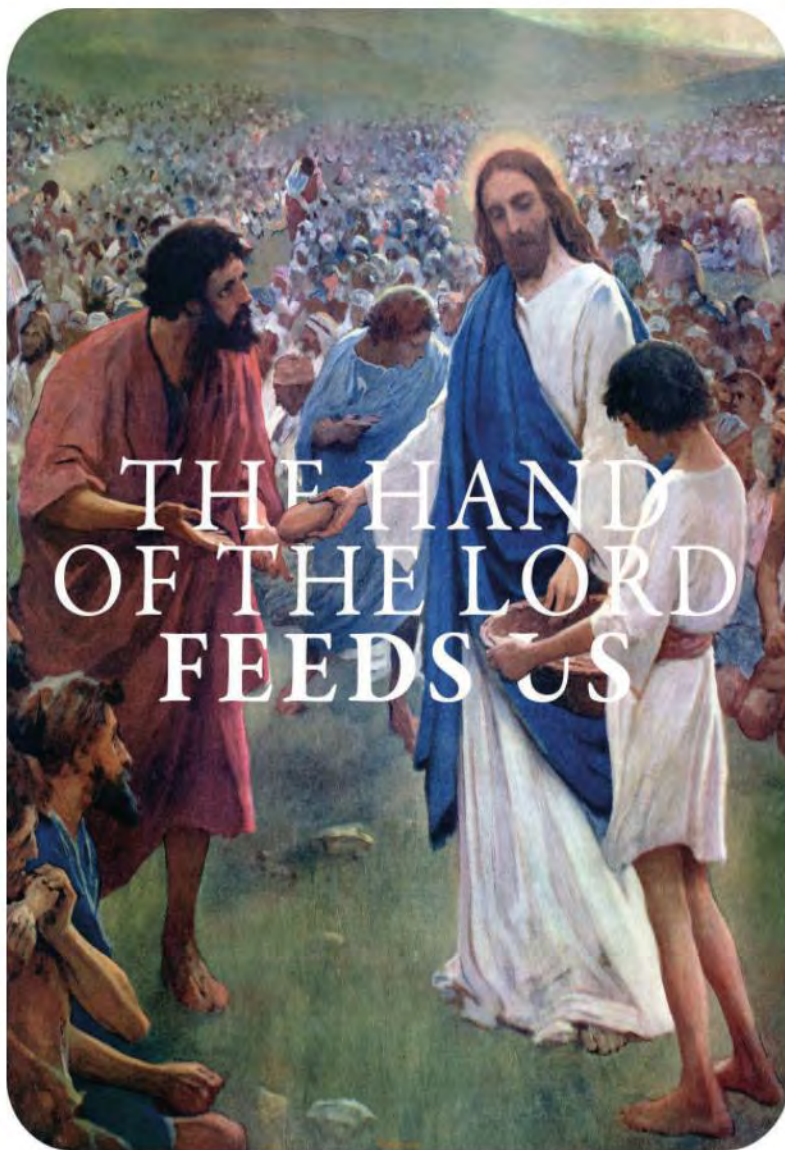


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Catholic Church  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 28, 2024*

*- 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.



**What Will You Bring to the Table?**

Music has often helped enhance my memory through catchy tunes. A favorite song of mine is You Raise Me Up by Brendan Graham and Rolf Løvland. I was surprised to find that what I thought was such a tried and tested hymn has only been around for a little over 20 years. Its message offers so many lessons, particularly, that with God's help, we can achieve the infinite.

“When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary  
When troubles come and my heart burdened be  
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence  
Until You come and sit awhile with me.”  
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We often think our efforts are not enough. Who am I, amongst all the pristine social media profiles advertising “success stories” of the rich and famous? In today's Gospel the disciples, overwhelmed by the hungry crowd, say to Jesus: “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” The young boy who offered his five loaves and two fish may have initially been perceived as a minor character and perhaps still is today. We don't know the boy's name or his backstory, but he stepped up, providing that sustenance through which Jesus could work a miracle. Without his offering, it is unclear what might have happened next.

God teaches us that we are nourished by the gifts we offer to one another. Even the simplest of actions, like offering a shoulder to cry on when someone has lost a loved one, can make a big difference. Whether young or old, we can often feel helpless in situations that seem overwhelming. However, we must remember that nothing is insurmountable for God. As the chorus of You Raise Me Up declares, “I am strong, when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be.”

