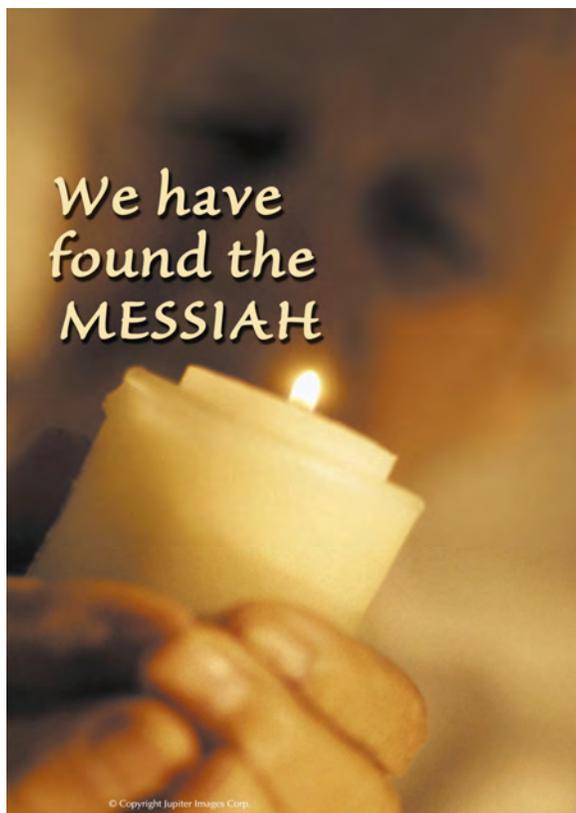


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2021*

- 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.



Please Note: Due to Confirmation on Saturday, January 23, there will not be a 8am Mass and no confessions. Thank you for your understanding.

SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening." God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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

Parish News & Events

Bill Aloisio
Martin Brosas
Don Brummel
Tina Buonauro
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.

We pray for the **Rest of the Soul** of: **Donna Hermes.**

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

We would like to thank you for your continuing generosity to our parish.

Sunday, December 27-\$16,032.00

December Electronic Fund Transfers: **We Share:** \$4,6662.00 **My E Offering** \$6,099.42

Christmas: \$32,977.00



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My Brothers and Sisters,

In our second reading for this Sunday, St. Paul reminds us that “The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality.”

One of the important phrases that is very important in these words of St. Paul—just one of the phrases, the whole quote is important—is this one: “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?” Brothers and sisters, we are all members of the Body of Christ. Therefore, what we say and do affects the whole Body, not just our individual selves. If an individual prays, acts uprightly, does his best to follow the Law of the Lord, then all members of the Body of Christ are affected by that.

However, it must be pointed out that our individual sins will also affect the whole Body of Christ, not just the sinner committing the sin. There is no such thing as personal sin; all of our actions—including our sinful ones—will affect the Body of Christ, because we are all members of the Body of Christ.

Let us spend this week thinking about how much each member of the Body of Christ can do good things to build up that Body, or do bad things to tear down that Body. The choice is always up to us.

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.*



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This month Annunciation parishioners generously donated several shopping carts full of food to the Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry. Thank you! The **next Annunciation food collection weekend will be February 6 and 7, 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!



Waterleaf Life in Action-Highlight of the Month

"I'm still feeling overwhelmed, but I think that it will all work out."

When "Alisa" and her boyfriend "Hal" came into Waterleaf for their first appointment, they seemed happy when they found out they were expecting their first baby. Almost immediately, Alisa began to express doubts. Despite having a full-time job with insurance along with family support, she was unsure about whether she should continue the pregnancy while Hal wanted her to have the baby. During their initial ultrasound, Alisa and Hal watched the ultrasound screen, seemingly captivated by the images. Their baby was moving around a lot and they could identify arms, legs, nose etc. As they left the clinic, they took pictures home with them. As time passed and they had time to discuss their future, the idea of parenting slowly grew on Alisa. At their next Waterleaf visit, Alisa and Hal told the patient advocate that they are excited about the prospect of having a baby. They expressed an interest in the parent education courses available via the Aspire Education and Resource center and that our Resource Specialists can provide linkages to community resources for them. They are currently researching potential healthcare providers to support through this pregnancy and beyond.

