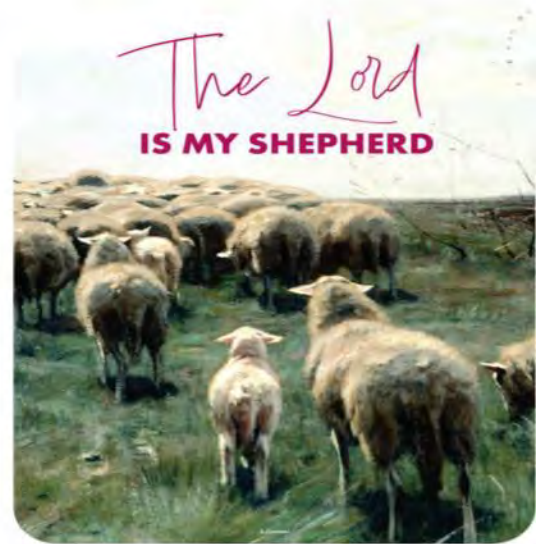
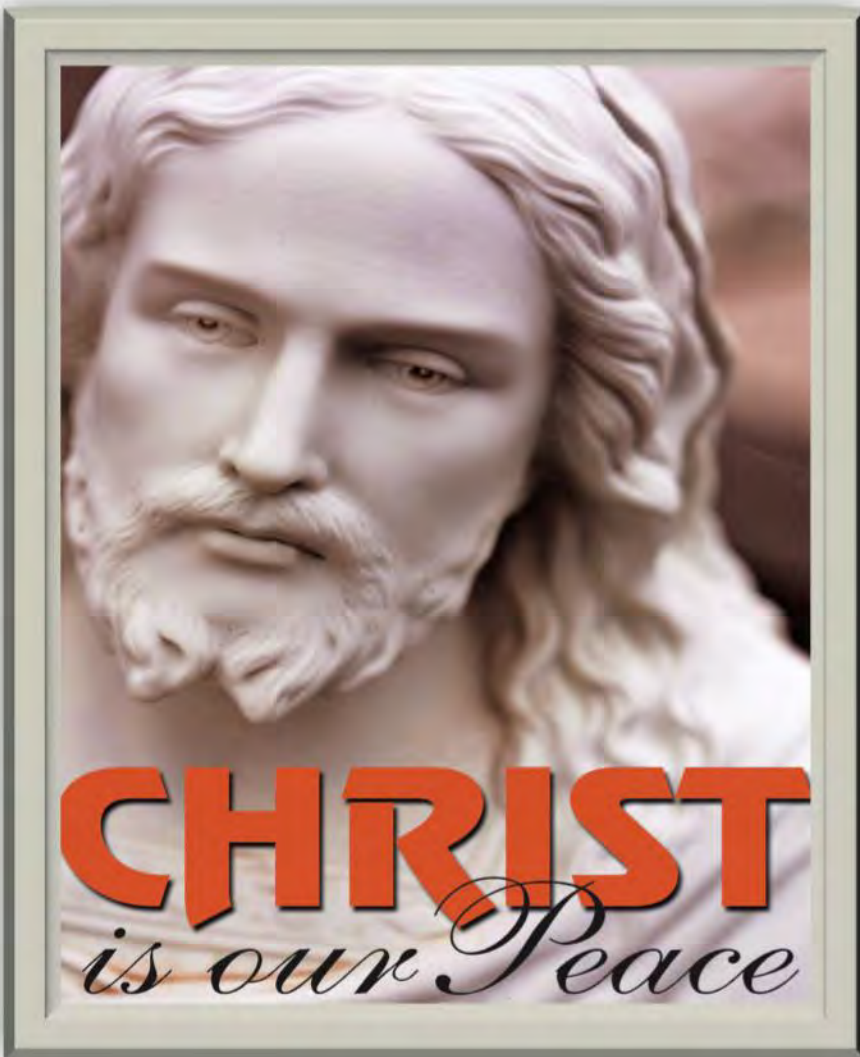


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 21, 2024*

- 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.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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

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We Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Anna Adams	Mark Huettner	Norb Rozanski
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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.

We pray for the Repose of the Souls of Richard Saul and Nancy Pierce.

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!

July 7, 2024

5:15pm	\$2,222.00
7:30am	\$1,871.00
8:45am	\$1,402.00
10:00am	\$1,069.35
11:30am	\$1,413.66
Mail-ins	\$935.00
Total:	\$8,913.01

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Registered Parish Families: 693

66 Families have Pledged: \$24,540.00

Amount Needed to Make Goal: \$42,733.00

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Please prayerfully consider giving a pledge to meet our goal.