By Alexis Dallara  
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!**

**July 14, 2024**

5:15pm	\$1,389.00
7:30am	\$1,243.00
8:45am	\$1,802.00
10:00am	\$821.00
11:30am	\$969.00
Mail-ins	\$950.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,174.00</b>



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**68 Families have Pledged: \$25,190.00**

**Amount Needed to Make Goal: \$42,083.00**

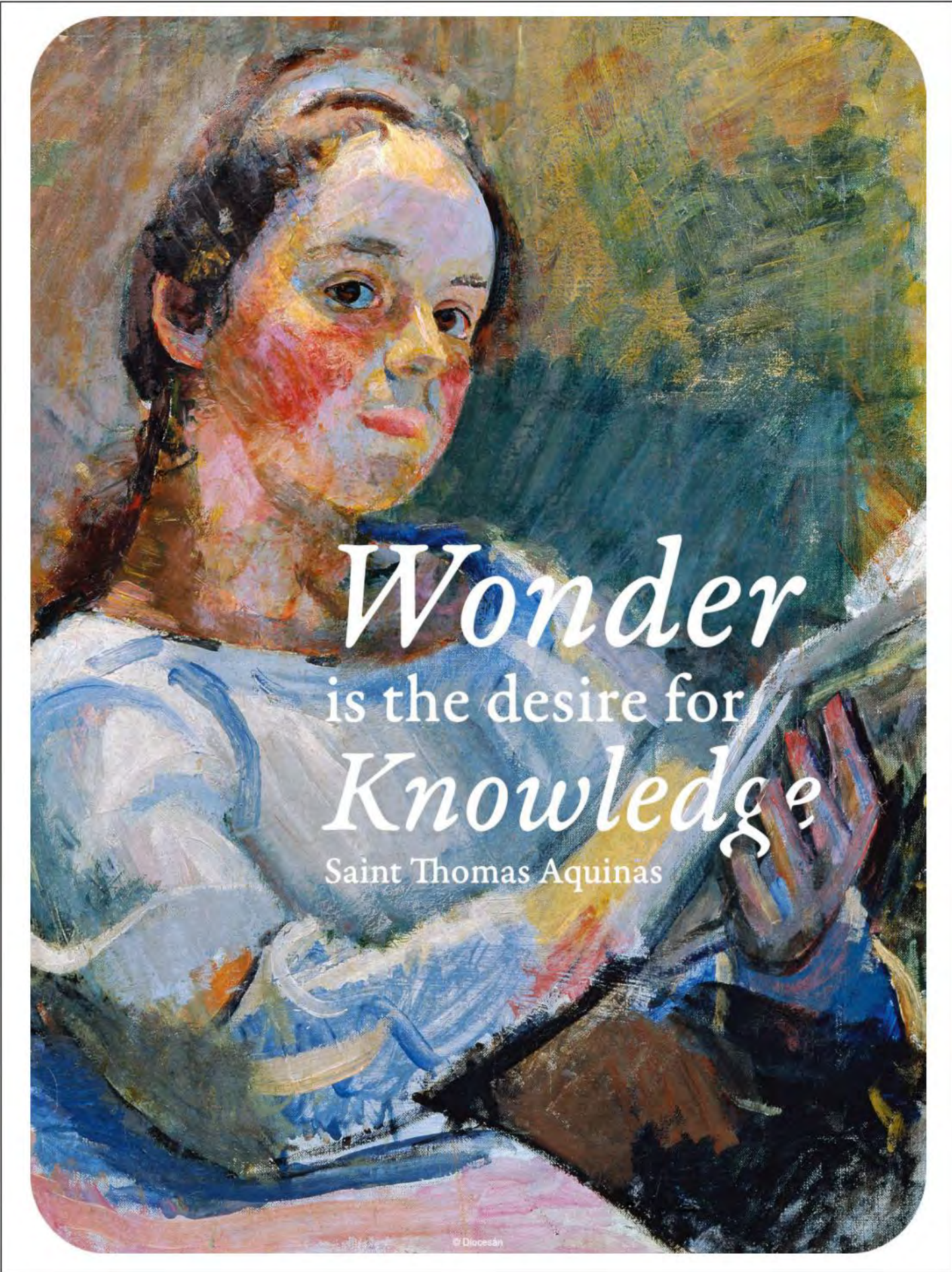
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*Knowledge*  
Saint Thomas Aquinas

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**Woman of Inspiration Dinner**

The **2024 Woman of Inspiration Dinner** will be held this year at Lincoln Inn Banquets, Batavia, IL on Sunday, August 25 at 5pm. To make reservations, please call Mary Glosson at 630.851.1436, extension 200, or 630.308.4138 by **Saturday, August 10th.**

No reservations will be taken after August 10th. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and must be purchased by August 10th.

Our honoree for this year's dinner is Julie Garofalo.



**The Little Ones**

Jim Burrows



For those whom he foreknew, he also predestined to become conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. Rom 8:26

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*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 DESCENDED INTO HELL; ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD”**

**126. What place does the Resurrection of Christ occupy in our faith?**

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ and represents along with his cross an essential part of the Pascal Mystery.

