weekday Masses are at 8am, Monday through Saturday.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 4
8:00am †Judith Gramme by M/M Michael Mutersbaugh

Tuesday, January 5
8:00am †Eugene Calpin by Bob Klein

Wednesday, January 6
8:00am †Ken Schmidt by Jim & Carol Hirner

Thursday, January 7
8:00am Our Parish Family

Friday, January 8
8:00am †Alma DeLeon by M/M Michael Mutersbaugh

Saturday, January 9
8:00am †Delores Franck by Kay Castle
4:00pm †William & Barbara Griffin by M/M
Christopher Griffin
6:00pm †Henry Kolman by Juli Tomse

Sunday, January 10
8:00am †Richard Bonifas by Family & Friends
10:00am †Shirley Parr by M/M Michael Mutersbaugh
12:00pm Our Parish Family

Parish Office
1820 Church Road, Aurora, IL 60505
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Friday: 8:30-12:00
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Cemetery Fax: 630-851-3066
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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
Parish/RE Secretary.....Melissa Francisco
Cemetery Secretary.....Jane Cebulski
Religious Ed. Director.....Mark Fletcher
Director of Music.....Dick Gardner
Head Organist.....Bob Kresz
Facilities Manager.....Manny Juarez
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Website: annunciationbvm.org
Principal.....Mary Elliott
Administrative Assistant.....Patti Brouch

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).

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