

*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 7, 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.



Love is Vulnerability

Love is vulnerability; willingness to lose that which is most dear to you. We lost our first child ten years ago and it was the most gut-wrenching feeling ever. To take the risk of this happening again whenever I have been pregnant has felt unbearable, like having your heart open and exposed, waiting for a sword to potentially strike it at any moment. Jesus' love for us is similar, wide open, but to an infinitely greater degree. He continually gives us everything. He was willing to lose and be rejected for our sake. He was ridiculed and despised, yet forgave.

How often do I reject Jesus? I am always surprised on Good Friday how so many don't want to read out loud as part of the Crowd during the reading of the Passion. Over and over again, we are complicit in the crucifixion through our sins. Sometimes it is my active actions and other times I am quietly passive and allow the injustices of the world to continue. Yet the wonder of Christ, His glorious perfection, is that He still loves me, despite my many shortcomings. He knows my faults yet is not afraid to take on the whole world for me!

St. Augustine famously declared, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you." It always feels like something is missing, like I'm a puzzle piece waiting to be added to something that needs completing. We can often embrace the allures of today's world while foregoing the heavenly gifts that await us tomorrow. We must remember over and over again that we belong not to this world, but to God's kingdom. As a child of God, thirst for that water which provides eternal comfort, that of Christ's peace!

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh
Diocesan

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

We Pray for our Sick and Suffering

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

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

We pray for the **Rest of the Soul of Martin Bloom**.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity to the parish!

June 23, 2024

5:15pm	\$1,350.71
7:30am	\$1,408.00
8:45am	\$1,617.00
10:00am	\$1,087.00
11:30am	\$1,062.00
Mail-ins	\$205.00
Total:	\$6,729.71



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Diocesan Appeal—2024

Goal: \$67,273.00

Registered Parish Families: 693

60 Families have Pledged: \$22,765.00

We need your help to meet our goal.

Please prayerfully consider giving a pledge to meet our goal.

Thank you to those who have pledged.



From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters, we will have our annual missionary appeal next weekend, July 6th & 7th. Our missionary priest is Rev. Dr. Bernard Okafor. Below is an introductory letter from the superior of Father Okafor's religious community, Rev. Dr. Joachim Ifezuo Oforchukwu, C.S.Sp.

Fr. Patrick



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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am humbled and grateful to Rev. Patrick Gillmeyer, OSB for allowing Rev. Dr. Bernard Okafor the opportunity to celebrate Mass with you on July 6th and 7th to share news of a project that is critical in my homeland of Nigeria. I am serving in the Congregation of The Holy Spirit, also known as the Spiritans. For over 300 years our missionaries have served the spiritual and physical needs of the poor all over the world. Holy Ghost Haven Foundation was founded to address the extreme and urgent need of the poor and less privileged, and to house and heal the sick and infirmed Spiritan missionaries that have served so many in their lives.

The small compound in Mgbidi, Nigeria is locally referred to as "Holy Ghost Haven" and includes a small hospital and rest home where the elderly and missionary priests can be treated. These facilities are in desperate need of repair and expansion. This is emotionally heart rending because these missionaries have totally dedicated their lives to the cause of God, love, and humanity and are dependent on the generosity of others to house them in their time of need.

I am writing today to emphasize our urgent need to expand the healthcare center and home for the retired Spiritan confreres in Mgbidi, Nigeria. Holy Ghost Haven also serves the needs of the poor in the rural area who have no other means for healthcare. I ask you to prayerfully consider helping us meet the needs of these missionaries.

The needs of our confreres at Mgbidi are increasing every day and a donation makes a critical impact on our mission to serve them. I ask for your prayers for our efforts and our missionaries.

May God bless you and your loved ones,

Rev. Dr. Joachim Ifezuo Oforchukwu, C.S.Sp., President

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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.

food collection

The next Annunciation Food Drive will be held the weekend of July 13 and 14. 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 Annunciations monthly food drive.



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”

109. In the Kingdom, what authority did Jesus bestow upon his Apostles?

Jesus chose the twelve, the future witnesses of his Resurrection, and made them sharers of his mission and of his authority to teach, to absolve from sins, and to build up and govern the Church. In this college, Peter received “the keys of the kingdom” (Matthew 16:19) and assumed the first place with the mission to keep the faith in its integrity and to strengthen his brothers.

110. What is the meaning of the Transfiguration?

Above all the Transfiguration shows forth the Trinity: “the Father in the voice, the Son in the man Jesus, the Spirit in the shining cloud” (Saint Thomas Aquinas). Speaking with Moses and Elijah about his “departure” (Luke 9:31), Jesus reveals that his glory comes by way of the cross and he anticipates his Resurrection and his glorious coming which “will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body” (Philippians).

You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father.” (Byzantine Liturgy).

111. How did the messianic entrance into Jerusalem come about?

At the established time Jesus chose to go to Jerusalem to suffer his Passion and death, and to rise from the dead. As the Messiah King who shows forth the coming of the Kingdom, he entered into his city mounted on a donkey. He was acclaimed by the little children whose shout of joyful praise is taken up in the *Sanctus* of the Eucharistic liturgy: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna (save us)!” (Matthew 21:9). The liturgy of the Church opens Holy Week by celebrating this entry into Jerusalem.

