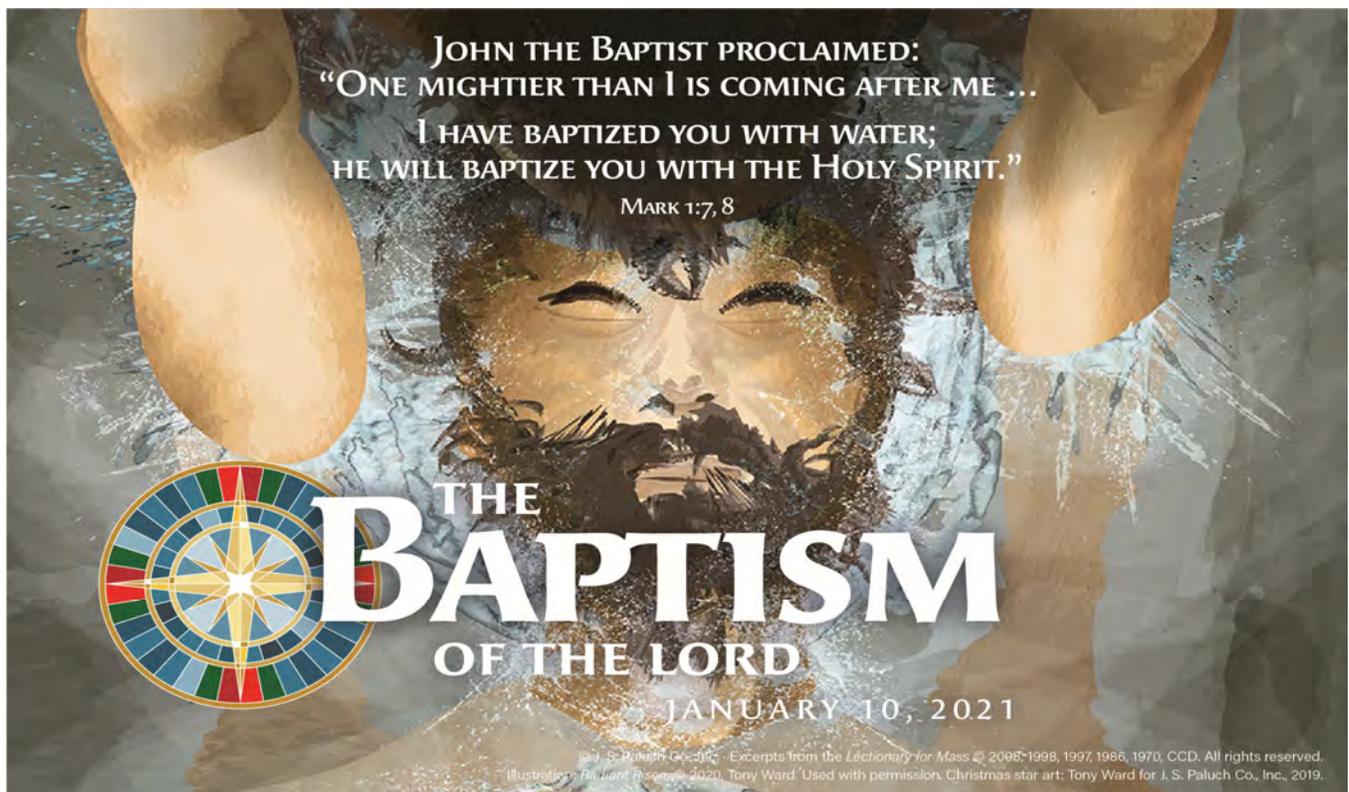
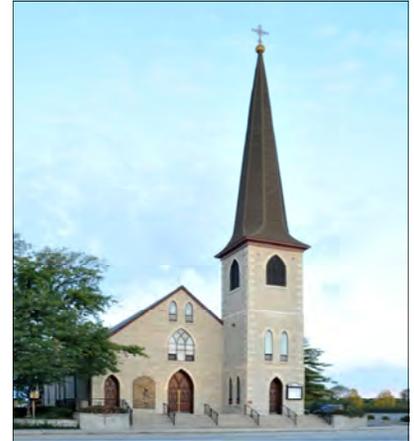


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021*

- 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.



REHEARSAL
Psalms are sung in the home and rehearsed in the streets.
—St. Ambrose

Adoration will be on Friday, February 5 after the 8:00am Mass until 4:00pm.

