Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2022

- 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.

RELYING ON GOD’S LOVE

Imagine being among those who heard Jesus address the Pharisees and scribes in the encounter we hear in today’s Gospel: “What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?” Would you leave ninety-nine in the desert in order to find one lost sheep? In the parable, Jesus is showing us the depths of God’s love, the illogical, incredible love God has for each of us. Moses counted on this loving mercy as he spoke for the wandering people; Saint Paul acknowledges his reliance on it in his letter to Timothy. God desires to draw you close, seeking you when you are lost. Are you ready to be drawn into God’s loving embrace?

There will be NO adoration in October, due to a wedding.
Parish News & Events

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 6MMWK. 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, September 4

5:15pm $1,540.00
7:30am $1,824.00
8:45am $1,571.00
10:00am $1,087.46
11:30am $838.00
My E Offering: $1,097.49
WeShare: $125.00
Envelopes mailed in to the office: $1,280.00
Total: $9,362.95

2022 Diocesan Appeal:

Goal: $57,434.00
Registered Families: 718
Families who have pledged: 86
Amount Pledged: $32,240.00
Amount Needed to meet Goal: $25,194.00

It is not too late to make a pledge. There are extra envelopes in the parish office and in the back of church.

To the families who have made a pledge, thank you.

If you have not made a pledge, please prayerfully consider making a pledge.

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.

Anna Adams
Bill Aloisio
Irene Bezroukoff
Martin Brosas
Don Brummel
Joseph Ciesielski
Mary Aloisio Cummings
Fred d’Escoho
Mary Beth Erickson
James Frick
Jack Glassford
Bartholomew Hansen
Mark Huettner
Susie Hughes
Ernie Jaeger
Jacqueline Lehy
Millie Lober
Carrie Mitchell
Kathy Molitor
Joe Pascolini
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Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday, we are once again here the parable of the Prodigal Son. It is a parable about mercy, forgiveness, and love of a father for his son.

I would imagine that any sinner would love to hear this parable. It gives us hope that, no matter how far we may have sunk into sin and despair, God is always eagerly waiting for us to run into His open arms.

My brothers and sisters, if there is one thing that we can learn from this parable it’s that there is a great abundance of mercy, forgiveness, and love that comes from God, and which totally wipes out sin.

He is always waiting for those who have lost their way to come back to Him. This is evident in the parable, for it says, “While [the son] was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.”

Our heavenly Father waits for us to recognize our sinful ways; He waits for us to come back to Him. It is purely up to us. He simply waits for us. He might whisper, He might call out quietly, but we have to move towards Him.

The only thing that can drive us into the arms of our heavenly Father is the love that we have for Him. Whether that love is the simple love that He has given to us at our creation, or the love that comes to us when we turn away from sin; love is love, and it is love that brings us into the open arms of our heavenly Father.

God’s love is greater than any of us can imagine, and His love is even greater than our capacity to sin. Sin is powerless in the presence of God. God will forgive us this time, and every time, if only we turn to Him.

Therefore, if we find ourselves in the same position as the prodigal son, wallowing our lives away, far from our heavenly Father, then let us follow the prodigal son’s lead: repent, and run back into the loving arms of the Father!

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.
557. What is the importance of Tradition in regard to prayer?
In the Church it is through living Tradition that the Holy Spirit teaches the children of God how to pray. In fact prayer cannot be reduced to the spontaneous outpouring of an interior impulse; rather it implies contemplation, study and a grasp of the spiritual realities one experiences.

558. What are the sources of Christian prayer?
They are: the word of God which gives us “the surpassing knowledge” of Christ (Philippians 3:8); the Liturgy of the Church that proclaims, makes present and communicates the mystery of salvation; the theological virtues; and everyday situations because in the them we can encounter God.

“I love you, Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love you eternally…..My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love you, I want my heart to repeat it to you as often as I draw breath.” (The Cure of Ars, Saint John Mary Vianney)

559. In the Church are there different ways of praying?
In the Church there are various ways of praying that are tied to different historical, social and cultural contexts. The Magisterium of the Church has the task of discerning the fidelity of these ways of praying to the tradition of apostolic faith. It is for pastors and catechists to explain their meaning which is always related to Jesus Christ.

560. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer?
Since the Holy Spirit is the interior Master of Christian prayer and “we do not know how to pray as we ought” (Rom 8:26), the Church exhorts us to invoke him and implore him on every occasion: “Come, Holy Spirit!”
School News

The TOE Committee is selling raffle tickets for the $20K raffle. Tickets are $100 each. Make sure to purchase your chance before Sept 16th to be included in the Early Bird Drawing. Proceeds benefit Annunciation School to help keep the price of tuition affordable for our families. Tickets can be purchased online at TOE2022.givesmart.com. For any questions, please contact Kim Becker at tradition@annunciationbvm.org.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for those adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

This process is for all men and women who are baptized in another Christian church, but are in need of further instruction or initiation, or to complete the sacraments of Initiation. Persons never baptized are referred to as Catechumens, while those baptized are called Candidates.

Our first session will be on Monday evening, September 26, at 7pm, in the Parish Patio.

For more information please call Mary at 630-851-1436.

Please join us for the Luminary Mass on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7:30p.m. (The rain date is Wednesday, October 19th). Envelopes to purchase luminary bags are available in the back of church, at the rectory, and at the school office. Completed envelopes can be turned in during the offertory collection or to the rectory or school offices. Please turn in envelopes as soon as possible so committee members can begin preparing the luminary bags.

This special event is not possible without the help of many volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer with set up on the day of the Luminary Mass or clean up the day after the event, please contact Julie Cibulskis at (630)363-7073 or jcibulskis@hotmail.com. Because children will be present, volunteers must complete all Diocesan safe environment requirements.
ACC is looking for a bus driver for its before and after school Dekalb bus route. There is no need to have a bus driving license as we have minibuses available to use for this route. Please call the school if you are interested.

Part-time Music Director
Blessed Sacrament in North Aurora is seeking a part-time Music Director. The Music Director will be an active Catholic in good standing providing music for the parish which fosters “full, conscious, and active participation” in the Liturgy. Duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to preparing, facilitating and directing music for all parish liturgical celebrations requiring music including weekend masses, Solemnities and Feasts, and special occasions. The Music Director will lead choir practices and also assist couples and families in choosing music for weddings and funerals. The ideal candidate must be willing to work in collaboration with the Pastor and the Liturgy Coordinator, be proficient in organ & piano as well as in vocal technique.

Education or experience in training, delegation and supervision preferred
• Knowledge of Sacramental Rites
• A professional working attitude and collaborative approach
• Strong organizational and communication skills a must
• Ability to make decisions and attention to details
• Maintain confidentiality

Interested candidates may submit resume to Rev. Max Lasrado
Email: poffice@blessedsacrament-na.org
Phone: 630-897-1029

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MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, September 12
6:30am  Our Parish Family
8:00am  †Alice Bonifas Lee by Kay Medernach
Tuesday, September 13
6:30am  †Donna Hermes
8:00am  †William Schwartz by Family
Wednesday, September 14
6:30am  Our Parish Family
8:45am  Our Parish Family
Thursday, September 15
6:30am  Our Parish Family
8:00am  †Donna Hermes
Friday, September 16
6:30am  †Donald Nolde by Toni Nolde
8:00am  Our Parish Family
Saturday, September 17
8:00am  Our Parish Family
5:15pm  †Alan Krumwiede by Sam & Tracy Phillippe Family
Our Parish Family
Sunday, September 18
7:30am  †Shirley Weber by Doug & Leann Roe
8:45am  †Norma Williams by Jim & Eddie O’Malley
10:00am  †Gregory Wyrobek by The Kots Family
11:30am  †Elaine & Ray Heintz by The Heintz Family
Parish Office
1820 Church Road, Aurora, IL 60505
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Friday: 8:30-12:00.
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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…………………………..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…………………………………..…Mavis DeMar
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 of-
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 bap-
tisms 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 regis-
tered, 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 pro-
cess could take up to two years.

Anointing of the Sick:
Whenever someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, or is dy-
ing, 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.

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 Pa-
tio. 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 sec-
ond Monday of the month at 7:00pm. For contact infor-
mation 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 Confirma-
tion; 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. ... not in session):
6:30am, 8:00am, and 7:00pm, only on the Holy Day itself (Unless otherwise
announced or stated).

Holy Days of Obligation (School in session):
6:30am, 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm,
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