

*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Catholic Church  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 17, 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.



***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 7:00pm.

**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.

The **parish office** will be **closed** on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday.

## Parish News & Events

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

**March 3, 2024**

5:15pm	\$1,325.00
7:30am	\$2,157.00
8:45am	\$2,105.00
10:00am	\$1,126.00
11:30am	\$928.00
Total:	\$7,641.00



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## *From the Desk of Fr. Patrick*

*My brothers and sisters, as Christians, we know and teach that God is love. Furthermore, by Jesus Christ's entering into our human existence, He has given human beings the opportunity to enter into the love that exists between Him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. Moreover, this love, we could say, is a mystical, heavenly union of love, and those who choose to follow Jesus Christ become part of that mystical, heavenly union of love.*

*Furthermore, since that mystical, heavenly union of love is the unity of the Blessed Trinity, the union can never be broken; the union is eternal, because the Blessed Trinity is eternal, with no beginning or end, and we will be part of that for all of eternity.*

*My brothers and sisters, by His Incarnation, Life, Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has given all of us the grace of entering into that mystical, heavenly union of love with the Blessed Trinity, thereby enabling us to become new people, sharing in the divine, eternal love of the Blessed Trinity.*

*As Resurrection Sunday approaches, may we all realize that our Lord accepted death on a cross, so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Thank God for sending us His beloved Son!*

*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, Ion Stonecliffe; our Candidates are: Marty Beedle, Greg Madden, Anissa Norris and Manuel Quinonez.

Thank you all for your prayers.



Fr. Patrick (RCIA Team), Jackson Best, Manuel Quinonez, Maria Garcia (Sponsor), Marty Beedle, Greg Madden, Philesa Stonecliffe, Anissa Norris and Linda Wrona (RCIA Team).

### Rite of Election Cathedral of St. Peter, Rockford, IL



Back Row: Manuel Quinonez, Philesa Stonecliffe, Jackson Best, Anissa Norris: Front Row: Ion Stonecliffe

## Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

*From the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

### PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

#### Section One: "I Believe"--"We Believe"

#### Chapter Three: Man's Response to God

##### *I Believe*

#### 31. Why are the formulas of faith important?

The formulas of faith are important because they permit one to express, assimilate, celebrate, and share together with others the truths of the faith through a common language.

#### 32. In what way is the faith of the Church one faith alone?

The Church, although made up of persons who have diverse languages, cultures, and rites, nonetheless profess with a united voice the one faith that was received from the one Lord and that was passed on by the one Apostolic Tradition. She confesses one God alone, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and points to one way of salvation. Therefore we believe with one heart and one soul all that is contained in the Word of God, handed down or written, and which is proposed by the Church as divinely revealed.

#### Section Two: The Profession of the Christian Faith

#### Chapter One: I Believe in God the Father

##### *The Symbols of Faith*

#### 33. What are the symbols of Faith?

The symbols of faith are composite formulas, also called "professions of faith" or "Creeds," with which the Church from her very beginning has set forth synthetically and handed on her own faith in a language that is common to all the faithful.

#### 34. What are the most common ancient symbols (professions) of faith?

The most ancient symbols of faith are the *baptismal* creeds. Because Baptism is conferred "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19), the truths of faith professed at Baptism are articulated in reference to the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity.

#### 35. What are the most common symbols of the faith?

They are called the *Apostles' Creed* which is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome and the *Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed* which stems from the first two ecumenical Councils, that of Nicea (A.D. 325) and that of Constantinople (A.D. 381) and which even to this day are common to all the great Churches of the East and the West.

## SAVE THE DATE

The **Tradition of Excellence Golf Outing** will be returning this year. Please mark your calendars for June 14, 2024 and join us at the Foxbend Golf Course for a fun day of golf while raising money for Annunciation BVM School.

Watch for more information to come

## What Will You do With on Your 41st Day?



“Father, I am seeking: I am hesitant and uncertain, but will you, O God, watch over each step of mine and guide me.”

~Saint Augustine

Join Deacon Ken

**Friday March 22 2024 7:00 pm**

**Location: Annunciation**

For The Stations of the Cross Immediately  
followed by his Lenten talk.

## **Are You Ready For Your 41st Day?**

Deacon Ken invites you to join him on a unique journey...Imagine, if you will, that it is the Monday after Easter Sunday. You are feeling wonderful that your Lenten journey is over. But in your heart of hearts, you know you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit encouraging you not to return to your old ways, but to stay the course and continue to grow closer to Jesus through the changes you made during Lent. You are faced with a seemingly easy choice. But in reality, it is a choice that could change your life. Before you decide, join me, and together let's explore our 41st Day and beyond.

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Deacon Ken





## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 18

6:30am †Irene Jochum by Michelle Olache  
8:00am †Millie Lober by Michelle Olache

Tuesday, March 19

6:30am †Father Mario  
8:00am †Bertha & Daniel Motto by Family

Wednesday, March 20

6:30am †Jean Cibulskis by Ernie & Donna Trowbridge  
**8:45am** Our Parish Family

Thursday, March 21

6:30am The Intention of Father Patrick  
8:00am †Al Bacchi by Betty Kilian

Friday, March 22

6:30am †Martin Evans by Tim & Sue Evans  
8:00am †Irene Jochum by Michelle Olache

Saturday, March 23

8:00am †Lori Bird Klein by Family  
5:15pm †Todd Cutlip by The Hawks Family

Sunday, March 24

7:30am †Don Nolde by Tim & Sue Evans  
†Gene Schroeder by Tim & Sue Evans  
8:45am †Ted Hoss by Hoss Family  
10:00am Our Parish Family  
11:30am †Deborah Janicek by A Friend

## Good Friday “Way of the Cross” at Planned Parenthood Aurora

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. None suffer more deeply than their mothers, who carry such a burden of guilt and shame.

On Good Friday we remember all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted—in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service:

Event: Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion

When: Friday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Planned Parenthood, 3051 E New York Street in Aurora

More Info: Contact Matt Yonke at 630-896-1200 or [matt@prolifaction.org](mailto:matt@prolifaction.org)

Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this injustice in our land.



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



**Parish Office**

1820 Church Road, Aurora, IL 60505

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-12:00 and 1:00-4:00pm;

Friday: 8:30-12:00.

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**Parish Staff**

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

Deacons...Rev. Mr. Mike Giblin, Rev. Mr. Domenic Petitti,

Rev. Mr. Kenneth Gay

Business Manager.....Mary Glosson

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**Annunciation BVM School**

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Phone: 630-851-4300

Website: [annunciationbvm.org](http://annunciationbvm.org)

Principal.....Mavis DeMar

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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  
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