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"

114. How did Jesus conduct himself in regard to the law of Israel?

Jesus did not abolish the law given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai but he fulfilled it by giving it its definitive interpretation. He himself was the divine Legislator who fully carried out this Law. Furthermore, as the faithful Servant, he offered by means of his expiatory death the only sacrifice capable of making atonement for all the "transgressions committed by men under the first Covenant" (Hebrews 9:15).

115. What was the attitude of Jesus toward the temple in Jerusalem?

Jesus was accused of hostility to the temple. On the contrary, he venerated it as "the house of his Father" (John 2:16); and it was there that he imparted an important part of his teaching. However, he also foretold its destruction in connection with his own death and he presented himself as the definitive dwelling place of God among men.

116. Did Jesus contradict Israel's faith in the one God and Savior?

Jesus never contradicted faith in the one God, not even when he performed the stupendous divine work which fulfilled the Messianic promises and revealed himself as equal to God, namely the pardoning of sins. However, the call of Jesus to believe in him and to be converted makes it possible to understand the tragic misunderstanding of the Sanhedrin which judged Jesus to be worthy of death as a blasphemer.

117. Who is responsible for the death of Jesus?

The Passion and death of Jesus cannot be imputed indiscriminately either to all the Jews who were living at that time or to their descendants. Every single sinner, that is, every human being is really the cause and the instrument of the sufferings of the Redeemer; and the greater blame in this respect falls on those above all who are Christians and who the more often fall into sin or delight in their vices.

118. Why was the death of Jesus part of God's plan?

To reconcile to himself all who were destined to die because of sin God took the loving initiative of sending his Son that he might give himself up for sinners. Proclaimed in the Old Testament, especially as the sacrifice of the Suffering Servant, the death of Jesus came about "in accordance with the Scriptures.

119. In what way did Christ offer himself to the Father?

The entire life of Christ was a free offering to the Father to carry out his plan of salvation. He gave "his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45) and in this way he reconciled all humanity with God. His suffering and death showed how his humanity was the free and perfect instrument of that divine love which desires the salvation of all people.

School News



WENDY'S EAT OUT NIGHT

Bring this flyer to Wendy's and 20% of the proceeds will benefit Annunciation School

DATE: January 20, 2021
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At the Wendy's located at:
2962 Kirk Road
Aurora, IL 60502

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
Home & School

FEAST OF FAITH

The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our "good mornings," our "hellos" and "how are yous." This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words "the Lord be with you" are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—"And also with you," soon to be "And with your spirit"—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God's presence transforms us.

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

We have found the Messiah



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The **Knights of Columbus Council 15022**, representing Knights at Our Mother of Good Council and St. Bernard's parishes in Homer Glen have announced a special 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration. This event will be held from 4 PM Friday January 29th to 4 PM Saturday January 30 at Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish, 16043 S. Bell Road in Homer Glen. This event is being held in support of the 2021 March for Life in Washington DC beginning January 29th as well as all other Marches for Life across the country and for all Pro-Life activities during 2021. Join us for an hour or more of quiet contemplation and prayer. Reservations are required - go to www.omgccc.org, click on Mass Registration Tab to sign up. Proper social distancing and facemasks are required.

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.

JOY

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.
—St. Julian

WORRIES

The greatest of worries can't pay the smallest of debts.
—Anonymous

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 18

8:00am †Elaine Heintz by Friends of the Family

Tuesday, January 19

8:00am †Jim Klein (anniv.) by Family

Wednesday, January 20

8:00am †Kim Hirner by the Vlakancic Family

Thursday, January 21

8:00am †Eugene Calpin by D. Denney

Friday, January 22

8:00am †Lillian Weiler by The Family

Saturday, January 23

No 8am Mass-Confirmation

4:00pm †Frank Krachtus by Family

6:00pm †Phil Gette by the Vlakancic Family

Sunday, January 24

8:00am †Dorothy Dolezal by Juli Tomse

Our Parish Family

10:00am †Kenneth Schmidt by Annunciation Church Staff

12:00pm †Shirley Parr by Rich & Joanne Anen

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Rev. Mr. Kenneth Gay
Business Manager.....Mary Glosson
Parish/RE Secretary.....Melissa Francisco
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Director of Music.....Dick Gardner
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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).

Holy Days of Obligation (School not in session):

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