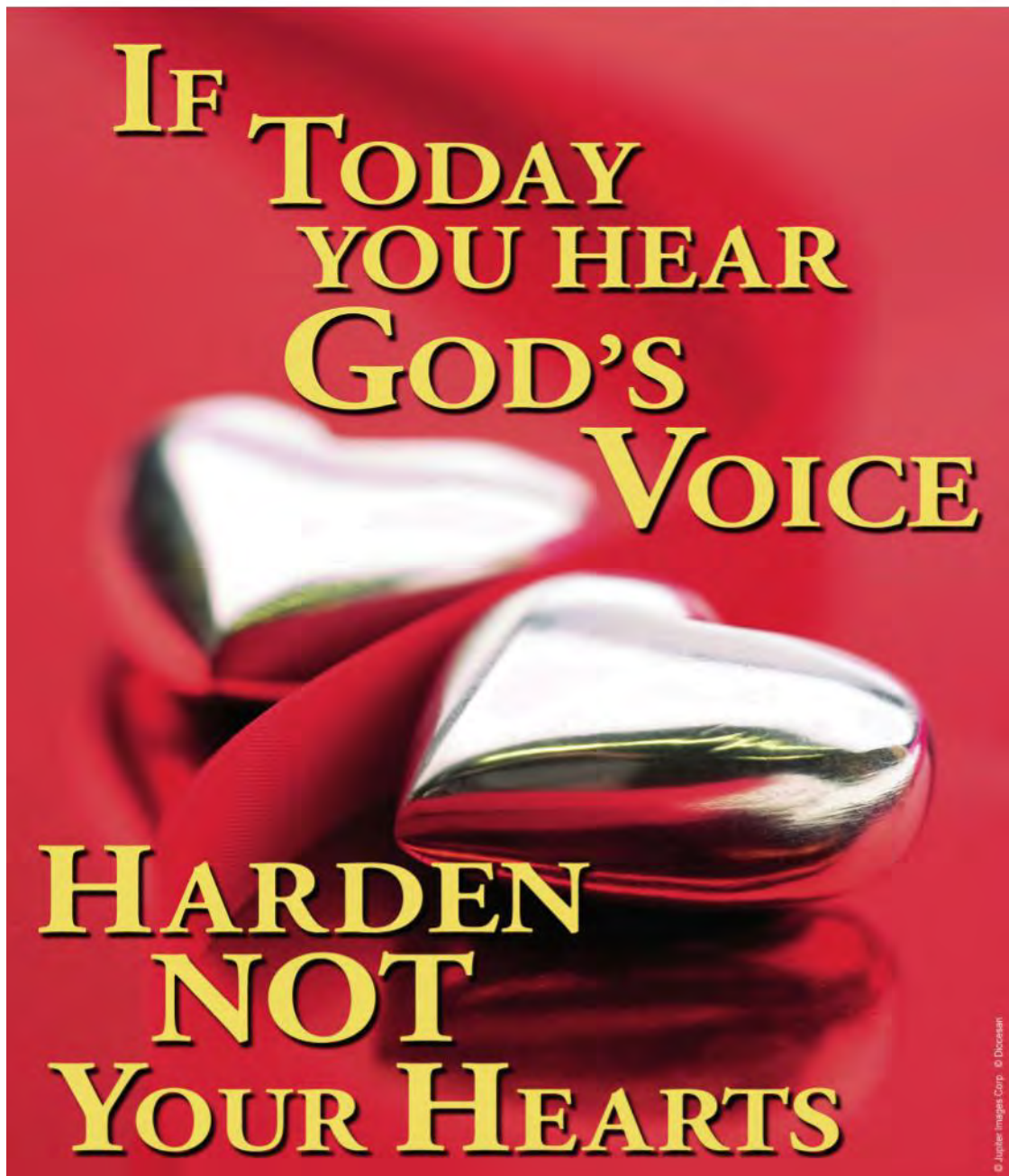


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2024*

~ 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.



Parish News & Events

Anna Adams	Mark Huettner	Norb Rozanski
Bill Aloisio	Imelda Johnson	Geri Smith
Irene Bezroukoff	Patrick Lavigne	Marilee Seppell
Michelle Bezroukoff	Jacqueline Lehy	Bruce Stephens
Martin Brosas	Carrie Mitchell	Sally Thayer
Margie May-Carte	Jerry Obrien	Jack Watson
Joseph Ciesielski	Joe Pascolini	Connie Weber
Mary Aloisio Cummings	Mark Phillips	Wayne Weiler
Fred d'Escoto	Ken Podsiadlik	Linda White
May Beth Erickson	Kathy Rapp	Gregory Zajicek
	Janice Rippinger	

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.

