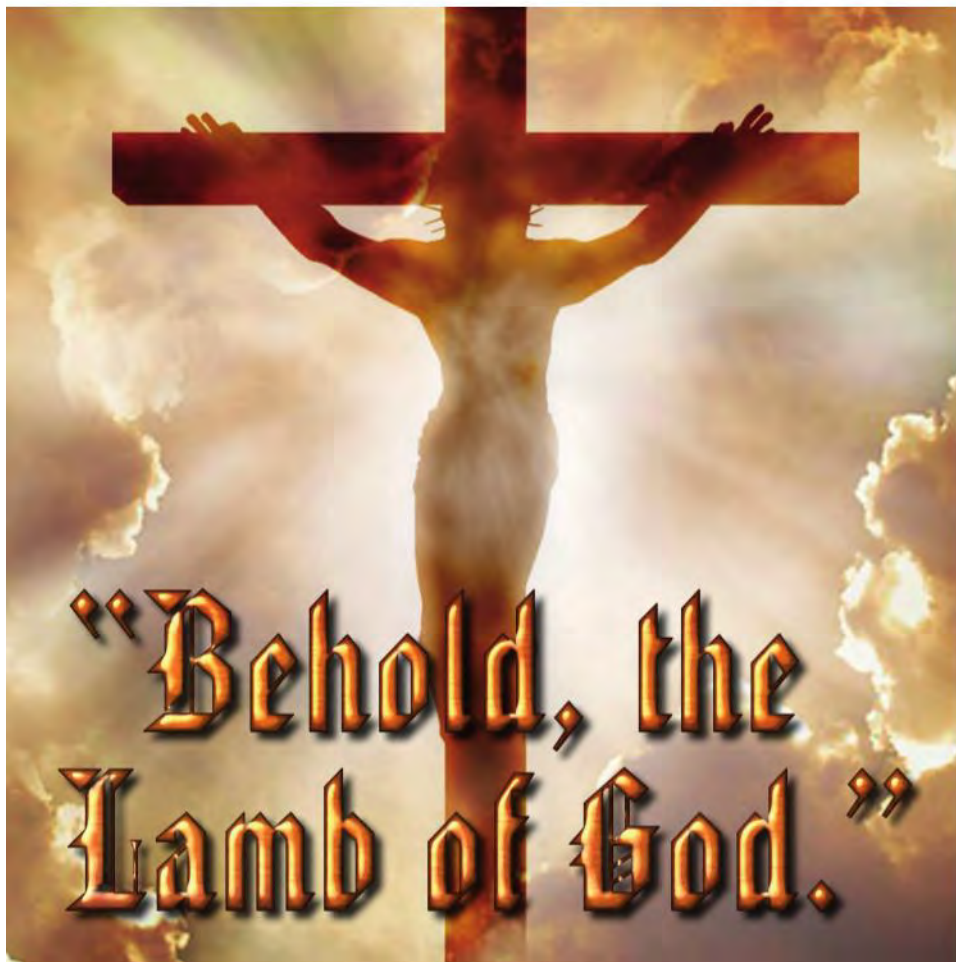


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024*

~ 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.



The parish office will be **closed** on Monday, January 15 due to a Diocesan holiday.

Adoration will take place on Friday, February 2, from 8:30am-4:00pm.



Parish News & Events

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	Bartholomew Hansen	Norb Rozanski
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Mary Aloisio Cummings	Mark Phillips	Linda White
Fred d'Escoto	Ken Podsiadlik	Gregory Zajicek
Mary Beth Erickson	Kathy Rapp	
	Janice Rippinger	

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: Stanley Rudd, Nancy Delke and Gerald Weistroffer.**

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.

December 24, 4th Sunday of Advent:

5:15pm	\$1,153.00
7:30am	\$2,254.00
8:45am	\$1,248.00
10:00am	\$1,279.00
11:30am	\$524.00
Total:	\$6,458.00

December 25, Christmas:

Total	\$28,143.61
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Sunday, December 31

5:15pm	\$1,009.00
7:30am	\$1,138.00
8:45am	\$762.00
10:00am	\$1,292.40
11:30am	\$2,419.00
Total:	\$6,620.140
Holy Land:	\$1,117.85



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From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters, I would like to thank everyone that assisted with the putting up and taking down of our Christmas environment in church. At both events, everything went smoothly, and very quickly. As a result of your hard work, the church looked beautiful for our Christmas. I would also like to thank our deacons, musicians, singers and servers who assisted at the Christmas liturgies. Because of all of you, we were able to give fitting praise to God for the birth of His Son.

