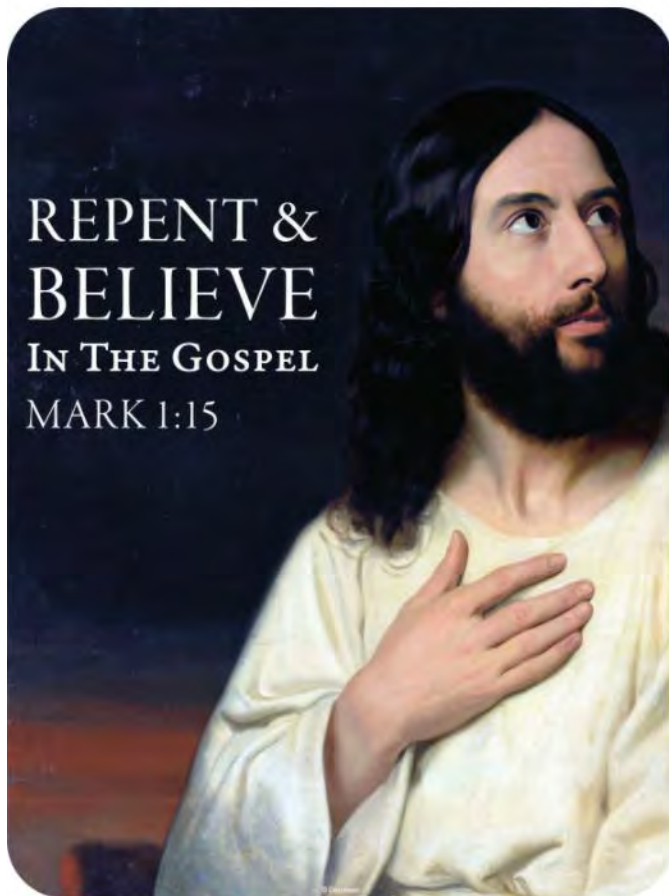


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024*

~ 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.



Adoration will take place on Friday, March 1 from 8:30am-4:00pm.

Lent

All Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence and will be 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.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross: Friday evenings at 7pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays, 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

Be Reconciled: Wednesday, March 20, Confessions: 9:15am-11:15am; 1:30pm-3:30pm

Penance Service: 6:30pm-8:00pm

Vespers, Sunday evenings at 6:30pm.

Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday Mass: 7:00pm

Good Friday, Passion of the Lord: 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm

Holy Saturday:

Easter Vigil: 7:30pm

Easter Sunday: 7:30am, 8:45am, 10:00am and 11:30am.

Parish News & Events

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

February 4, 2024

5:15pm	\$2,123.00
7:30am	\$1,299.00
8:45am	\$1,877.00
10:00am	\$1,553.80
11:30am	\$1,224.00
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From the Desk of Fr. Patrick

My brothers and sisters, St. Mark tells us that the Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and He remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. After He came out of the desert, our Lord then announced the reason why He came into this world: for our salvation! He proclaims, "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Our Lord announced that salvation is at hand, and that salvation is everlasting life in the Kingdom of God. However, we cannot get there unless we follow our Lord's command: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Our Lord went into the desert, to be tempted by Satan, just as we are tempted. Yet, our Lord did not give in to that temptation; He never sinned. However, we, at times, give in to Satan's temptations, and then we end up sinning. This is why Christ calls out to us, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

My brothers and sisters, we all know that there was a Cross in Christ's life, which He bore quite well. In addition, by bearing His Cross, He shows us that He, too, will help us bear our crosses. We could say the same about His allowing Himself to be tempted by Satan in the desert. His being tempted by Satan and resisting that temptation helps us do the same. He helps us carry our crosses, He helps us resist temptations.

My brothers and sisters, on Ash Wednesday, we entered into our 40-days' journey in the desert. There will be sacrifices made, promises kept, and, unfortunately, there could be promises unkept now and again. Regardless, we do not step into our Lenten journey alone; Christ will be with us in the desert, encouraging us, strengthening us, and, eventually, leading us out of our desert journey to the joys of the Easter celebrations.

I pray that, at the end of our Lenten journey, we will all experience a wonderful growth in our faith, having grown closer to God, neighbors, family, friends, everybody!

God bless you!

Fr. Patrick



Please pray for the **Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Catechumens and Candidates** as they continue on their journey. Our Catechumens are: Jackson Best and Philesa Stonecliffe; our Candidates are: Marty Beedle, Greg Madden, Anissa Norris and Manuel Quinonez.

Thank you all for your prayers.

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Fundraising is an essential part of making this trip a reality, and they will be hosting a Bake Sale Extravaganza!

We will be hosting a **bake sale on March 2 & 3**. We will have homemade goodies, such as cookies, cupcakes, and brownies, which will be sold right after each Mass. All proceeds will go directly towards the class trip fund.

We understand the financial commitment involved, and we greatly appreciate any contribution, big or small. Every dollar raised brings us closer to our goal of providing an amazing class trip experience for our 8th grade students.

Thank you in advance for your support and dedication. Let's work together to make this class trip an unforgettable adventure for our **Class of 2028** students!

Sincerely, Your 8th grade class!

Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Section One: "I Believe" – "We Believe"

CHAPTER TWO: God Comes to Meet Man

The Revelation of God

10. What is the value of private revelations?

While not belonging to the deposit of faith, private revelations may help a person to live the faith as long as they lead us to Christ. The Magisterium of the Church, which has the duty of evaluating such private revelations, cannot accept those which claim to surpass or correct that definitive Revelation.

