

*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 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.



Epiphany of the Lord

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come, the glory of
the Lord shines upon you.*

ISAIAH 60:1



Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? And these special gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus' time to worship God. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. So these gifts remind us of Jesus' kingship, divinity, and his dying for us.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

Tom Schmidt, Diocesan



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

Christmas Environment-Take Down:
Sunday, January 7, 12:30pm
(All volunteers are welcome and service hours will be given.)

Parish News & Events

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

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 17

5:15pm	\$1,066.00
7:30am	\$2,240.00
8:45am	\$1,151.00
10:00am	\$1,575.31
11:30am	\$1,399.00
Mail-ins:	\$2,300.00
Total:	\$9,731.31



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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 the Pastor

My brothers and sisters, Pope Saint Leo the Great, in his 31st sermon, "On the Feast of the Epiphany," wrote this about the gifts of the Magi,

"They adore the Word in flesh, the Wisdom in infancy, the Power in weakness, the Lord of majesty in the reality of man: and by their gifts make open acknowledgment of what they believe in their hearts, that they may show forth the mystery of their faith and understanding. The incense they offer to God, the myrrh to Man, the gold to the King, consciously paying honor to the Divine and human Nature in union: because while each substance had its own properties, there was no difference in the power of either." (<https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/360331.htm>).

My brothers and sisters, the Light of the world, Jesus Christ, has shone upon us. He has manifested Himself in our world, and the Magi reveal to us that He truly is the God of us all; one of us in the flesh; and King of the universe!

Therefore, with the Magi, let us rejoice and be glad, my brothers and sisters, for we now live in the Light, the Light that illumines the darkness. That Light is Christ, true God, true Man, true King; fully divine, fully human and fully powerful! Glory to God in the highest, indeed, and peace to all on earth!

I pray that you have a wonderful and prosperous new year. Thank you for all you do for this parish, and thank you, especially, for your generosity, it is quite noticeable!

God bless you!

Fr. Patrick



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!



Every month at Annunciation School, special attention is paid to a particular virtue. Students are taught the meaning of this virtue and how it applies to their everyday life. At the end of the month, a student or two displaying this virtue is chosen to receive an award, along with a dress-down pass.

The virtue for the month of November was Gratitude. Awards were presented to the following students, at the all-school Mass on Wednesday, December 20. Congratulations to all who received the award for Gratitude:

Kindergarten: Santiago Alvarez and Serena Hurd

First Grade: Sebastian Alcantar and Christianna Renteria

Second Grade: Aviana Rodriguez and Henry Peterson

Third Grade: Evan Eilermann, Ryan Pasternak, and Evan Fancsali

Fourth Grade: Isabella Diaz and Estella Dutler

Fifth Grade: Ben Bergeron and Nicholas Herrera

Sixth Grade: Daniel Digate

Seventh Grade: Colin Johnson and London Tyler

Eighth Grade: Marlene Blanco and Arielle Rogers

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

1354. In the anamnesis that follows, the Church calls to mind the Passion, resurrection, and glorious return of Christ Jesus; she presents to the Father the offering of his Son which reconciles us with him. In the intercessions, the Church indicates that the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church in heaven and on earth, the living and the dead, and in communion with the pastors of the Church, the Pope, the diocesan bishop, his presbyterium and his deacons, and all the bishops of the whole world together with their Churches.

1355. In the communion, preceded by the Lord's prayer and the breaking of the bread, the faithful receive "the bread of heaven" and "the cup of salvation," the body and blood of Christ who offered himself "for the life of the world": Because this bread and wine have been made Eucharist ("eucharisted," according to an ancient expression), "we call this food Eucharist, and no one may take part in it unless he believes that what we teach is true, has received baptism for the forgiveness of sins and new birth, and lives in keeping with what Christ taught."

V. The Sacramental Sacrifice: Thanksgiving, Memorial, Presence

1356. If from the beginning Christians have celebrated the Eucharist and in a form whose substance has not changed despite the great diversity of times and liturgies, it is because we know ourselves to be bound by the command the Lord gave on the eve of his Passion: "Do this in remembrance of me. 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.

