

*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Catholic Church  
Christmas Day and Solemnity of Mary  
December 25, 2022 and January 1, 2023*

- 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.



  
She wrapped him  
in swaddling clothes  
and laid him in a manger,  
because there was no room for them  
in the inn.  
— Luke 2:7

***Please note the following dates:***

The **Parish Office** is closed from **December 23rd through January 2nd**. Fr. Patrick will be available for emergencies, except Fridays.

**Saturday, December 31, 5:15pm  
Mass**

**Sunday, January 1, 7:30, 8:45,  
10:00 and 11:30am.**

**January 8, Christmas Environment** will be taken down. (All volunteers are welcome.) This will take place after the 11:30am Mass, approximately at 12:45pm.



**Adoration: Friday, January 6, from  
8:30-4pm.**

## Parish News & Events

Anna Adams	Bartholomew Hansen	Janice Rippinger
Bill Aloisio	Mark Huettner	Norma Rodriguez
Irene Bezroukoff	Susie Hughes	Norb Rozanski
Martin Brosas	Ernie Jaeger	Geri Smith
Don Brummel	Jacqueline Lehy	Joann Tull
Joseph Ciesielski	Carrie Mitchell	Jack Watson
Mary Aloisio Cummings	Joe Pascolini	Wayne Weiler
Fred d'Escoto	Linda Pattermann	Linda White
Mary Beth Erickson	Mark Phillips	Bob Williams
James Frick	Ken Podsiadlik	Gregory Zajicek
	Kathy Rapp	

### 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, you will want to click on “Sign Up” (do not click on “Sign In”). In the next prompt, choose “Sign up as a parishioner.” The next prompt will ask you to “Create a New Account.” In the search box, put in the parish’s zip code: 60505. That will give you Annunciation as your choice. Click on that, and then click “next.” From there, you’ll put in your personal information. If you have any questions or problems logging in, please call Mary at the parish office.

*Fr. Patrick*

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, December 11, 2022

**Thank you for your support of Annunciation Parish.**

5:15pm            \$1,804.00

7:30am            \$5,769.25

8:45am            \$1,655.00

10:00am          \$1,530.00

11:30am          \$1,207.00

Mail in Envelopes \$14,254.00

Total:            \$26,219.25



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Dear brothers and sisters,

*“A Child is born to us, and a son is given to us, and the government is upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, God the Mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace. His empire shall be multiplied, and there shall be no end of peace: He shall sit upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom; to establish it and strengthen it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth and forever: the zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this” (Isaiah 9:6-7).*

*My brothers and sisters, we celebrate, once again, the birth of our Savior. Salvation has come to us. So, I say to you and yours, a blessed Christmas to all of you!*

*Thanks to Mary's humble acceptance of the Holy Spirit's request, that salvation happened. My brothers and sisters, Mary is, indeed, most blessed among women. No other woman can claim the singular grace and opportunity to be the Mother of God. Thank you, very much, Mary! You've given us all a wonderful gift.*

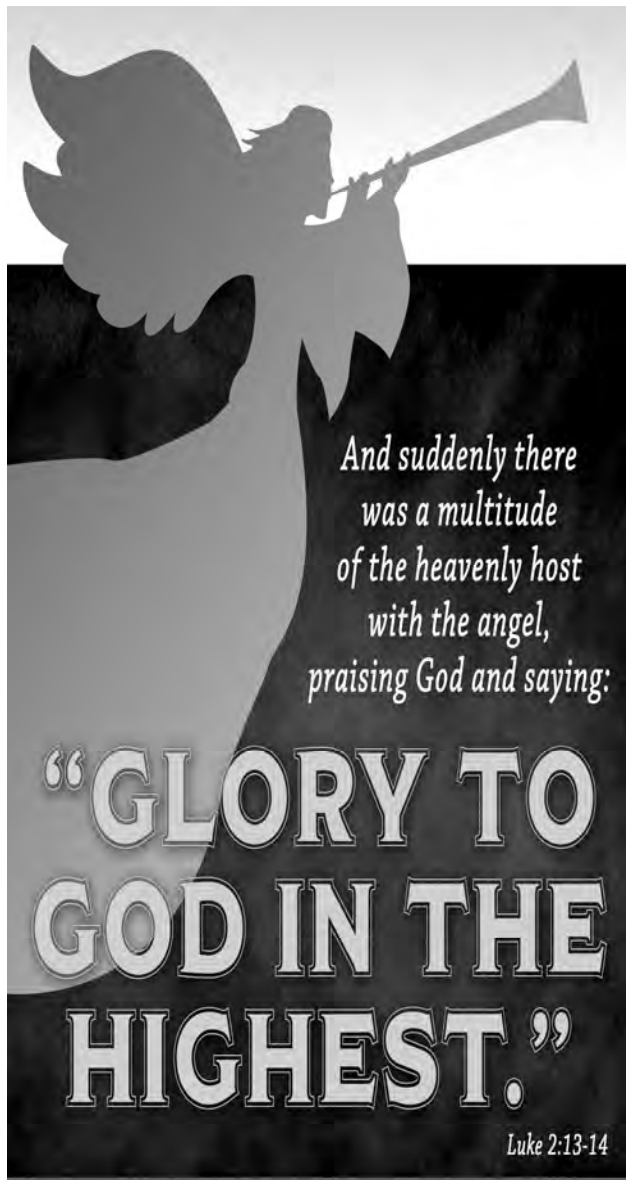
*My brothers and sisters, I pray that these 16 days of the Christmas season be a wonderful and joyous time for all of you. May you have the opportunity to spend time with your family and friends, celebrating this wonderful season!*

