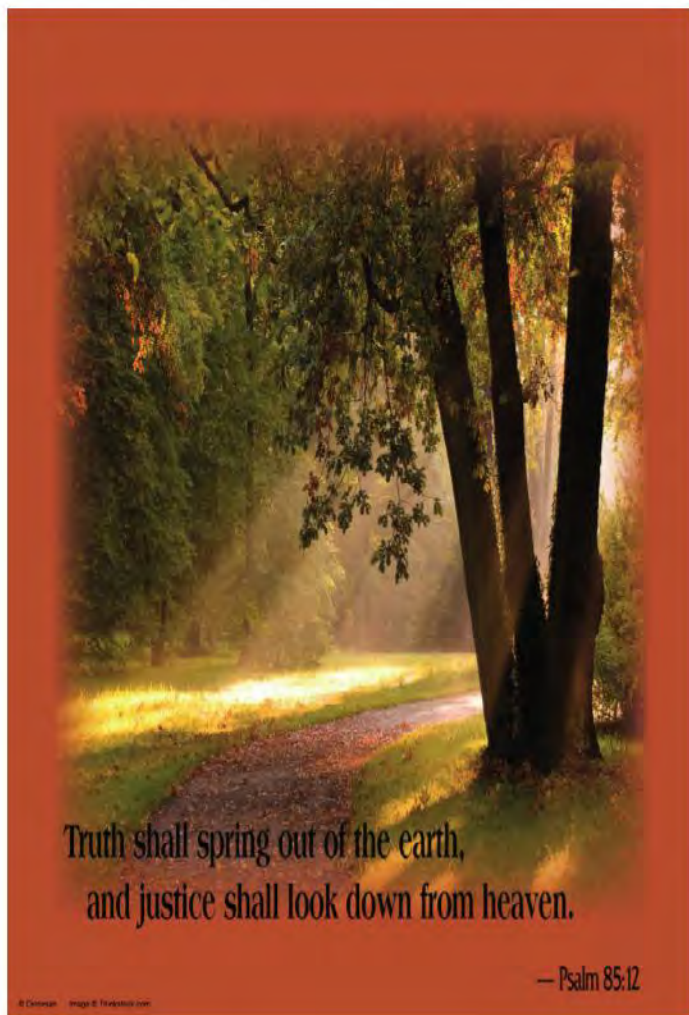


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14, 2024*

- 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.



Packing List

Are you an over or under packer? For most of my life, I have been an over-packer. The person who packs both a sweatshirt and a jacket, just in case. Enough socks for every day of the trip knowing the forecast is sandals weather. Slowly, I am working on letting go of this need for control. I have even participated in a challenge to wear the same dress for 100 days, just to push myself to think more creatively and sustainably about my clothing choices. And, at the end of the day, laundry is always an option.

Jesus takes things to a whole new level with the disciples. "Take nothing for the journey...no food, no sack, no money in their belts" (Mark 6:8). They were permitted a walking stick and sandals, their means of movement, but no sustenance. Jesus asks them to be totally dependent on others and on the providence of God.

They didn't know the road ahead. If their past experiences with Jesus were any indication, it wasn't going to be easy. The verses immediately before this reading depict how Jesus was rejected in Nazareth. His message was not always popular, and now the disciples were being asked to go out and preach it on their own, without Him there to back them up. Even more risky, they had nothing to offer by all worldly standards.

But here's the catch, that all of us should be aware of - the world's measuring stick is faulty. The world's attachment to control leads nowhere. The desire to dictate the who, when, where, why, and how of every single moment of every single day will drive us ultimately to despair and disappointment. The disciples had seen the miracles. They had eaten the bread and fish and had witnessed the healings. They knew firsthand that when people opened themselves up to rely on Jesus, He provided for their needs. It was now the disciples' turn to do the same.

Jesus extends the same invitation to us. I'm not saying I'm striving to pack nothing when I go on a trip. However, even packing can be an opportunity to recognize that I am not ultimately in control of what comes next, no matter how many layering options I shove into my bag. Give Jesus the chance to take care of you, no matter where you head next.

By Kate Taliaferro
Diocesan



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

We Pray for our Sick and Suffering

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

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.

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!

June 30, 2024

5:15pm	\$1,187.30
7:30am	\$1,628.00
8:45am	\$1,757.00
10:00am	\$930.00
11:30am	\$1,742.00
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Total:	\$8,089.30



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Goal: \$67,273.00

Registered Parish Families: 693

60 Families have Pledged: \$22,765.00

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Thank you to those who have pledged.



From the Desk of the Pastor

My brothers and sisters, in this Sunday's Gospel, we hear tell that our Lord sent the Apostles out, telling them to take no food, no sack, not even money, just the shoes on their feet, and the clothes on their backs. He also warned them that they could be rejected, as they carried out their mission. Not wanting this rejection to discourage the Apostles, perhaps that's why our Lord sent them out in pairs.