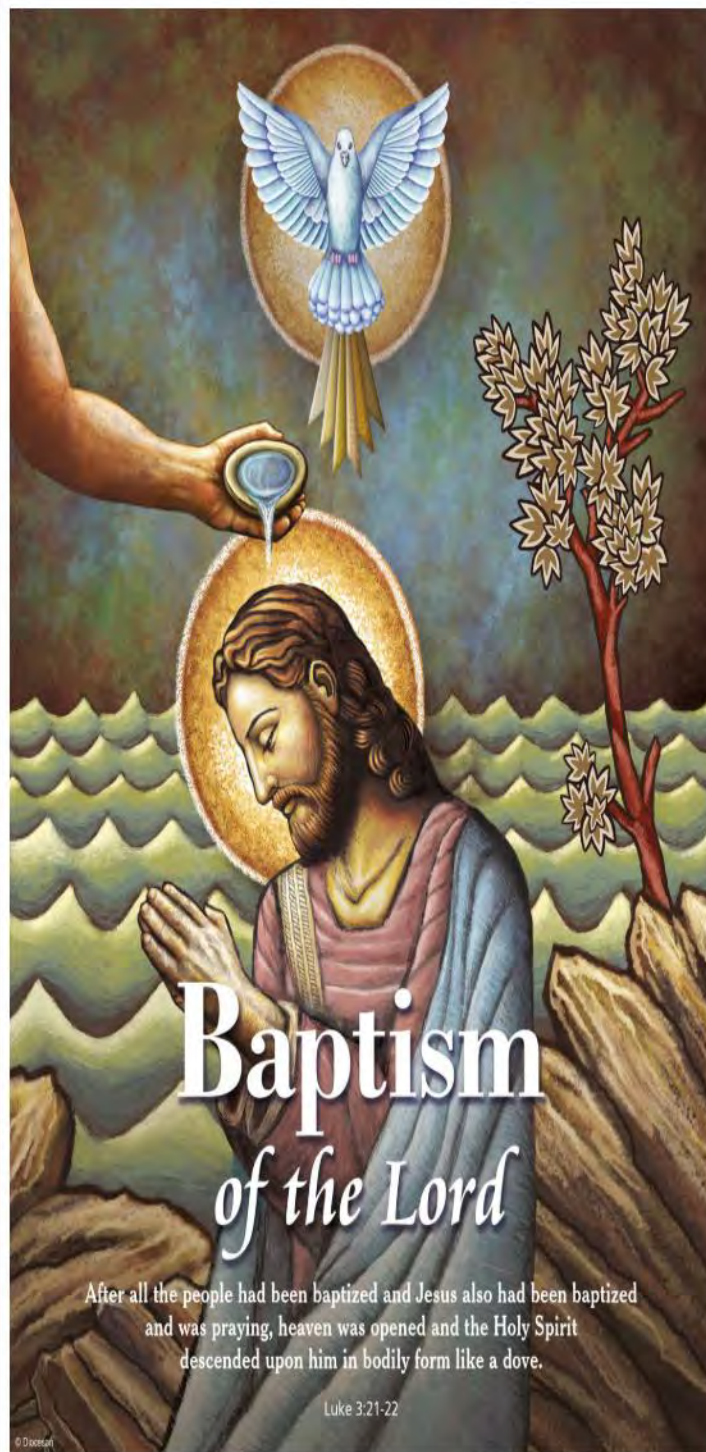


Thank you to the students above, from Annunciation School and Annunciation Religious Education Program, for your help with the Christmas Environment. In addition **thank you**, Jim Hirner, Dustin Brown, Juli Tomse, Jennifer Solano, Jennifer Bartels. John Edgerton, Trisha Bonilla, Kathy Morgan and Mark Fletcher.

**Thank
You!**

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 dominicanliteracycenter.org, or call 630-898-4636. The Center is not handicap accessible.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 8

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †James Spoden by Family

Tuesday, January 9

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Connie LaBuda by Linda Wrona

Wednesday, January 10

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:45am †Donna Hermes

Thursday, January 11

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Helen Grumke by Lyle C. Smith

Friday, January 12

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Donald Brummel, Sr., from Tim & Nancy McCann

Saturday, January 13

8:00am †Linda Pattermann by Husband

5:15pm †Don & Joan Brummel, by Joyce Dunley

Sunday, January 14

7:30am †Our Parish Family

8:45am †Bob (Cowboy) Williams by Jim & Eddie O'Malley

10:00am †Dan Hendricks by Juli Tomse

11:30am Our Parish Family



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Parish Staff

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Rev. Mr. Kenneth Gay

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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

Sat.: 8:00am

Holy Days of Obligation (School in session):

6:30am, 8:00am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm,
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