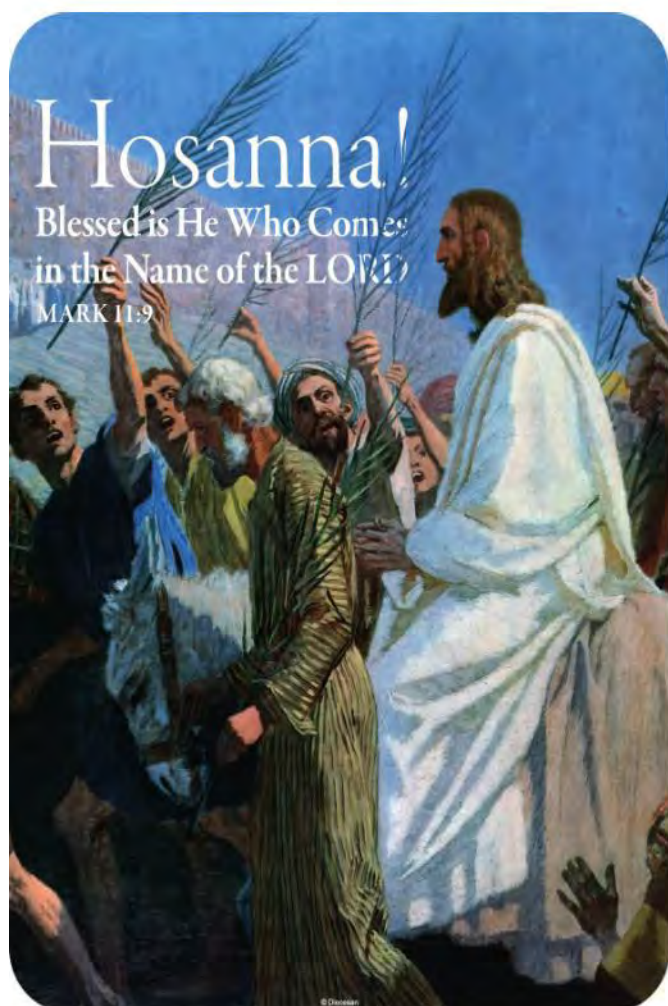


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord
March 24, 2024*

~ 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.



A great way to prepare for Holy Week and Easter is to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament, in silent prayer, where Jesus waits for us to visit Him with open arms. The church is open Monday through Friday, from 5:30am until 4:00pm; Saturdays, from 7:00am until the end of the 5:15pm Mass; and Sundays, from 6:30am until the end of Vespers, at approximately 6:45pm.



HOLY WEEK

Monday and Tuesday: Masses at 6:30am & 8:00am
Wednesday: Masses are at 6:30am & 8:45am

Holy Thursday Mass: 7:00pm

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.
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

Vespers: Sunday evenings at 6:30pm.

There will be no confessions this week.

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



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

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 10, 2024

5:15pm	\$1,435.00
7:30am	\$1,145.40
8:45am	\$1,415.00
10:00am	\$1,675.00
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From the Desk of Fr. Patrick

My brothers and sisters, today, we celebrate the entrance of Jesus into the city, and we call to mind His death on the Cross. He humbly entered the city riding on a simple donkey, and He went to His death in a humble way. He had followers along the way, but, amazingly, many of them deserted Him at the hour He needed them most.

One of them would betray Him for a little bit of money; two of them would argue about places of honor in His Kingdom; one of them would deny Him three times; and the rest simply fled, when all seemed lost.

Many people greeted Him on His entrance into the city, crying out "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel," but later, they would be crying out, "Crucify Him!"

We have journeyed through the desert with our Lord this Lent, We have been sharing in His sacrifices, many, many sacrifices; we have been, and some of us still are, sharing in His pain. We may even share in the abandonment He experienced.

My brothers and sisters, when we follow our Lord to His Cross, let us not cry out "Crucify Him," for this is what we do whenever we sin. Rather let us cry out with the repentant thief, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom."

Thank you, and God bless you!

*On a different note, Abbot Joel Rippinger, superior of Marmion Abbey, would like to invite any parishioners to a **meeting** in church, on the evening of Tuesday, March 26th, at 7:00 p.m. In conjunction with me, Abbot Joel would like to make a short presentation to members of the parish and invite their own comments and questions.*

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 Phileasa 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, Phileasa Stonecliffe, Anissa Norris and Linda Wrona (RCIA Team).

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



Back Row: Manuel Quinonez, Phileasa 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 Two: The Profession of Faith
Chapter One: I Believe in God the Father

“I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth

36. Why does the Profession of Faith begin with the words, “I believe in God”?

The profession of faith begins with these words because the affirmation “I believe in God” is the most important, the source of all the other truths about man and about the world, and about the entire life of everyone who believes in God.

37. Why does one profess belief that there is only one God?

Belief in one God is professed because he has revealed himself to the people of Israel as the only One when he said, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord” (Deuteronomy 6:4) and “there is no other” (Isaiah 45:22). Jesus himself confirmed that God is “the one Lord” (Mark 12:29). To confess that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are also God and Lord does not introduce any division into the one God.

38. With what name does God reveal Himself?

God revealed himself to Moses as the living God, “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:6). God also revealed to Moses his mysterious name “I Am How Am (YHWH)”. All ready in the Old Testament times this ineffable name of God was replaced by the divine title *Lord*.

Thus in the New Testament, Jesus who was called *Lord* is seen as true God.

39. Is God the only One who “is”?

Since creatures have received everything they are and have from God, only God in himself *is* the fullness of being and of every perfection. God is “He who is” without origin and without end. Jesus also reveals that he bears the divine name “I AM” (John 8:28).

49. Why is the revelation of God’s name important?

In revealing his name, God makes known the riches contained in the ineffable mystery of his being. He alone is from the everlasting to everlasting. He is the One who transcends the world and history. It is he who made heaven and earth. He is the faithful God, always close to his people, in order to save them. He is the highest holiness, “rich in mercy” (Ephesians 2:4), always ready to forgive. He is the One who is spiritual, transcendent, omnipotent, eternal, personal, and perfect. He is truth and love.

“God is the infinitely perfect being who is the most Holy Trinity.” (Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo)

41. In what way is God the truth?

God is Truth itself and as such he can neither deceive nor be deceived. He is “light, and in him there is no darkness.” (1John 1:5). The eternal Son of God, the incarnation of wisdom, was sent into the world “to bear witness to the truth” (John 18:37).



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 25
6:30am †Karen Heriaud by Tim & Sue Evans
8:00am †Kathy Tentinger by Husband

Tuesday, March 26
6:30am †Jean Cibulskis by Em & Donna Trowbridge
8:00am †Donald Brummel, Sr., by Family

Wednesday, March 27
6:30am Our Parish Family
8:45am Our Parish Family

Holy Thursday, March 28
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29
3:00pm Passion of our Lord
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 30
7:30pm Easter Vigil, the intention of Our RCIA Fams.

Easter Sunday, March 31
7:30am †Shirley Weber by Family
8:45am †Shirlee Fichtel by Katie Feltes
10:00am Our Parish Family
11:30am †Rob Hentz by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Spoden

**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@proliferation.org

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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: knightsofcolumbusil.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):

Mass) 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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