Thank you to those who have pledged.

From the Desk of the Pastor

My brothers and sisters, God calls each and every one of us to serve Him and His Church. Moreover, as children of God, it is up to each and every one of us to heed that divine call. We aren't to count the cost; we aren't to expect rewards for serving; we aren't to promise to serve but only with conditions. Rather, we are to serve God and His Church simply because, as Catholic Christians, it is the right thing to do.

Having said that, the Aurora Council of Catholic Women holds a yearly dinner to honor certain women, one from each parish in the Aurora Deanery, who have not only heeded God's call to serve Him and His Church, but have also inspired others to do so. Therefore, this dinner is aptly called the Woman of Inspiration Dinner.

This year, the dinner will be on Sunday, August 25th, at the Lincoln Inn, in Batavia. It will be a wonderful night, with many people attending—including Bishop Malloy. We will have great food, lots of fun, a chance to win prizes, and, most importantly of all, we will honor all of the Aurora Deanery's Women of Inspiration! I am pleased to announce that Annunciation's Woman of Inspiration for this year is Julie Garofalo. Without a doubt, she most certainly serves God and His Church.

Besides seeing her at Mass, where she is either proclaiming the Word, distributing the Blessed Sacrament, or greeting people as they come into Church, Julie is also an active member of Annunciation's Prolife Committee, and is currently the Executive Director of Waterleaf Women's Center, in Aurora. As has always been the custom with all of Annunciation's Women of Inspiration, Julie will be providing a short biography, which will be placed in an upcoming bulletin.

My brothers and sisters, the next time you see Julie, please congratulate her, pray for her as she carries out her ministry, and pray that others will be inspired by her to step up and serve God and His Church.

God bless you!

Fr. Patrick

Tend the Flock

In today's first reading from Jeremiah we hear the Lord in agony over the shepherds he has called to tend to his flock. Jeremiah shares God's words: "You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds."

It could be easy to look at this and think about the faults of priests and bishops over the centuries, but I read this and hear Jeremiah talking to me and to all of us. Vatican II was very clear that as lay people we are all called to preach the Good News, to engage the culture, to help bring people into the Church, and to show love to all we meet. Pope Paul VI stated: "As sharers in the role of Christ as priest, prophet, and king, the laity have their work cut out for them in the life and activity of the Church. Their activity is so necessary within the Church communities that without it the apostolate of the pastors is often unable to achieve its full effectiveness." (*Apostolicam Actuositatem*, section 10)

Let's reflect on that for a second. The pope said that if we do not evangelize and fulfill our offices of priest, prophet, king, then pastors cannot be truly effective. See how the words from Jeremiah start to apply to us today? I think there is an ideology that has crept into the Church that as long as we are nice and treat others well then people will somehow make the connection that we are Christian and we don't need to explicitly evangelize.

Of course, this doesn't work. Any number of people can be nice and caring without being Christian. Christ makes it clear in the Gospels: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

In order for us to respond to the call of Christ we have to ask for the courage to be explicit about our faith. Living a good life is not enough. Everyone has different strengths and spiritual gifts, so maybe you are not personally called to go into the streets and talk to people about Jesus or to give a public talk at a youth group, but there is something specific that God is calling you to do. Maybe it is talking with a coworker or someone at the gym who has questions or maybe even someone on staff at the parish who needs some help.

Let's pray today that we might realize how God is calling each of us to evangelize in our own way. Jesus has chosen us to be instruments of his love, peace, and mercy. Let's answer the call and preach the Gospel to all those we meet.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!
By Tommy Shultz

Rediscovering Your Catholic Faith

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"

120. How is Jesus' offering expressed at the Last Supper?
At the Last Supper with his Apostles on the eve of his Passion Jesus anticipated, that is, both symbolized his free self-offering and made it really present: "This is my body which *is given* for you" (Luke 22:19; emphasis added), "This is my blood.... Which *is poured out*" (Matthew 26:28; Emphasis added). Thus he both instituted the Eucharist as the "memorial" (1Corinthian 11:25) of his sacrifice and instituted his Apostles as priest of the new covenant.

121. What happened in the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane?

Despite the horror which death represented for the sacred humanity of Jesus who is "the Author of life" (Acts 3:15), the human will of the Son of God remained faithful to the will of the Father for our salvation. Jesus accepted the duty to carry our sins in his body "becoming obedient unto death" (Philippians 2:8).

