

*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Family of Jesus
December 24 and December 31, 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.



Adoration will take place on Friday, January 5, from 8:30am-4:00pm.

December Mass Schedule and Events

Masses:

Saturday, December 23, 5:15pm

Sunday, December 24, 7:30, 8:45, 10:00 and 11:30am

Christmas Day, December 24, 4:00pm and 6:00pm

Christmas Day, December 25, Midnight, 8:00am, 10:00am and 11:30am

Saturday, December 30, 5:15pm

Sunday, December 31, 7:30am, 8:45am, 10:00am, 11:30am.

Monday, January 1, is NOT a holy day of obligation. Therefore, Masses will be at the usual times of 6:30 and 8:00am.

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 25-Tuesday, January 2. Father Patrick will be available for emergencies throughout that time—with the exception of Friday, December 29—at extension 204.

Christmas Environment-Take Down:

Sunday, January 7, 12:30pm

(All volunteers are welcome and service hours will be given.)



The Jr. Choir will sing at the 11:30am Mass on Christmas Day.



Parish News & Events

Anna Adams	Imelda Johnson	Stan Rudd
Bill Aloisio	Patrick Lavigne	Geri Smith
Irene Bezroukoff	Jacqueline Lehy	Marilee Seppell
Michelle Bezroukoff	Carrie Mitchell	Bruce Stephens
Martin Brosas	Jerry Obrien	Sally Thayer
Daniel Brown	Joe Pascolini	Jack Watson
Joseph Ciesielski	Mark Phillips	Connie Weber
Mary Aloisio Cummings	Ken Podsiadlik	Wayne Weiler
Fred d'Escoto	Kathy Rapp	Linda White
Mary Beth Erickson	Janice Rippinger	Gregory Zajicek
Bartholomew Hansen	Norma Rodriguez	
Mark Huettnner	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. 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.

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

Thank you for your generosity to the parish.

Sunday, December 10

5:15pm	\$1,274.00
7:30am	\$1,492.00
8:45am	\$1,533.00
10:00am	\$836.00
11:30am	\$991.00
Mail-ins:	\$145.00
Total:	\$6,271.00



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2023 Diocesan Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to this Appeal. May God Bless You.

Registered Families:	700
#Families Pledged:	113
Parish Goal:	\$66,579.00
Amount Pledged:	\$48,775.00
Amount Left to fulfill pledge:	\$17,804.00

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this Appeal. We appreciate your help.

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From the Desk of Fr. Patrick

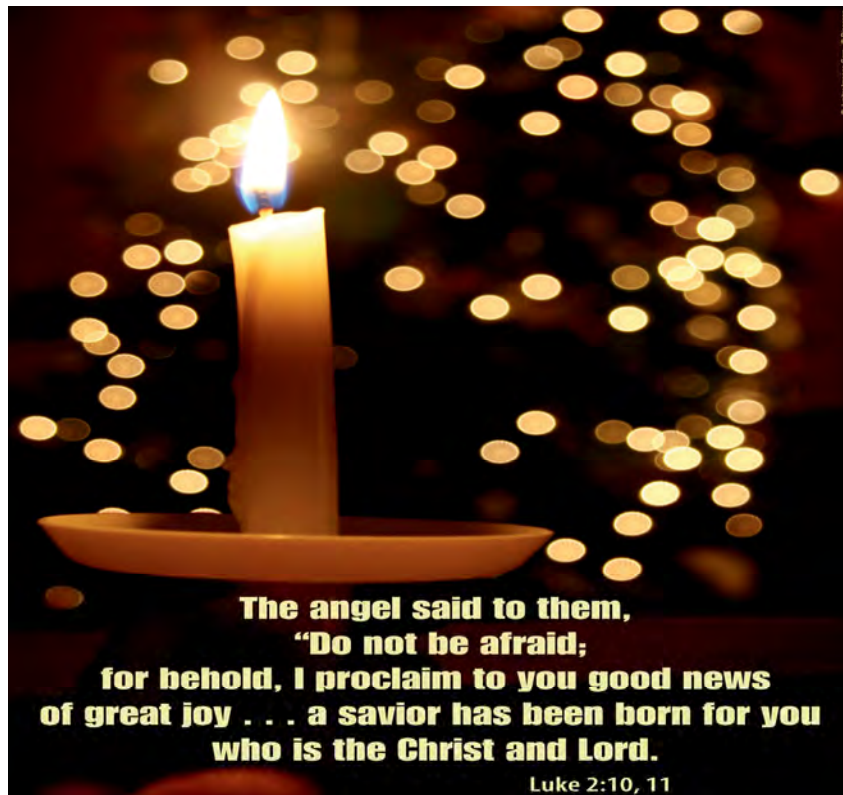
My brothers and sisters, I just wanted to take this moment to thank you for your generosity over the past couple of months. Since my talk at all the Masses, one weekend in September, concerning our finances, you have stepped up and come through. It is greatly appreciated.

As is evidenced in recent bulletins, our collection amounts have increased much. Thank you so much for that! Your care for and love of our parish is abundantly clear.

I'm praying—and confident—that our new year will be a great one!

May God bless you abundantly during this joyous Christmas Season, and throughout the new year! God is great!

