

*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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.



In the reading from Acts, Peter explains to the leaders of Israel how they cured a crippled man. They probably expected Peter to take credit for the cure, so they were waiting for him to hang himself by his words. Peter, of course, gives the credit to Jesus and then makes two important points.

First he calls Jesus the “stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” Jesus was rejected by fellow Jews when he was crucified, but was actually doing God’s will when he gave his life on the cross. This gave comfort to those who had expected the leaders of Israel to follow Jesus and recognize him as the Messiah.

The second point made by Peter was that Jesus is the one and only savior of the world. In those days, the Roman emperor was considered to be a god and was called a savior. While we no longer look to politicians to be saviors, we need to remember that Jesus is **the** Savior: he forgives our sins, shows us how to love God and our neighbors, and hears our prayers. And in the end, he is with us when we die to bring us to eternal life. Now the choice is yours: to reject the Savior or make Him the cornerstone of your life.

Tom Schmidt



Adoration will take place on Friday, May 3 from 8:30am-4:00pm.

The Good Shepherd

We Pray for our Sick and Suffering

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.

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	Alice White
	Kathy Rapp	Linda White

If you would like a visit from Fr. Patrick, please call the parish office at 630-851-1436 to schedule a visit.

If you see **Loretta White**, wish her a happy birthday, as she turns 95 years young.

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 31: Easter, 2024

7:30pm	\$1,489.00
7:30am	\$5,188.00
8:45am	\$3,691.00
10:00am	\$4,549.00
11:30am	\$1,987.00
Mail-Ins	\$1,280.00

Total: \$18,184.00

April 7, 2024

5:15pm	\$1,428.00
7:30am	\$2,251.10
8:45am	\$1,425.00
10:00am	\$866.00
11:30am	\$928.00
Mail-Ins	\$775.00

Total: \$7,673.10

Easter Donations given on April 7:

5:15pm	\$210.00
8:45am	\$20.00
11:30am	\$440.00

Total: \$670.00

Total Easter: \$18,854.00

From the Desk of Fr. Patrick

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I pray that you are enjoying this Easter season. May the resurrected Lord continue to shower you with His Easter joy, which is a direct result of the saving act He did for all of us.

I wanted to let you know that we have a new Safe Environment coordinator: Mr. Mark Fletcher. Some of you may already know Mark; he is currently the Director of our Religious Education program, and he has generously offered to take on the Safe Environment coordinator's duties. He will still continue to be the Director of the Religious Education program. If you have any questions about the Safe Environment program, you can contact him at the parish office. His extension is 203.

For those who volunteer their time and talent to serve God's Church, the Bishops of the country require that all volunteers—as well as employees—fulfill all of the requirements of the Safe Environment program. The requirements that need to be done by the volunteer are as follows:

- 1) A background check with the Illinois State Troopers (Please be aware that if a "hit" comes back on your name, that does not automatically disqualify you from being able to volunteer*
- 2) Attendance at a Protecting God's Children seminar—either in person or online*
- 3) Various articles to be read on a regular basis, and*
- 4) Two online courses that the state of Illinois requires: Sexual Harassment and Mandated Reporter*

I understand that it may seem like much, especially the online courses, but it is to ensure the safety of our children. Moreover, those who need help with the online courses can contact Mark at the parish office, and he will guide you through the online courses. We have done this at the parish office for a number of people.

In addition, I would like to have a "volunteer fair," a few times throughout the year, to present to the community the many volunteer opportunities that we have to offer. During these "fairs," Mark will be there so that you can meet him and ask him any questions that you might have about the Safe Environment program. In addition, I hope to have tables set up with the "heads" of each of our ministries here at Annunciation, so that you can inquire with them about potentially serving in one of Annunciation's ministries.

My brother and sisters, one of the ways that we can give back to God, in gratitude and thanksgiving for all that He has done and is doing for us, is to serve His people, and serving His people is the same as serving Him: What you did to the least of My brothers and sisters, you did to Me."

The Church has various vocations in which people can serve, and God calls each of us, personally, to serve Him and His Church. In addition, when it comes to vocations in the Church—whether it be to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, or lay ministry—the call to serve God and His Church comes from Him and Him alone, and only He knows how best you can serve.

So, please prayerfully consider whether or not God is calling you to serve Him. If you find that He is calling you to serve, now is a good time to heed His call. You don't have to wait for the volunteer fairs.

God bless you!

Fr. Patrick



Pancake Breakfast

Knights of Columbus Council 736 will host a Pancake Breakfast Sunday April 21st, from 8:00am to noon, in the School gym.