Finally, I would also like to thank all of you who came out to participate in our beautiful liturgies. Once again, we were able to celebrate, with joy, the birth of our Lord into this world! Glory to God in the highest, indeed!

My brothers and sisters, I pray that you have a wonderful new year, and that 2024 will be filled with blessings, peace, joy and happiness!

God bless you,

Fr. Patrick



Thank you for your donations for the poinsettia plants. We appreciate your donations so much.

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The Eucharist

IV. The Liturgical Celebration of the Eucharist

V. The Sacramental Sacrifice: Thanksgiving, Memorial, Presence

1357. We carry out this command of the Lord by celebrating the memorial of his sacrifice. In so doing, we offer to the Father what he has himself given us: the gifts of his creation, bread and wine which, by the power of the Holy Spirit and by the words of Christ, have become the body and blood of Christ. Christ is thus really and mysteriously made present.

1358. We must therefore consider the Eucharist as:
 –thanksgiving and praise to the Father;
 –the sacrificial memorial of Christ and his Body;
 –the presence of Christ by the power of his word and of his Spirit.

Thanksgiving and praise to the Father.

1359. The Eucharist, the sacrament of our salvation accomplished by Christ on the cross, is also a sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for the work of creation. In the Eucharistic sacrifice the whole of creation loved by God is presented to the Father through the death and the Resurrection of Christ. Through Christ the Church can offer the sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for all that God has made good, beautiful, and just in creation and in humanity.

1360. The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption, and sanctification. Eucharist means first of all “thanksgiving.”

1361. The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of praise by which the Church sings the glory of God in the name of all creation. This sacrifice of praise is possible only through Christ: he unites the faithful to his person, to his praise, and to his intercession, so that the sacrifice of praise to the Father is offered through Christ and with him, to be accepted in him.



Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the Christmas Environment at church. To the adults and students from Annunciation School and Religious Education Program who helped set up the environment and to those who helped take down the environment: Jim Hirner, Dustin Brown, Juli Tomse, Jennifer Solano, Jennifer Bartels, John Edgerton, Trisha Bonilla, Kathy Morgan and Mark Fletcher, Linda Wrona, Mary Walton and Robert Walton.



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.



Hello, God

Just before our first reading it says that “the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. (1Sam 3:1) I imagine most people today would think that was true. Haven’t you ever wished you lived in biblical times, to see some of the miracles you read about? Wouldn’t it be cool to hear the Lord speaking in a vision? Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel’s time. Let’s look at the reading to see what Samuel’s experience can teach us.

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God. If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. Or if a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God’s way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the Lord was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can lead you to understand what God is saying to you. Your pastor may be able to do that, or at least able to refer you to someone.

Warning: A spiritual director will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God, instead of going back to Eli. Then God tells him what God’s plan was. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer with him. Don’t be like the man who complains he never know what his wife wants from him. When asked what she tells him, he says, “I don’t know; we never talk.” I bet we have all had times where we didn’t know if we are doing God’s will because we didn’t take time to pray. But don’t do all the talking. Give God some quiet time to hear his response. For God hasn’t stopped talking; we just stopped listening.

Tom Schmidt, DIOCESAN

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 15

6:30am For the Intention of Margie May-Carte

8:00am †Dr. Robert Wells by Juli Tomse

Tuesday, January 16

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †David Stevens by The Collins Family

Wednesday, January 17

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:45am †Al Bacchi by Don Modaff

Thursday, January 18

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †James Klein by Family

Friday, January 19

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Diane Mesh (1st anniversary) by Family

Saturday, January 20

8:00am †Lucy & Maddie

5:15pm †Rick Cutlip by Family

Sunday, January 21

7:30am †Eugene Calpin by Deb Denney

8:45am †Shirlee Fichtel by Robert & Liz Crabbe

10:00am Our Parish Family

11:30am †Michael Ariano by The Heintz Family



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