*God bless all of you! God is with us!*

*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](mailto:annunciationbvm-aurora@rockforddiocese.org) or [mglosson@rockforddiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:annunciationbvm-aurora@rockforddiocese.org), or [mglosson@rockforddiocese.org](mailto: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.*

Dear Parishioners,  
 We did it! The influx of beautiful cookies for our TLC event...the volunteers that packed those cookies into festive Christmas boxes... those ambitious volunteers that delivered each and every box..... was all wonderful...and it was all done with a very special enthusiasm that we have missed for the past two years...and now it has happened again! We are back Annunciation! God bless each and every one of you! May you all have a most blessed Christmas! Thank you again for bringing Christmas joy to our Annunciation Family! Mary Moon and Trish Theriault



December 25, 2022 • Christmas

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## 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 One: I Believe in God the Father** *“I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth*

#### **36. Why does the Profession of Faith begin with the words, “I believe in God”?**

The profession of faith begins with these words because the affirmation “I believe in God” is the most important, the source of all the other truths about man and about the world, and about the entire life of everyone who believes in God.

#### **37. Why does one profess belief that there is only one God?**

Belief in one God is professed because he has revealed himself to the people of Israel as the only One when he said, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord” (Deuteronomy 6:4) and “there is no other” (Isaiah 45:22). Jesus himself confirmed that God is “the one Lord” (Mark 12:29). To confess that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are also God and Lord does not introduce any division into the one God.

#### **38. With what name does God reveal Himself?**

God revealed himself to Moses as the living God, “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:6). God also revealed to Moses his mysterious name “I Am How Am (YHWH)”. All ready in the Old Testament times this ineffable name of God was replaced by the divine title *Lord*. Thus in the New Testament, Jesus who was called *Lord* is seen as true God.

#### **39. Is God the only One who “is”?**

Since creatures have received everything they are and have from God, only God in himself *is* the fullness of being and of every perfection. God is “He who is” without origin and without end. Jesus also reveals that he bears the divine name “I AM” (John 8:28).

#### **49. Why is the revelation of God’s name important?**

In revealing his name, God makes known the riches contained in the ineffable mystery of his being. He alone is from the everlasting to everlasting. He is the One who transcends the world and history. It is he who made heaven and earth. He is the faithful God, always close to his people, in order to save them. He is the highest holiness, “rich in mercy” (Ephesians 2:4), always ready to forgive. He is the One who is spiritual, transcendent, omnipotent, eternal, personal, and perfect. He is truth and love. “*God is the infinitely perfect being who is the most Holy Trinity.*” (Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo)

#### **41. In what way is God the truth?**

God is Truth itself and as such he can neither deceive nor be deceived. He is “light, and in him there is no darkness.” (1John 1:5). The eternal Son of God, the incarnation of wisdom, was sent into the world “to bear witness to the truth” (John 18:37).



Is strengthening your faith life  
one of your intentions for the new year?

Would you like to see why many ladies have really  
enjoyed the first few months of Walking With Pur-  
pose at Annunciation Parish?

Come join us at our Monthly Connect Meeting on  
Thursday, January 5 at 7:00 in the gym.

Our Connect meetings are larger social gatherings.  
Any lady is welcome to come, with no commitment  
required. At this meeting we will be watching a video  
from WWP founder, Lisa Brenninkmeyer. This video  
focuses on your heart, and how God is captivated  
with you. We often give so much of ourselves to help  
others. We invite you to take two hours to re-center  
yourself. We will feed both your body and your spirit  
at this meeting.