January 14, 2024

5:15pm	\$1,423.41
7:30am	\$776.00
8:45am	\$947.00
10:00am	\$1,190.75
11:30am	\$672.00
Mail Ins:	\$2,155.00
Total:	\$7,164.16



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

EFT December Sunday Envelopes:

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From the Desk of the Pastor

My brothers and sisters, life here on earth can be quite difficult at times—no kidding! Many have had, or may be having right now, many anxieties, many worries about big things, about small things, about world events, about local events. Nevertheless, no matter what causes our fears and anxieties, it could result in spiritual harm, spiritual damage.

St. Paul knew that people would have fears and anxieties in their lives, that's why he tells us today, "Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties...I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction."

The Apostle knew that life's difficulties could very well wear down the human soul. However, he also knew that we can't let these difficulties get the best of us; they are only a part of our lives. However, the other part, the most important part, is Jesus, and St. Paul knew this quite well, since he told us that we must adhere to the Lord without distraction!

We need to remember that Christ doesn't want us to let our anxieties overpower us. Instead, He wants us simply to place out complete trust in Him. If we do that, then there will be a very good chance that those anxieties and fears will become a lot more bearable. Because, with our complete trust in Him, He will make sure that we will not be overcome, and that is a guarantee!

My brothers and sisters, among the many things that our Lord has told us, this is one of the most important things for us to remember: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy, and My burden light."

My brothers and sisters, no matter how difficult life in this world can get, and no matter how much it seems that those difficulties might get the best of us, in the end, we must always remember that in the end, no matter what happens, Christ will win, because He always wins!

God bless you,

Father Patrick



Men's Athletic Fundraiser

Friday, February 9, 2024 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Dear Annunciation Friends, Families and Supporters, Men of the parish, family and friends - please join us for a night of fun and excitement! This is our athletic program's largest fundraiser. Every dollar will go to our athletic program to offset the cost of new uniforms. We need everyone's help to make this another successful Annunciation event! Tickets: Tickets to the event are only \$20.00, which will be sold at the door. Please spread the word about this event to your friends and family. This entry fee includes unlimited food and drink! Games, Raffles, and More: We will have blackjack tables and plenty of room to have your own games.

- Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win great baskets and prizes.
- 50/50 tickets for a chance to split the pot are offered the night of.
- Superbowl Squares - Squares will be offered for \$5 and \$10 a square.

Donations: We are always extremely thankful for donations for our raffle tables. Nothing is too small! Examples of popular raffle items include sports memorabilia / tickets, tools, golf items, outdoor items, gift cards, and lottery tickets. We will also accept cash donations. These items can be dropped off at the school office by Friday, January 26th. Thank you all for any help you can give us. We are truly blessed with a generous school and parish. If you have any questions about the event and/ or have a donation, please contact Kevin Becker at ktbecker80@gmail.com or Phil Bergeron at philb498@gmail.com.



Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

V. The Sacramental Sacrifice: Thanksgiving, Memorial, Presence

The sacrificial memorial of Christ and of his Body, the Church

1366. The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross, because it is its memorial and because it applies its fruit:

[Christ], our Lord and God, was once and for all to offer himself to God the Father by his death on the altar of the cross, to accomplish there an everlasting redemption. But because his priesthood was not to end with his death, at the Last Supper "on the night when he was betrayed," [he wanted] to leave to his beloved spouse the Church a visible sacrifice (as the nature of man demands) by which the bloody sacrifice which he was to accomplish once for all on the cross would be re-presented, its memory perpetuated until the end of the world, and its salutary power be applied to the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit.

1367. The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are *one single sacrifice*: "The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different." "And since in this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and offered in an unbloody manner... this sacrifice is truly propitiatory."

1368. *The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church.* The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering.

In the catacombs the Church is often represented as a woman in prayer, arms outstretched in the praying position. Like Christ who stretched out his arms on the cross, through him, with him, and in him, she offers herself and intercedes for all men.

1369. *The whole Church is united with the offering and intercession of Christ.* Since he has the ministry of Peter in the Church, the Pope is associated with every celebration of the Eucharist, wherein he is named as the sign and servant of the unity of the universal Church. The *bishop* of the place is always responsible for the Eucharist, even when a *priest* presides; the bishop's name is mentioned to signify his presidency over the particular Church, in the midst of his presbyterium and with the assistance of *deacons*. The community intercedes also for all ministers who, for it and with it, offer the Eucharistic sacrifice: Let only that Eucharist be regarded as legitimate, which is celebrated under [the presidency of] the bishop or him to whom he has entrusted it. Through the ministry of priests the spiritual sacrifice of the faithful is completed in union with the sacrifice of Christ the only Mediator, which in the Eucharist is offered through the priests' hands in the name of the whole Church in an unbloody and sacramental manner until the Lord himself comes.



Thank you to all those who donated to the Annunciation Food Drive this past year and especially this past weekend. Also thank you to the volunteers who helped with posting signage and loading food into the car. In 2023, Annunciation parishioners donated over 2852#'s worth of food to the Marie Wilkinson Pantry in Aurora.

