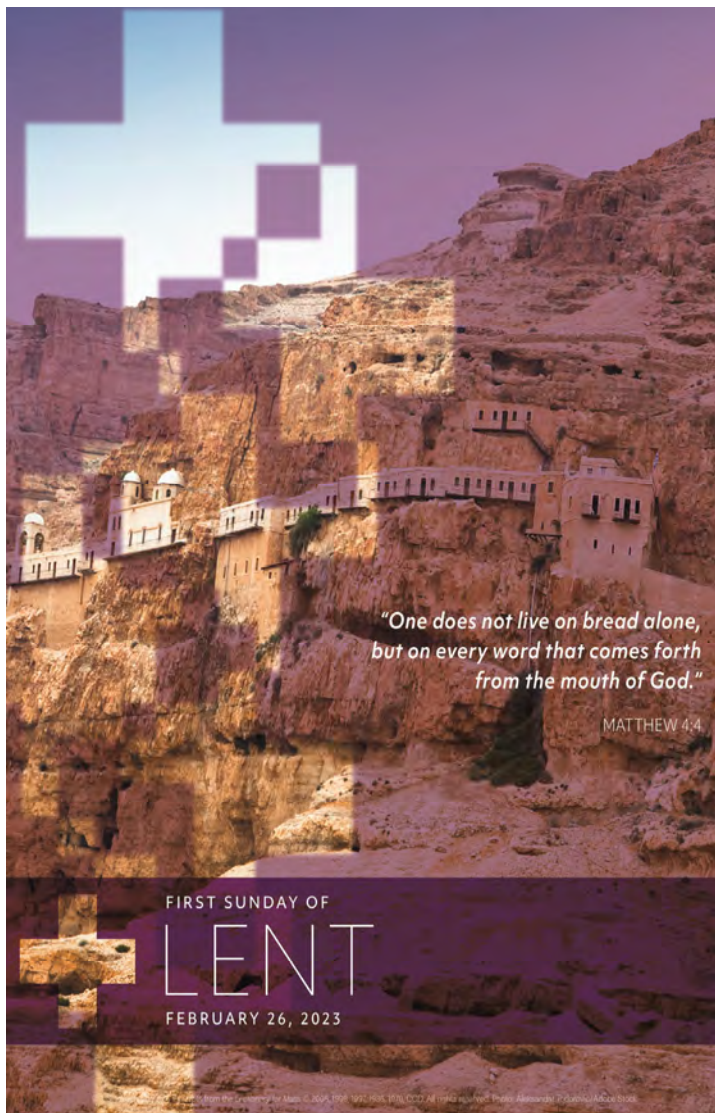


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Catholic Church  
First Sunday of Lent  
February 26, 2023*

*- 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.



**WHO WE ARE AND WHOSE WE ARE**

The Lenten season is a fresh invitation to explore again who God is, who we are, and what it means to be human. We begin by hearing the tragic story of the first humans in the book of Genesis. As Paul describes in Romans, our struggles started when our ancestors broke the bond of unity with God, sought self-sufficiency, and grew apart from their true purpose and identity. In Matthew's Gospel, we see how Jesus resists the lure of living outside of unity with God. Jesus rejects false promises of possessions, power, and status. Instead, he puts his life in his Father's hands. As our model for living as a fully human person, Jesus demonstrates that we are created to live in relationship with and trust in God, and in harmony with and for all of creation.

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**Adoration, Friday, March 4, 8:30-4pm.**

## Parish News & Events

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

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.

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.

We pray for the repose of the souls of Robert Williams and Robert Carey.

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, February 18

5:15pm	\$1,953.00
7:30am	\$827.00
8:45am	\$1,032.00
10:00am	\$1,087.00
11:30am	\$893.00

Total: \$ 5,792.00

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*My brothers and sisters, on this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the Fall of Adam and Eve. At the moment of their Fall, original sin was born. The origin of that sin—as is the origin of all sin, we could say—was pride. There's an old saying, "Pride comes before the fall!"*

*Our first parents gave in to the temptation to sin; that temptation was caused by the devil himself. Moreover, ever since that first moment of sin, the devil has been tempting countless number of people throughout the ages.*

*In his first letter, St. Peter warns the priests of his day of this continuous tempting of the devil's. St. Peter warns them, and us, "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith, knowing that your fellow believers throughout the world undergo the same sufferings."*

*St. Peter knew that the devil will never give up his onslaughts, and we should always be aware of that. He will not cease his efforts to ruin as many souls as he can!*

*Pride comes before the fall, so pray to God that He fill your souls with great humility, so that you can take on the devil and defeat him!*

*My brothers and sisters, as we walk along with our Lord in the desert this Lent, let us constantly remind ourselves that the devil is like a ravenous wolf, seeking to devour our souls! Resist him, steadfast in faith!*

*May you have a fruitful Lent!*

*Fr. Patrick*

*P.S., Please check page six for new bulletin news.*

## Lent



**Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.** Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

**Stations of the Cross:** Friday evenings at 7pm, starting Friday, February 24.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment. **Be Reconciled:** March 29, time TBD.

**Vespers,** Sunday evenings at 6:30pm.

# 7th Grade Charger Challenge

MARCH 7 & MARCH 21  
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All 7th Graders are welcome to spend a morning with us and experience life as a Charger! Call to register your student: 630-907-0095 x109



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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*

##### *The Fall*

#### **77. What other consequences derive from original sin?**

In consequence of original sin human nature, without being totally corrupted, is wounded in its natural powers. It is subject to ignorance, to suffering, and to the dominion of death and is inclined toward sin. This inclination is called *concupiscentia*.