Fr. Patrick



We wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Patrick, Deacon Mike, Deacon Dom, Deacon Ken, Mark Fletcher, Manny Juarez, Mary Glosson, Lee Cheung, Jane Cebulski and Beth Clark.

thank you!

Dear Annunciation Family, To all the wonderful bakers, “cookie boxers”, and deliverers, we say **thank you** for helping bring a smile to the many faces in our parish family, and community! Christmas time brings out that special Christmas love we all need and appreciate! Thank you all for your time and love! See you next year! Merry Christmas to you, too! Mary Moon and Trish Theriault



Thank you to all those who donated to the December 2023 Annunciation Food Drive. It's amazing the generosity of our parishioners as a van load of food was collected in just one weekend. Once again, The Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry in Aurora is grateful for all the items donated.

The next Annunciation Food Drive will be held the weekend of **January 13th and 14th**. Please bring your non-perishable donations to the blue bins in front of the altar, near the organ. Donations accepted during designated weekends only and in the designated area. Also, please check the dates on all items donated. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year!

Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Eucharist

IV. The Liturgical Celebration of the Eucharist

The Movement of the Celebration

1352 The anaphora: with the Eucharistic Prayer—the prayer of thanksgiving and consecration—we come to the heart and summit of the celebration: In the preface, the Church gives thanks to the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit, for all his works: creation, redemption, and sanctification. The whole community thus joins in the unending praise that the Church in heaven, the angels and all the saints, sing to the thrice-holy God. In the epiclesis, the Church asks the Father to send his Holy Spirit (or the power of his blessing) on the bread and wine, so that by his power they may become the body and blood of Jesus Christ and so that those who take part in the Eucharist may be one body and one spirit (some liturgical traditions put the epiclesis after the anamnesis). In the institution narrative, the power of the words and the action of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, make sacramentally present under the species of bread and wine Christ's body and blood, his sacrifice offered on the cross once for all.

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Prayer Chain Revitalized



What is a Prayer Chain ? A group of people who pray for a specific intention. Someone who needs prayers calls the leader and asks for prayers to be said for something specific like a person having surgery, someone going to the hospital for testing or a family going through a difficult time etc. The leader then calls, texts, or emails the members of the prayer chain and they will say a prayer like the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be or maybe a rosary whatever they can do for the specific request.

Please consider becoming a **PRAYER WARRIOR** for Annunciation! Call Linda Wrona 630-947-5167 to sign up or for more information.



Please **support** the businesses listed on the back of the bulletin, when you can.

The **Dominican Literacy Center** in Aurora, celebrating its 30th year, has just received The Best Practices Award from the National Library of Congress. The Center will be training new tutor volunteers for its literacy program in January. Female volunteers (with high school diploma) are trained to help women students learn to read, write, and speak English. Tutoring sessions are 90 minutes, once a week, from Sept. to May, at 260 Vermont St., Aurora (behind St. Therese Church). Tutors do not need to speak Spanish or have teaching experience, but all volunteers must attend 9 hours of training in addition to viewing several training videos online. The next training date is Saturday, January 20, from 9:00AM to 3:30PM. Tutors will begin with their new student the following week. To volunteer, email Alison Brzezinski at Alison@dominicanliteracycenter.org. For more information, visit www.dominicanliteracycenter.org or call 630-898-4636. The Center is not handicap accessible.

*May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.*



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 24, Anticipatory Masses for Christmas

4:00pm †Ivan Seppell by Family

6:00pm †Donald Brummel, Sr., by Joyce Dunley

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

Midnight Mass Our Parish Family

8:00am †Poss Family by Family

10:00am †Carol Glorioso by Family

11:30am †Dick Bonifas by Arlene & Family

Tuesday, December 26

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Dolores Franck by Ann Gette

Wednesday, December 27

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:45am †Maxine G. Smith by Lyle C. Smith

Thursday, December 28

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Jaycee Payne by Tentinger Family

Friday, December 29

6:30am Our Parish Family

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

Saturday, December 30

8:00am †Lucy & Maddie

5:15pm †Robert Vlakancic by Patty & Gary Joray

Sunday, December 31

7:30am †Sr. Anne Clare Landerman, R.S.M.

8:45am †Thomas Troccoli by The Kot Family

10:00am †Kathy Tentinger by Family
Our Parish Family

11:30am †Phil Rippinger by Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Sr. Anne Clare Landerman by A Friend

Tuesday, January 2

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Ignacia Navarro by Family

Wednesday, January 3

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:45am †Al Bacchi by Marilee Seppell

Thursday, January 4

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Bob (Cowboy) William by Jim & Eddie O'Malley

Friday, January 5

6:30am †Linda Pattermann by Family

8:00am Living & Deceased Family Members of Donald & Joan Brummel, Sr. Family

Saturday, January 6

8:00am Our Parish Family

5:15pm †Robert Vlakancic by Patty & Gary Joray

Sunday, January 7

7:30am †Barbara Pitz by Werner & Patricia Welz

8:45am †Shirlee Fichtel by Walking With Purpose Bible Study Group

10:00am The Intention of the Aurora Deanery Women of Inspiration

11:30am Our Parish Family

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Christ
the Lord



Parish Office

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Parish Staff

Pastor.....Rev. Patrick Gillmeyer, OSB

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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 10 days before the Sunday it is due. 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):

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

Mass)

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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