Proceeds will support the Fr. George Glover High School Scholarships

Suggested Donation: Families \$15

Individual \$5

Traditional breakfast & Breakfast Tacos!!



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VOLUNTEER



Attention all Annunciation Bakers and Cooks!

The Annunciation Funeral Luncheon Committee is seeking new volunteers to help make dishes to pass for funeral luncheons. This service allows a grieving family to celebrate their departed loved one's life over a home-cooked meal provided by Annunciation parishioners. It is a meaningful service that has existed for many years, and we need your help for the tradition to continue.

Volunteers can help by making a hot vegetable, cold salad, or dessert. If you have any interest in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Sue Vlakancic at 630-334-3114 or Toni Nolde at 630-849-8576. Thanks in advance for your help.

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

53. Why was the world created?

The world was created for the glory of God who wished to show forth and communicate his goodness, truth and beauty. The ultimate end of creation is that God, in Christ, might "be in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28) for his glory and for our happiness.

"The glory of God is man fully alive; more-over man's life is the vision of God" (Saint Irenaeus).

54. Who did God create the universe?

God created the universe freely with wisdom and love. The world is not the result of any necessity, nor of blind fate, nor of chance. God created "out of nothing" (*ex nihilo*) (2 Maccabees 7:28) a world which is ordered and good and which he infinitely transcends. God preserves his creation in being and sustains it, giving it the capacity to act and leading it toward its fulfillment through his Son and the Holy Spirit.

55. What is divine Providence?

Divine Providence consists in the dispositions with which God leads his creatures toward their ultimate end. God is the sovereign Master of his own plan. To carry it out, however, he also makes use of the cooperation of his creatures. For God grants his creatures the dignity of acting on their own and of being causes for each other.

56. How do we collaborate with divine Providence? While respecting our freedom, God ask us to cooperate with him and gives us the ability to do so through actions, prayers and suffering, thus awakening in us the desire "to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

57. If God is omnipotent and provident, why then does evil exist?

To this question, as painful and mysterious as it is, only the *whole* of Christian faith can constitute a response. God is not in any way—directly or indirectly—the cause of evil. He illuminates the mystery of evil in his Son Jesus Christ who died and rose in order to vanquish that moral evil, human sin, which is at the root of all other evils.

58. Why does God permit evil?

Faith gives us the certainty that God would not permit evil if he did not cause a good to come from that very evil. This was realized in the wondrous way by God in the death and resurrection of Christ. In fact, from the greatest of all moral evils (the murder of his Son) he has brought forth the greatest of all goods (the glorification of Christ and our redemption).

GOLF

2024 Tradition of Excellence Golf Outing June 14th 2024

Grab some family and friends and join us at Fox Bend Golf Course for a fun day of golf while supporting Annunciation BVM School.

Register before May 3rd to get the Early Bird price of \$120!

We are also looking for event and hole sponsors. If you have any questions, please call or text the golf committee team at 630-423-6084. Reserve your spot/foursome today at TOEGolf2024.givesmart.com.



Please join us on any evening during May at 6:30pm in the grotto to **pray the rosary**.



Have you ever been told that you are a good reader? Maybe God is calling you to be a Lector. Would you like to administer Holy Communion at Mass or to the Homebound of our parish? Do you like to greet and talk to people? Annunciation Catholic Church invites you to be a Lector, a Eucharistic Minister, Homebound Minister, Greeter or a Usher. The parish staff is here to help, please call the office at 630.851.1436, M-Th., 8:30-Noon and 1:15-4:00pm or on Friday from 8:30 until Noon. We hope to talk to you soon.



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.

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.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 22
 6:30am Our Parish Family
 8:00am †Father Mario by Juli Tomse

Tuesday, April 23
 6:30am Our Parish Family
 8:00am †Terry Bohr by Jim & Carol Hirner

Wednesday, April 24
 6:30am Our Parish Family
8:45am †Robert O'Malley by A Friend

Thursday, April 25
 6:30am Our Parish Family
 8:00am †Al Bacchi by Rick & Chris Fidler

Friday, April 26
 6:30am Our Parish Family
 8:00am †Richard Linden

Saturday, April 27
 8:00am Our Parish Family
 5:15pm †Lucy & Maddie

Sunday, April 28
 7:30am Our Parish Family
 8:45am †Laima/Guobiene and Casimir Guobys by Family
 10:00am The Intention of the Women of Inspiration
 11:30am †Deborah Janicek by A Friend

**Scripture Readings
 For the Week of April 21, 2024**

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist
 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Friday Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



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 1820 Church Road, Aurora, IL 60505
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 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.

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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.

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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,
 only on the Holy Day itself (Unless otherwise announced or stated).

Holy Days of Obligation (School not in session):

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