#### **78. After the first sin, what did God do?**

After the first sin the world was inundated with sin but God did not abandon man to the power of death. Rather, he foretold in a mysterious way in the “Protoevangelium” (Genesis 3:15) that evil would be conquered and that man would be lifted up from his fall. This was the first proclamation of the Messiah and Redeemer. Therefore, the fall would be called in the future a “*happy fault*” because it “gained for us so great a Redeemer”

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

#### **79. What is the Good News for humanity?**

It is the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the “Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16), who died and rose from the dead. In the time of King Herod and the Emperor Caesar Augustus, God fulfilled the promises that he made to Abraham and his descendants. He sent “his Son, born of woman, born under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:4-5).

#### **80. How is the Good News spread?**

From the very beginning the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Jesus Christ in order to lead all to faith in him. Even today, from the loving knowledge of Christ there springs up in the believer the desire to evangelize and catechize, that is, to reveal in the Person of Christ the entire design of God and to put humanity in communion with him.

#### *“And In Jesus Christ, His Only Son Our Lord”*

#### **81. What is the meaning of the name “Jesus”**

Given by an angel at the time of the Annunciation, the name “Jesus” means “God saves.” The name expresses his identity and his mission “because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Peter proclaimed that “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

## High School News

### Marmion Academy

8<sup>th</sup> grade boys can take the first step to becoming a Marmion Cadet by taking our Entrance Exam on Saturday, March 25, 2023! Visit [www.marmion.org/admissions](http://www.marmion.org/admissions) for additional information and to register for the exam.

**PARENTS:** Join us for an informal Q&A session and a continental breakfast beginning at 9:00 AM.

For more information, please contact Marmion Academy Office of Admissions at [admissions@marmion.org](mailto:admissions@marmion.org) or at 630-897-6936.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;  
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** — Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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#### OUR FASCINATING FAITH

##### Lent

One of the liturgical reforms mandated at the Second Vatican Council was that the focus of the season of Lent should be restored as a time of preparation for—or renewal of—baptism. The bishops at the Council were aware of the fact that the origins of Lent as a distinctive liturgical season lay in the early centuries when the Church celebrated the sacraments of Christian initiation only once a year, at the Easter Vigil. In order to prepare those who were to receive those sacraments, a special period of preparation (eventually lasting forty days) gradually developed.

By the time of the Second Vatican Council, the initiatory character of Lent had long been forgotten, and it had become simply a time of penance focused on individual spiritual renewal. The introduction of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and the revision of the Lectionary after the Council have changed all of that. Now the Sunday scripture readings during Lent are very carefully selected with an eye to the journey of those preparing to be initiated at the Easter Vigil. Once again, the entire community is asked to undergo penance in solidarity with the candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Thus, in order to appreciate fully the meaning of the readings during this season, the “filter” through which they must be heard is always the knowledge that we are helping to prepare our sisters and brothers in the catechumenate for their initiation at the Easter Vigil.

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***Please note-new bulletin deadline starting with the March 5th bulletin!***

*This will be the last bulletin from J.S. Paluch, Company. We have signed a new contract with Diocesan, which means a smaller bulletin and different deadlines.*

*Please consult the bulletin for deadlines, if you would like something in the bulletin. The usual deadline for things in the bulletin is **THURSDAY, 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.*

**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

**Prayer during Lent**

Holy God,  
now is the acceptable time to return to you.  
As we walk the path of these forty days,  
may we turn away from sin  
and embrace a life of goodness and truth.  
Strengthen us on our Lenten journey  
and keep us focused on the cross and resurrection  
of your Son, our Savior and Redeemer.  
He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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**LOVE AND DEEDS**

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

—St. Teresa of Ávila

**GOOD TIMING**

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.

—Anonymous

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, February 27

6:30am †Karen Heriaud by Her Family

8:00am †Carol Klein by Her Family

Tuesday, February 28

6:30am †Donna Hermes

8:00am †Don Brummel by Kathy Flanagan and The Johnson Family

Wednesday, March 1

6:30am †Donna Hermes

8:45am Our Parish Family

Thursday, March 2

6:30am †Ignacio Navarro by Family

8:00am †Kathy & Frank Skrtic by Family

Friday, March 3

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Philip Buriegi by His Family

Saturday, March 4

8:00am †Don Brummel by Marilyn Foote

5:15pm †Robert Vlakancic by Vlakancic Family

Sunday, March 5

7:30am †Shirley Weber by Weber Family

8:45am †Terry Benoit by Wife

10:00am Our Parish Family

11:30am Our Parish Family

**Parish Office**

1820 Church Road, Aurora, IL 60505  
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Rev. Mr. Kenneth Gay  
Business Manager.....Mary Glosson  
Safe Environment Administrator.....Beth Clark  
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1840 Church Road, Aurora, IL 60505  
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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 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.

**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 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 7:00pm. For contact information and calendar of events, go to the council website at: knightsforcolumbusil.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.: 6:30am & 8:45am  
Sat.: 8:00am

Weekdays (School not in session):

Mass) M.—F.: 6:30am, 8:00am (Rosary prayed before 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  
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