Perhaps our Lord knew that, if they were rejected in their ministry, they would need the support of each other. An Apostle with a companion, a friend, by his side, will be able to find support in that companion, should he encounter rejection on his mission.

We all know the importance of having friends in our lives. Friendships are something to be greatly cherished, because we know that we can always turn to a friend in time of need; we can always count on our friends, when we are vulnerable and are in need of their support.

My brothers and sisters, our Lord sent His Apostles on their mission. He sent them out with hope, yet warning them that they needed to be prepared for the troubles that they might face. They knew the challenges, and they faced them anyway, because they had the support of their traveling companions, their friends.

We, in turn, are sent out on our mission to preach the Good News. We know of the many challenges that we could face. However, if we go with a positive attitude, keeping our friends close for support, we will have the same kind of excitement that the Apostles had. With that kind of excitement, the hearers of our preaching will be much more receptive to our words, and we'll have an easier time bringing their souls to Christ.

Father Patrick

ANNUNCIATION'S 150th SESQUICENTENNIAL

We are starting to plan events to celebrate this wonderful milestone. To make this a great 150th celebration, we will need volunteers. There will be many ways you can help. Please consider volunteering for this great celebration!

Please call Mary at the office 630.851.1436.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Section Two: The Profession of Faith

CHAPTER TWO: I Believe In Jesus Christ the Only Son of God

“Jesus Christ Was Conceived By The Power of the Holy Spirit, and Was Born of the Virgin Mary”

114. How did Jesus conduct himself in regard to the law of Israel?

Jesus did not abolish the law given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai but he fulfilled it by giving it its definitive interpretation. He himself was the divine Legislator who fully carried out this Law. Furthermore, as the faithful Servant, he offered by means of his expiatory death the only sacrifice capable of making atonement for all the “transgressions committed by men under the first Covenant” (Hebrews 9:15).

115. What was the attitude of Jesus toward the temple in Jerusalem?

Jesus was accused of hostility to the temple. On the contrary, he venerated it as “the house of his Father” (John 2:16); and it was there that he imparted an important part of his teaching. However, he also foretold its destruction in connection with his own death and he presented himself as the definitive dwelling place of God among men.

116. Did Jesus contradict Israel’s faith in the one God and Savior?

Jesus never contradicted faith in the one God, not even when he performed the stupendous divine work which fulfilled the Messianic promises and revealed himself as equal to God, namely the pardoning of sins. However, the call of Jesus to believe in him and to be converted makes it possible to understand the tragic misunderstanding of the Sanhedrin which judged Jesus to be worthy of death as a blasphemer.

117. Who is responsible for the death of Jesus?

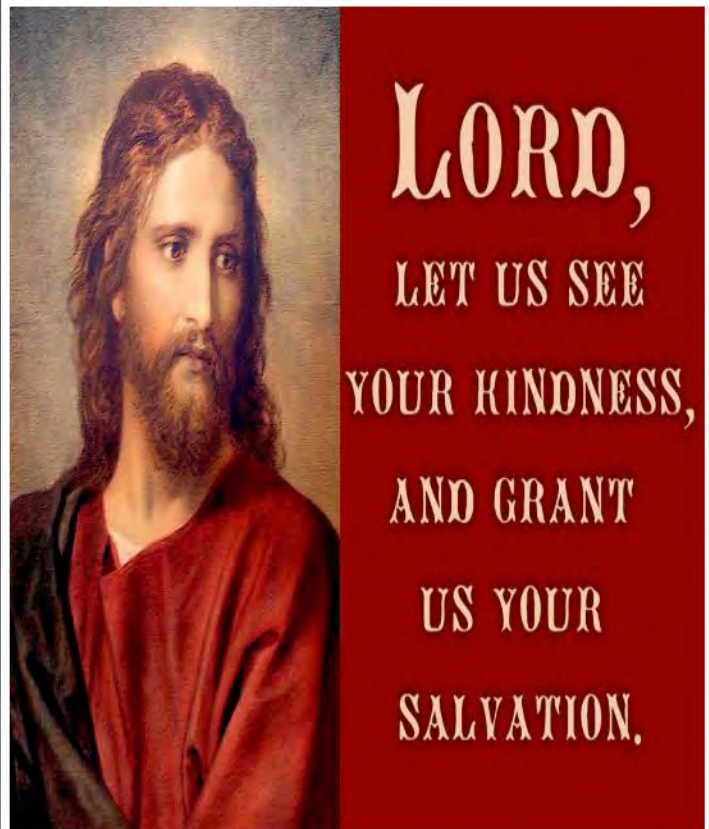
The Passion and death of Jesus cannot be imputed indiscriminately either to all the Jews who were living at that time or to their descendants. Every single sinner, that is, every human being is really the cause and the instrument of the sufferings of the Redeemer; and the greater blame in this respect falls on those above all who are Christians and who the more often fall into sin or delight in their vices.