The next Annunciation collection will be held the weekend of **February and 10 and 11th**. Please bring your non-perishable donations to the blue tupperware bins in front of the altar near the baptismal font. Food donations can only be accepted during designated weekends and designated areas. Any food left outside the church will be thrown away. Also, please check the dates on the items donated.

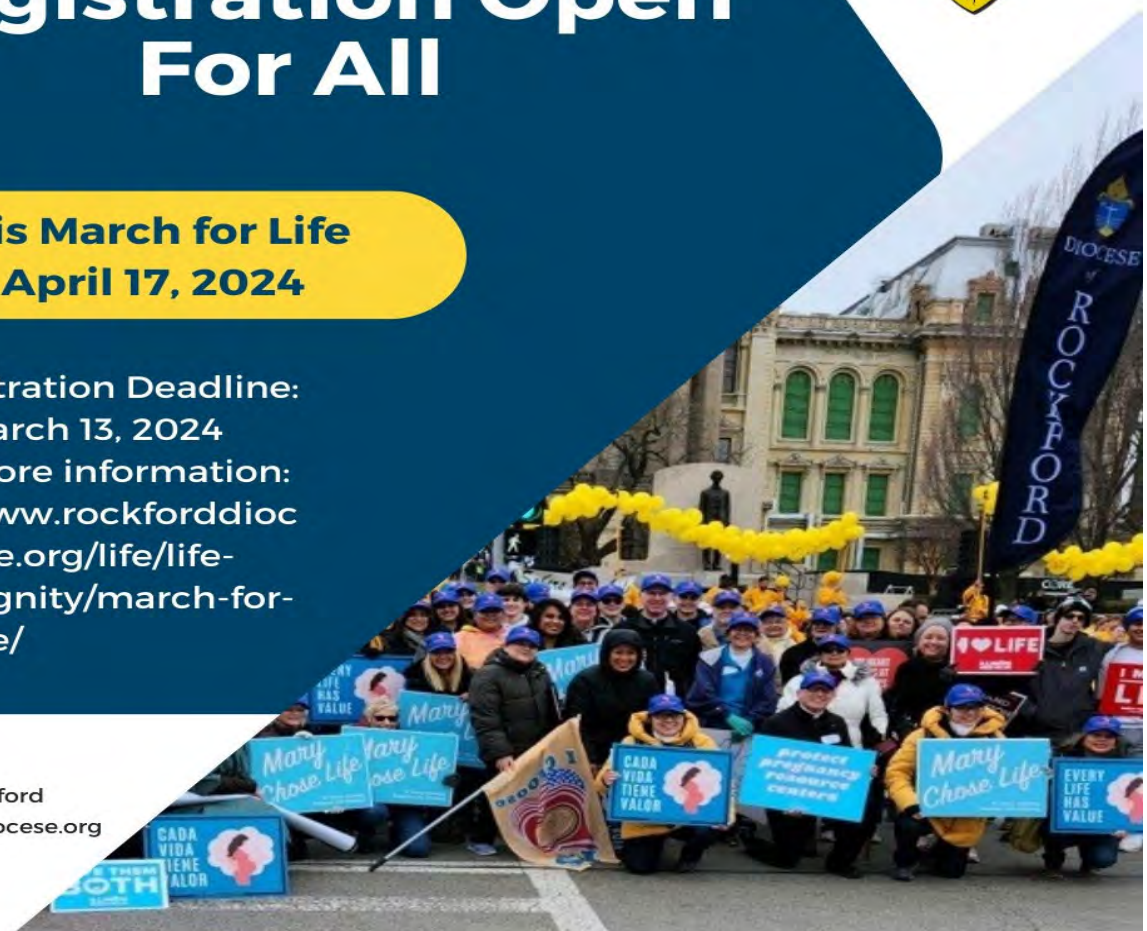
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**Illinois March for Life
on April 17, 2024**

- Registration Deadline:
 - March 13, 2024
- For More information:
 - www.rockforddiocese.org/life/life-dignity/march-for-life/

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Ways to Support Waterleaf

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- Pray for the staff and clients at Waterleaf

Start Date

End Date



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The Knights of Columbus held the Free Throw Competition in mid-January in Annunciation's gym. Congratulations to our contestants.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 29

6:30am The Intention of Fr. Bakklund

8:00am †Al Bacchi by Janet Springman

Tuesday, January 30

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Patricia May by Joan Olesen

Wednesday, January 31

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:45am Our Parish Family

Thursday, February 1

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Lorraine Meyer by Bridget Collins

Friday, February 2

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Rose & Peter Aloisio by Family

Saturday, February 3

8:00am †Kathy Tentinger by Family

5:15pm Living & Deceased Members of the Seppell Family

Sunday, February 4

7:30am Our Parish Family

8:45am †Shirlee Fichtel by Mark & Mary Spoden

10:00am †Dominick Covelle by Juli Tomse

11:30am †Pamela Peterson by Family



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