The Transmission of Divine Revelation

11. Why and in what way is divine revelation transmitted?

God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4), that is, of Jesus Christ. For this reason, Christ must be proclaimed to all according to his own command, "Go forth and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19). And this is brought about by Apostolic Tradition.

12. What is Apostolic Tradition?

Apostolic Tradition is the transmission of the message of Christ, brought about from the very beginning of christianity by means of preaching, bearing witness, institutions, worship, and inspired writings. The Apostles transmitted all they received from Christ and learned from the Holy Spirit to their successors, the bishops, and through them to all generations.

13. In what ways does Apostolic Tradition occur?

Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the living transmission of the word of God (also simply called Tradition) and through Sacred Scripture which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form.

14. What is the relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture?

Tradition and Sacred Scripture are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine wellspring and together make up one sacred deposit of faith from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation.

15. To whom is the deposit of faith entrusted?

The Apostles entrusted the deposit of faith to the whole of the Church. Thanks to its supernatural sense of faith the people of God as a whole, assisted by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Magisterium of the Church, never ceases to welcome, to penetrate more deeply and to live more fully from the gift of divine revelation.

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March 10, 11, 12

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STROKE SCAN PLUS

Stroke Scan Plus will be hosting a Stroke, Vascular & Abdominal Ultrasound Screening at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

They will check the Carotid Arteries on both sides of the neck for fatty plaque build-up which accounts for 80% of all strokes. They check the Abdominal Aorta which is the main Artery off the Heart for Aneurysms, the Thyroid which controls the Metabolism for cyst, nodules and enlargements, the Liver, Gallbladder and both Kidney's for cyst, masses, fluid build-up and tumors.

These screenings are NOT typically performed at annual physicals, nor will insurance companies pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Collectively, these screenings cost thousands in a hospital. Stroke Scan will be offering them to you for \$169 for all 7 combined. Health/Flex Savings Accounts are accepted. A representative will be visiting the weekend of February 17th/18th to answer questions and for pre-registration. Payment isn't due until the day of screening. Call (832) 437-7355 for an appointment today. **Prevention is the KEY to early detection!**

Marywood Cemetery Rules and Regulations

March 1-15 and November 1-15 are used to clean up the grounds and prepare the cemetery for the spring and winter. All decorations will be removed and disposed of at this time. If you wish to save your decoration, please remove it before it March 1 and before November 1. Please do not place any decorations during the clean up times. After November 1st, when the grass is not being cut, artificial wreaths no more than 30 inches in diameter placed on stands are permitted. No artificial flowers permitted from Nov. 1 to March 1.

Dogs visiting the cemetery with their owners are required to be on leash, and are to be kept on paved surfaces.

Planting beds of up to 18 inches are permitted directly in front of a raised family monument. Only potted or cut flowers are permitted on graves with flat monuments. Decorative stones and border edging are strictly prohibited. Woody perennials such as trees, bushes, or evergreens are not permitted.

Permanent in-ground vases are not permitted.

Evergreen blankets or grave coverings are not permitted because they damage the grass and encourages rodent populations.

No planting of trees is permitted and all graves must be seeded in grass.

Decorations that do not conform to cemetery regulations will be removed by the caretakers.

We are not responsible for monuments, flat stones, flowers, shrubbery, pots, decorations, etc.

No shepherd hooks of any kind are permitted due to the danger they present to our mowing crew.

We encourage the placement of decorations and will try to be as careful as possible during our normal interment and maintenance activities. We regret that we cannot guarantee that all decorations will be free of damage of loss and we cannot accept responsibility for these occurrences.

The Catholic Cemetery is a holy place and the grounds have been blessed by the Church and dedicated as a place of prayer and dignity for our faithful departed. Please maintain a quiet reverence and respect for the other people visiting the graves of loved ones.

Thank you,

The Marywood Cemetery Committee

(Revised 04/23)

Girl Scout Troop 2327 from Annunciation school will be selling **girl scout cookies** to support the troop activities throughout the year.

Cookies are still \$5.00 per box and will be available after each Mass on February 18, 2024.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph and Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, IL (in the northern suburbs), on Feb 23-25, 2024.

Take a chance and get involved; you won't regret it! Cost is \$285 for meals and a single room. For more details, you can either visit reflectretreat.com, send an email to reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or you can call 630-222-8303.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 19

6:30am †Barbara Dax

8:00am †Carol Glorioso by Family

Tuesday, February 20

6:30am †Bob Williams by Family

8:00am †Josie Kocher by Marilee Bacchi

Wednesday, February 21

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:45am †Ray & Marge Modaff by Don Modaff

Thursday, February 22

6:30am †Irene Jochum by Michelle Olache

8:00am †Al Bacchi by Pete & Sue Pecharich

Friday, February 23

6:30am †Irene Jochum by Michelle Olache

8:00am †Stan Rudd by Linda Wrona

Saturday, February 24

8:00am Our Parish Family

5:15pm †Deborah Szymanski by Friends

Sunday, February 25

7:30am †Pat & Lorraine by Family

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

10:00am Our Parish Family

11:30am †Barry Smith by Lyle C. Smith



Parish Office

1820 Church Road, Aurora, IL 60505

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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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