118. Why was the death of Jesus part of God’s plan?

To reconcile to himself all who were destined to die because of sin God took the loving initiative of sending his Son that he might give himself up for sinners. Proclaimed in the Old Testament, especially as the sacrifice of the Suffering Servant, the death of Jesus came about “in accordance with the Scriptures.

119. In what way did Christ offer himself to the Father?

The entire life of Christ was a free offering to the Father to carry out his plan of salvation. He gave “his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45) and in this way he reconciled all humanity with God. His suffering and death showed how his humanity was the free and perfect instrument of that divine love which desires the salvation of all people.





Lately, the term “Friday Eve” has been tossed out as a celebration of Thursday as a day of anticipation of the coming weekend and all that it holds. Does Thursday hold anything special for you? In the last two years Thursdays have become my favorite day of the week because I’m blessed to share time with other women in both large and small groups exploring my faith, while growing friendships and gaining a deeper appreciation for my Annunciation parish family. Since covid, so much in our world has changed and we’ve become more isolated. *Walking With Purpose* is changing that by reinvigorating the women of Annunciation. Together we are discovering how scripture reveals truth and draws us closer to God and to each other.

Year Three of Walking With Purpose begins September 12, 2024. Join us for nine Thursdays to see what we can learn about what truly matters to God. Make a promise to yourself to not let the ‘urgent’ crowd out the important.

Watch this corner of the bulletin in the coming weeks to learn more about how God reveals His love through His holy word. You’ll also learn more about *Walking With Purpose* and meet some of the women who have made Thursday so special for me. Believe me, this is so much more than a “Bible Study.” It’s an experience of a lifetime!

March 30, 2024

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly known as the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a process for those adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

This process is for all men and women who are baptized in another Christian church, but are in need of further instruction or initiation, or to complete the sacraments of Initiation. Persons never baptized are referred to as Catechumens, while those baptized are called Candidates.

Our first session will be on Monday evening, September 23, at 7pm, in the Parish Patio.

For more information please call Mary at 630-851-1436, Days.





Later this summer, Bishop David Malloy will celebrate Mass in honor of all couples celebrating 25 or more years of marriage in 2024. The **Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary**

Mass will be held at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL on Sunday, August 18. Bulletin resources including images and information (in both English and Spanish) are available here: <https://www.rockforddiocese.org/life/parish/silvergold>.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Blessings and Glory

The second reading from Ephesians is rather long and with only six sentences, it is not easy to follow. If you take it apart, you see that Paul is very encouraging. He is giving a description of the many blessings God has given us.

He says that we are chosen by God and destined for spiritual blessings: First is Redemption, meaning that Christ saved us from punishment for our sins by forgiving them instead. Second is the plan of God for saving everyone, by making Christ ruler of the universe. We have to accept these gifts by letting go of the temptations around us and holding on to the love we have received from God. The things of the world, possessions, wealth, or power that pretend to make us happy are replaced with love of God; we then share that love with others, so that they know God loves them, too. As our experience of God's love grows, we begin to understand the mystery of how God lives in all people. Another blessing Paul notes is adoption by God to a new relationship as brothers and sisters of Christ; holiness is now for all believers, not just priests or religious.

Paul also reminds us that we are chosen and destined to help God bring his plan, his Kingdom, to completion. When we teach children how to love and share, when we are honest with customers or suppliers, when we are not ashamed to show our faith in Jesus, when we are respectful of the poor, elderly, or disabled, we are slowly building the Kingdom of God, or as Paul says, "to bring all things together in heaven and on earth under Christ" (Eph 1:10)

Paul mentions three times in this reading about "the praise of God's glory." (Eph 1:14) When we are able to help or forgive, or just be a good example to others, we want them to know that God is in all the good we do. Instead of taking credit for the results, we give God the glory. No, you don't have to take off your glasses and put on a red cape before helping others. Just mention that God does the real work, we just try not to get in his way.

Tom Schmidt, Diocesan

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 15

6:30am For all those who work at or donate to Waterleaf Women's Center

8:00am †Rosanne Spoden by Marilee Bacchi

Tuesday, July 16

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Francis Klein by Family

Wednesday, July 17

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am The Intention of Fr. Curt Kreml by Bill & Jane Brickert

Thursday, July 18

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Kathy Tentinger by Family

Friday, July 19

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Rita Evans by Tim and Sue Evans

Saturday, July 20

8:00am †Richard Linden by His Family

5:15pm The Souls in Purgatory by Lyle C. Smith

Sunday, July 21

7:30am †Don Nolde by Wife

8:45am Our Parish Family

10:00am †Laima Guobiene & Casimir Guobys by Family

11:30am †Andrew Hettinger by a Friend

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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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:

They meet 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):

M. - F.: 6:30am, 8:00am
Sat.: 8:00am

Holy Days of Obligation (School in session):

On the Evening before: 5:15pm
On the Day of: 6:30am, 8:00am, 11:00am, 7:00pm

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