122. What are the results of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross?

Jesus freely offered his life as an expiatory sacrifice, that is, he made reparation for our sins with the full obedience of his love unto death. This love "to the end" (John 13:1) of the Son of God reconciled all humanity with the Father. The paschal sacrifice of Christ, therefore, redeems humanity in a way that is unique, perfect, and definitive: and it opens up for them communion with God.

123. Why does Jesus call upon his disciples to take up their cross?

By calling his disciples to take up their cross and follow him Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who are to be its first beneficiaries.

124. In what condition was the body of Christ while it lay in the tomb?

Christ underwent a real death and a true burial. However, the power of God preserved his body from corruption.

"JESUS CHRIST DESCENDED INTO HELL; ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD"

125. What is the "hell" into which Jesus descended?

This "hell" was different from the *hell* of the damned. It was the state of all those, righteous and evil, how died before Christ. With his soul united to his divine Person Jesus went down to the just in hell who were waiting their Redeemer so they could enter at last into the vision of God. When he had conquered by his death both death and the devil "who has the power of death" (Hebrews 2:14), he freed the just who looked forward to the Redeemer and opened for them the gates of heaven.



walking with purpose

Many words or phrases can make us cringe the second we hear or read them. For me, the words Bible and Study together had me emphatically saying, “Not for me!” Pretty sure, I’m not the only one reacting this way. Let’s start with the word Bible – from a totally secular perspective, the Bible is a very long book full of ancient names and places hard to pronounce; it is complicated and difficult to understand and frankly not that interesting. Perhaps not even relevant. Now add the word Study and it feels too much like school. Looking through this lens, why would anyone spend time in a Bible Study?

What if we changed the lens to see the Bible as God’s truth written in the form of a letter to us? And what if we considered Study as a search for truth, maturity and growth as Christians? Through the Holy Spirit, God has given us the most popular, powerful, precious book in existence. A book that transforms, convicts, inspires and teaches us. God speaks to us through scripture, and He is delighted as He watches you spending time in His Word.

God wants us to experience lives of significance and joy. Knowing and praising God allows us to enjoy God and allows God to fill the empty places within us and bring us to a place of real joy. God holds out the Bible as the key to joy – will you accept it?

Join us for Walking With Purpose beginning September 12 to explore the Bible with a new lens. Watch this corner each week for more information and inspiration.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.



ANNUNCIATION'S 150th SESQUICENTEN- NIAL

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.



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/>.



Are your closets cramped? **Do you have children's coats taking up space that are in good condition and no longer fit your child?** St. Vincent De Paul has a coat sale on September 28th and we need children's coats in good condition. We have plenty of women's and men's coats – but are lacking in infant and children's coats. If you would like to help, please bring the coats to our store, Dejavu at 911 Sullivan in Aurora on Wednesday's 12pm to 4pm, Thursdays 2pm to 6pm, Fridays 9am to 3pm or Saturdays 9am to 1pm. If you are unable to bring the coats to Dejavu on Sullivan, please call 630-892-6186 and leave a message we will be happy to come and pick them up. Thank you for helping others!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 22

6:30am †Barbara Pitz by Family

8:00am †Gene & Gerry Aloisio by Family

Tuesday, July 23

6:30am For All Those Who Work at or Donate to Waterleaf Women's Center

8:00am †Edward Lang by Family

Wednesday, July 24

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Mary Brawka (anniversary) by Family

Thursday, July 25

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Marie Hoffman by Bill & Jane Brickert

Friday, July 26

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am The Intention of Michael & Briana Konnick

Saturday, July 27

8:00am †Ray Moore by Marilyn Franck

5:15pm †Connie & Clayton Heintz by The Heintz Family

Sunday, July 28

7:30am †Shirley Weber by Family

8:45am †Jean Cibulskis by Walking With Purpose Bible Study

10:00am †Randy Doctor by Pat Doctor

11:30am Our Parish Family

Part-Time Position Available

Marmion Abbey, located at 850 Butterfield Road in Aurora, has a part-time food service position available. This position is for two days a week from 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM (days could be: Fr/Sa, Sa/Su, or Su/M). Responsibilities include: preparing lunch and supper for the Marmion monks (approximately 12 people), washing dishes, cleaning the kitchen, and other miscellaneous kitchen tasks as needed. Qualified candidates are encouraged to email Fr. John Brahill, OSB at jbrahill@marmion.org for additional information.



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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

Holy Days of Obligation (School not in session):

On the Evening before: 5:15pm
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