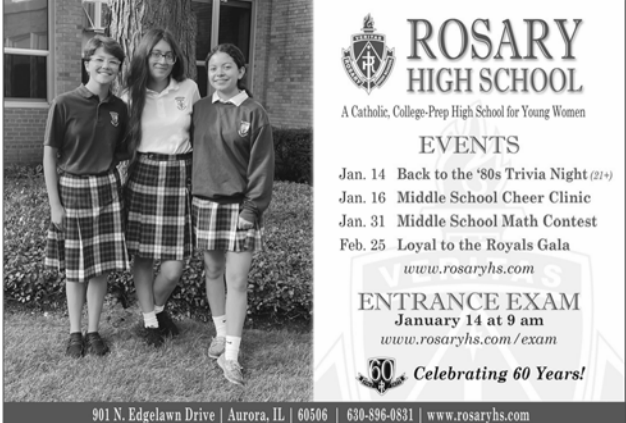
Come as you are – with all your questions, doubts,  
joys, and hopes.  
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You are welcome here.  
If you have any questions, call Tracey at (630) 248-  
2672 or Chris at (630) 313-0567.



LOVE  
Let those who never loved before,  
love now:  
Let those who always loved,  
love the more.  
—Anonymous

## High School News



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**EVENTS**

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- Jan. 16 Middle School Cheer Clinic
- Jan. 31 Middle School Math Contest
- Feb. 25 Loyal to the Royals Gala

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***Annunciation Parish Staff wishes  
you a Merry Christmas and Happy  
New Year!***

***Fr. Patrick, Deacon Mike Giblin,  
Deacon Ken Gay, Deacon Dom  
Petitti, Manny Juarez, Mark  
Fletcher, Mary Glosson, Lee  
Cheung, Jane Cebulski, Beth Clark  
and Melissa Francisco.***



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*Suddenly there was a multitude  
of the heavenly host with the angel,  
praising God and saying:*

*“Glory to  
God  
in the highest.”*

**December 25, 2022 • Christmas**

**Luke 2:13-14**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, December 26

6:30am †Donna Hermes  
8:00am Our Parish Family

Tuesday, December 27

6:30am Our Parish Family  
8:00am †Shirley Weber by Theresa, Charles & Pete  
Gutierrez

Wednesday, December 28

6:30am Our Parish Family  
8:00am †James Babiarz by Juli Tomse

Thursday, December 29

6:30am Our Parish Family  
8:00am †Donna Hermes

Friday, December 30

6:30am †Donna Hermes  
8:00am Our Parish Family

Saturday, December 31

8:00am †John C. Stahl by Family  
5:15pm For the Intention of Doctor & Mrs. Michael  
Cassano and Family by Rosemary O'Hara

Sunday, January 1

7:30am Living & Deceased Members of the Aloisio Family  
8:45am Our Parish Family  
10:00am †Leonard Lambert by Juli Tomse  
11:30am †Shirley Weber by John & Karla Michels

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, January 2

6:30am Our Parish Family  
8:00am †Ignacio Navarro

Tuesday, January 3

6:30am †Donna Hermes  
8:00am Our Parish Family

Wednesday, January 4

6:30am Our Parish Family  
8:00am †Helen Grumke by Lyle C. Smith

Thursday, January 5

6:30am †Our Parish Family  
8:00am †Donna Hermes

Friday, January 6

6:30am Our Parish Family  
8:00am †Robert Vlakancic by Patty & Gary Joray

Saturday, January 7

8:00am Our Parish Family  
5:15pm †Robert Jaeger by A Friend

Sunday, January 8

7:30am Our Parish Family  
8:45am Our Parish Family  
10:00am †Amy Garreau by Jim & Carol Hirner  
11:30am †Phil Rippinger by Family & Friends



**Parish Office**

1820 Church Road, Aurora, IL 60505

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-12:00 and 1:00-4:00pm;

Friday: 8:30-12:00

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**Parish Staff**

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Deacons...Rev. Mr. Mike Giblin, Rev. Mr. Domenic Petitti,

Rev. Mr. Kenneth Gay

Business Manager/Secretary.....Mary Glosson

Safe Environment Administrator.....Beth Clark

RE Secretary.....Melissa Francisco

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**Annunciation BVM School**

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Phone: 630-851-4300

Website: [annunciationbvm.org](http://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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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