“Jesus Christ Suffered Under Pontius Pilate, Was Crucified, Died, and Was Buried”

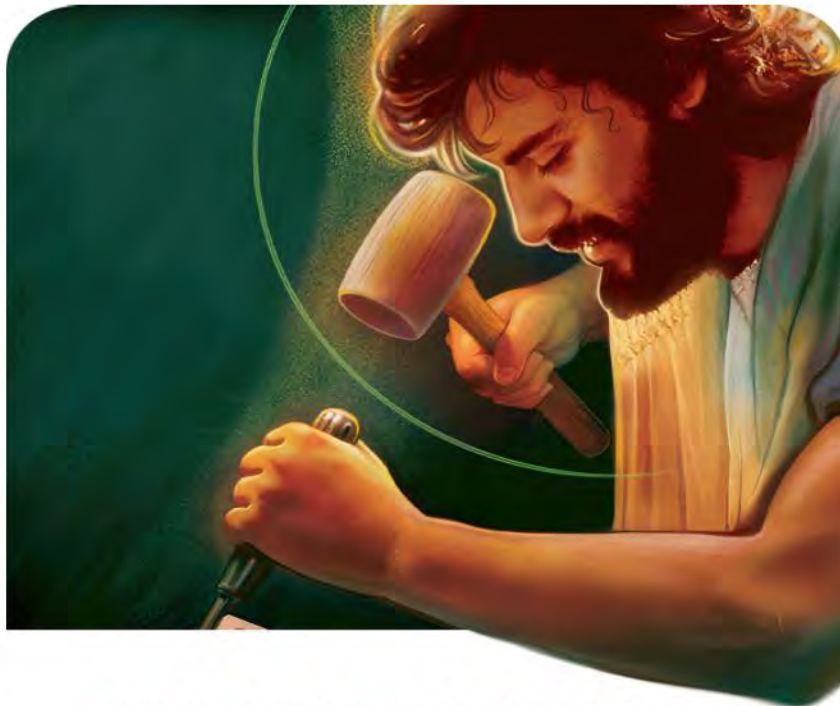
112. What is the importance of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus?

The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his Passion, death, Resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God’s saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

113. What were the accusations by which Jesus was condemn to death?

Some of the leaders of Israel accused Jesus of acting against the law, the temple in Jerusalem, and in particular against faith in the one God because he proclaimed himself to be the Son of God. For this reason they handed him over to Pilate so that he might condemn him to death.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



IS THIS NOT THE CARPENTER
THE SON OF MARY?





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/>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 8

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Donald Brummel, Sr., by Tim & Nancy McCann

Tuesday, July 9

6:30am Our Parish Family

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

Wednesday, July 10

6:30am Our Parish Family

8:00am †Jim Schultz by Family

Thursday, July 11

6:30am †George Weber

8:00am Our Parish Family

Friday, July 12

6:30am Our Parish Family

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

Saturday, July 13

8:00am Living Members of the Aloisio Family

5:15pm †Ivan Seppell by Family

Sunday, July 14

7:30am Our Parish Family

8:45am †Shirlee Fichtel by Ted Weber

10:00am †Frank & Mary Sadowski by Pat Doctor

11:30am Our Parish Family

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JOKES

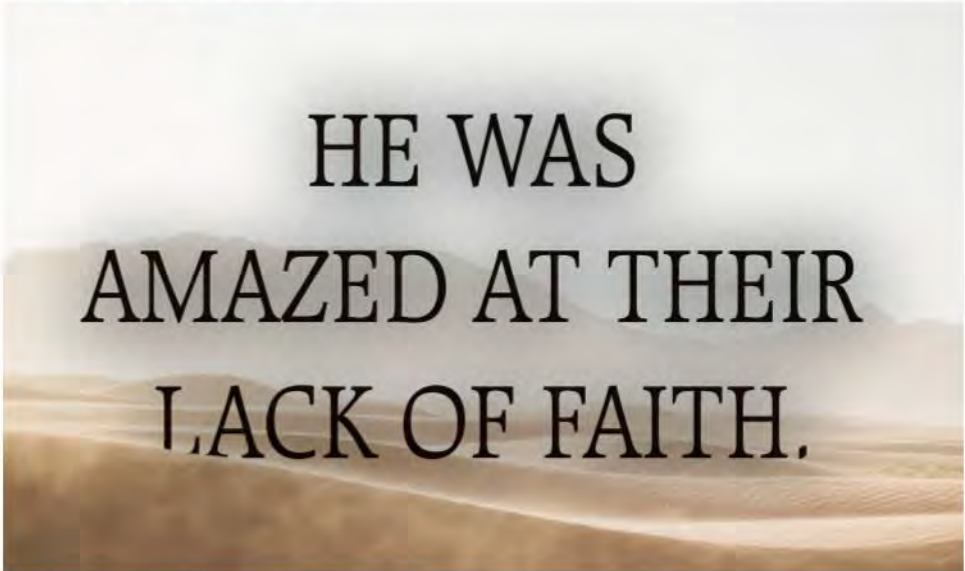
What did one flag say to the other flag?
Answer: Nothing. It just waved!

Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?
Answer: Because the horse was too heavy to carry!

What dance was very popular in 1776?
Answer: Indepen-dance!



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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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