**127. What are the signs that bear witness to the Resurrection of Jesus?)**

Along with the essential sign of the empty tomb, the Resurrection of Jesus is witnessed to by the women who first encountered Christ and proclaimed him to the Apostles. Jesus then “appeared to Cephas [Peter], and then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time” (1 Corinthians 15:5-6) and to others as well. The Apostles could not have invented the story of the resurrection since it seemed impossible to them. As a matter of fact, Jesus himself upbraided them for their unbelief.

**128. Why is the Resurrection at the same time a transcendent occurrence?**

While being a historical event, verifiable and attested by signs and testimonies, the Resurrection, insofar as it is the entrance of Christ’s humanity into the glory of God, transcends and surpasses history as a mystery of faith. For this reason the risen Christ did not manifest himself to the world but to his disciples, making them his witnesses to the people.

**129. What is the condition of the risen body of Jesus?**

The Resurrection of Christ was not a return to earthly life. His risen body is that which was crucified and bears the marks of his Passion. However it also participates in the divine life, with the characteristics of a glorified Body. Because of this the risen Jesus was utterly free to appear to his disciples how and where he wished and under various aspects.

**130. How is the Resurrection the work of the Most Holy Trinity?**

The Resurrection of Christ is a transcendent work of God. The three Persons act together to what is proper to them: the Father manifests his power; the Son “takes again” the life which he freely offered (John 10:17), reuniting his soul and his body which the Spirit brings to life and glorifies.

**131. What is the saving meaning of the Resurrection?**

The Resurrection is the climax of the Incarnation. It confirms the divinity of Christ and all the things which he did and taught. It full-fills all the divine promises made us. Furthermore the risen Christ, the conqueror of sin and death, is the principle of our justification and our Resurrection. It procures for us now the grace of filial adoption which is a real share in the life of the only begotten Son. At the end of time he will raise up our bodies.



## walking with purpose

Do you remember your very first Bible? Perhaps it was a christening, first communion, or confirmation gift. Perhaps it was a required purchase for a theology class, or a treasured heirloom passed on as you embarked on a new life journey. Maybe it was big with beautiful pictures or maybe it was a small pocket version. It could have come with a beautiful sentiment or important family history inscribed on the inside cover. The Bible is likely the most unappreciated gift we receive. We say “thank you,” flip through the pages, and put it on a shelf or tuck it in a drawer.

We know we will never read it cover to cover. We know that we will hear the most important parts at Mass. However, do we know that the Bible answers life’s most important questions: Why am I here? What’s my life’s purpose? How can I get to heaven? Do we know that it also gives practical advice: How can I be a good wife, a great mother, a better friend? Do we know that we can always turn to the truth found only in Scripture to build our lives on a solid foundation?

Something truly amazing about the God of the universe is His willingness to patiently teach us. If you long to be grounded in truth, then pull that Bible off the shelf and join us for Walking With Purpose beginning September 12. Gain a deeper appreciation for the Bible and cherish it as the most beautiful and best gift you ever received!

Watch this corner for more information and inspiration.



**THANK YOU** to all those who donated to the July 2024 Annunciation Food Drive. The Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry appreciates your generosity.

The next Annunciation Food Drive will be held the weekend of August 10 and 11. Please bring donations to the blue bins in front of the altar, near the organ. Donations are accepted during designated weekends only. Also, please check the dates on all items. Thank you once again for your overwhelming support of Annunciation's monthly food drive.

Items needed as identified by the food pantry: Rice, personal hygiene items, household cleaning supplies, baby food.

**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, extension 200, Days.

## ANNUNCIATION'S 150th SESQUICENTENNIAL

We are planning 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 29

6:30am Our Parish Family

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

Tuesday, July 30

6:30am For the Employees and Supporters of Waterleaf Women's Center

8:00am The Henn Family by Family

Wednesday, July 31

6:30am Our Parish Family

**8:00am** †Rosanne Spoden by M/M Michael Mutersbaugh

Thursday, August 1

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am The Living and Deceased Members of the Smart Family by M/M Michael Mutersbaugh

Friday, August 2

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am Our Parish Family

Saturday, August 3

8:00am †Rosanne Spoden by Don Frieders

5:15pm †Alden Kilian (5th anniv.) by Kilian Family

Sunday, August 4

7:30am Our Parish Family

8:45am †Shirlee Fichtel by Dave & Margie Kluber

10:00am †Gerald Weistroffer by Gert & Leon Saros

11:30am †Joe Macejik by Juli Tomse

## 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](mailto: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](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:**

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](http://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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