Parish News & Events

Bill Aloisio	Ernie Jaeger	Judy Runge
Martin Brosas	Jacqueline Lehy	David Saros
Don Brummel	Arlene Likovich	Rudolph Schlecht
Richard Cibulskis	Carrie Mitchell	Ron Smart
Mary Aloisio Cummings	Kelly Olson	Geri Smith
Mary Beth Erickson	Joe Pascolini	Joann Tull
Evelyn Essling	Mark Phillips	Jack Watson
Bartholomew Hansen	Ken Podsiadlik	Wayne Weiler
Jeanette Hovorka	Kathy Rapp	Linda White
Mark Huettner	Janice Rippinger	
Susie Hughes	Norb Rozanski	

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, December 20-\$10,072.00

Sunday, December 27-\$22,031.00



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My brothers and sisters,

This Sunday, we bring to a close the Christmas season. I don't know about you, but this Christmas season went by really fast! This Monday, we move back into Ordinary Time.

This weekend, we are also celebrating the Baptism of our Lord. About seventeen days ago we celebrated his becoming one of us, by taking on human flesh; today, we celebrate his being baptized, just as we were; and, in about eighty-three days, we will call to mind his suffering, death, and Resurrection, three things that we will all face in our lifetimes.

As always, the baptism of our Lord elicits the same question from some. Why did Jesus—the sinless one—have to be baptized? Baptism is supposed to remove all sin, including original sin; Jesus was completely free of all sin. So, why baptize?

Well, because being born into our human world was not enough; for complete and total solidarity with sinful humanity, his becoming one of us—completely and totally—necessarily entailed his partaking of all aspects of our human lives: birth, baptism, temptations, suffering, death, and resurrection; he had to take the whole, complete package of humanity, the whole kit and caboodle!

He did all of that, brothers and sisters, because that's what we Christians do. Remember, he became like one of us, so that we can become like him!

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

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”

109. In the Kingdom, what authority did Jesus bestow upon his Apostles?

Jesus chose the twelve, the future witnesses of his Resurrection, and made them sharers of his mission and of his authority to teach, to absolve from sins, and to build up and govern the Church. In this college, Peter received “the keys of the kingdom” (Matthew 16:19) and assumed the first place with the mission to keep the faith in its integrity and to strengthen his brothers.

110. What is the meaning of the Transfiguration?

Above all the Transfiguration shows forth the Trinity: “the Father in the voice, the Son in the man Jesus, the Spirit in the shining cloud” (Saint Thomas Aquinas). Speaking with Moses and Elijah about his “departure” (Luke 9:31), Jesus reveals that his glory comes by way of the cross and he anticipates his Resurrection and his glorious coming which “will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body” (Philippians).

You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father.” (Byzantine Liturgy).

111. How did the messianic entrance into Jerusalem come about?

At the established time Jesus chose to go to Jerusalem to suffer his Passion and death, and to rise from the dead. As the Messiah King who shows forth the coming of the Kingdom, he entered into his city mounted on a donkey. He was acclaimed by the little children whose shout of joyful praise is taken up in the *Sanctus* of the Eucharistic liturgy: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna (save us)!” (Matthew 21:9). The liturgy of the Church opens Holy Week by celebrating this entry into Jerusalem.

“Jesus Christ Suffered Under Pontius Pilate, Was Crucified, Died, and Was Buried”

112. What is the importance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus?

The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his Passion, death, Resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God’s saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

113. What were the accusations by which Jesus was condemn to death?

Some of the leaders of Israel accused Jesus of acting against the law, the temple in Jerusalem, and in particular against faith in the one God because he proclaimed himself to be the Son of God. For this reason they handed him over to Pilate so that he might condemn him to death.

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the names,” but “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction. In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 55:1-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Isaiah 12:2-6.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) or 1 John 5:1-9.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Wednesday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Jesus the Healer



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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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 11

8:00am †Kenneth Schmidt by Annunciation Church Staff

Tuesday, January 12

8:00am †Jeanne Jensen by Her Brother

Wednesday, January 13

8:00am †Philip & Margaret Modaff by Don Modaff

Thursday, January 14

8:00am †Delores Franck by the Jim Hirner Family

Friday, January 15

8:00am †Elaine Heintz by Tom & Gladys Hefferman

Saturday, January 16

8:00am †Judy Gramme by Mark & Mary Spoden

4:00pm Our Parish Family

6:00pm †Cindy Borowiak by Juli Tomse

Sunday, January 17

8:00am †Neal Fichtel by R. Crabbe Family

10:00am †Shirley Parr by Jim Hirner Family

12:00pm Our Parish Family

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Rev. Mr. Kenneth Gay
Business Manager.....Mary Glosson
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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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