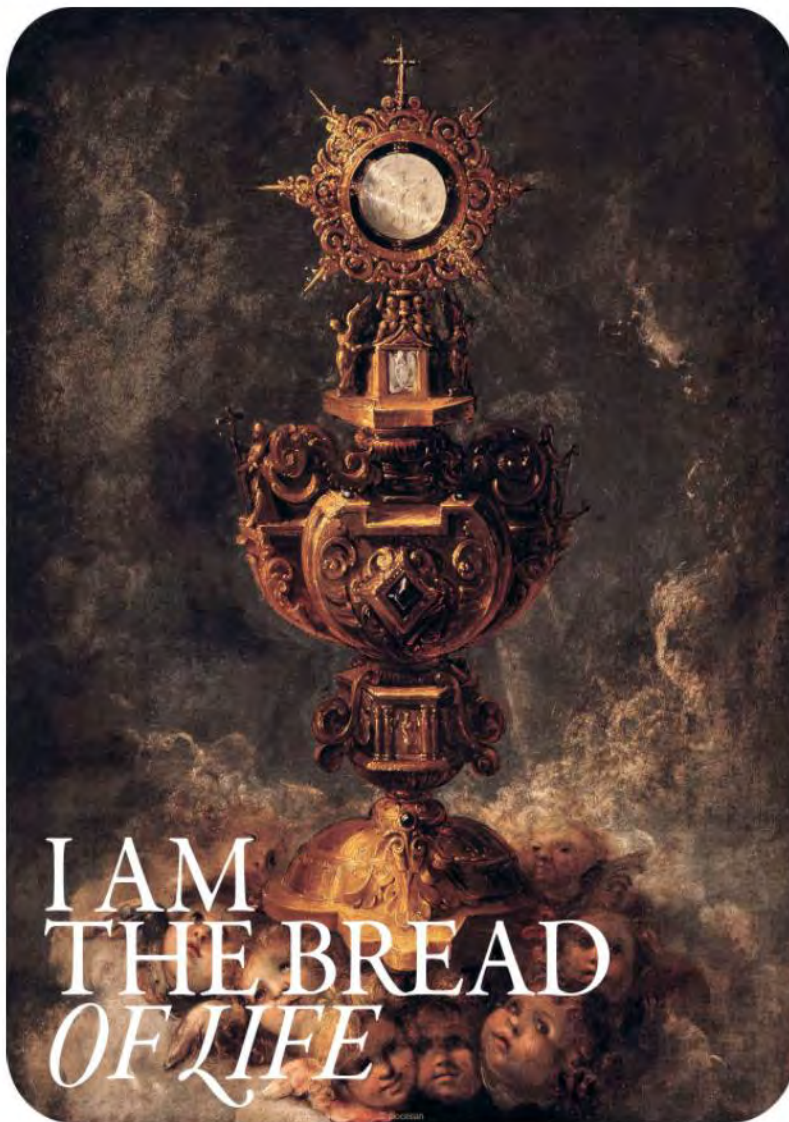


*Welcome to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Catholic Church
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4, 2024*

- 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.



Don't Look Back

It's bad enough that the Israelites were grumbling against their leaders. But they also complain to God that they were better off as slaves in Egypt. After all God did to bring them to freedom, now they want to go back to slavery. Before we judge them too harshly, we might ask ourselves if we ever act like that. For us, it might be looking back on our slavery to sin.

We would never sin if there wasn't something attractive about it. We might confess the sin and say we'll never do that again, but we often can't resist the memory of our past sins. As we hold on to the past, the temptations come back and draw us to repeat our offenses. Even though we know we are better off putting it behind us, we sometimes find it difficult to move on. Notice that the Israelites look back to their time in Egypt, while the people of Jesus' time look back to the manna in the desert, yet none of them ever had manna!

So how do we free ourselves from the past? Should we look to the future, instead? If we want to make the world, or just our community, a better place we can make plans. If those plans are ever going to work, we have to begin now. Jesus doesn't say "Remember how good that manna was." Or "Don't worry; your children will get it right." No, he keeps us focused on the present moment, telling us to believe in Him now, His Father gives us true bread today; Jesus is that bread of life.

Those words are just as true today. We may look fondly at Jesus' birth, his miracles, and his death on the cross, but if we don't let him be born again in us, if we don't trust him to do wonders today, and if we don't take up our crosses each day—we are missing the chance to experience Jesus in us and in the people we live and work with each day.

Tom Schmidt,

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 21, 2024

5:15pm	\$1,295.00
7:30am	\$1,616.00
8:45am	\$1,282.00
10:00am	\$1,306.75
11:30am	\$860.00
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Diocesan Appeal—2024

Goal: \$67,273.00

Registered Parish Families: 693

70 Families have Pledged: \$25,270.00

Amount Needed to Make Goal: \$42,003.00

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Please prayerfully consider giving a pledge to meet our goal.

Thank you to those who have pledged.



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From the Pastor's Desk

My brothers and sisters, as you might be aware, our Lord proclaimed seven "I AM" statements in the Gospel of St. John. The first statement, and probably the most important of the seven, we hear in this Sunday's Gospel: "I am the Bread of Life."

The reason this "I AM" statement is the most important is because of what our Lord said right before this statement: "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from Heaven; My Father gives you the true Bread from Heaven. For the Bread of God is that which comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world."

God the Father's sending His Son—the Bread of Life—into this world is what set into motion our journey to everlasting life. Our ancestors, as Scriptures says, ate the manna from Heaven, but they still died. Eating this new Bread from Heaven, Jesus Christ, will give us life everlasting, because He is the Bread of Life!

My brothers and sisters, we can rejoice that we have something more than that which our ancestors ate in the dessert and still died. We have been given the true Body of Christ, the Bread from Heaven, the Bread of Life, which will enable us to live forever.

Christ came from Bethlehem. In Arabic, Bethlehem means "house of meat; in Hebrew, it means "house of bread." Whichever meaning we choose, we are blessed to be able to eat our God in a sacred meal, and thanks to Him we can!

My brothers and sisters, may the Bread of Life nourish and sustained you this day, and may He prepare your soul for her ultimate reward for following after that Bread of Life: eternal salvation! May He, indeed, bring us all to everlasting life!

God bless you,

Fr. Patrick



Joining Annunciation over 30 years ago, there have been so many women of this parish, living and deceased, that have inspired me. To be counted among those recognized as a Woman of Inspiration is an honor. My name is **Julie Weiler-Garofalo**. I'm a third generation Aurora native baptized and receiving my First Communion at St. Nicholas, confirmed at Sacred Heart and married at Holy Angels. My six siblings and I attended St. Nicholas and Sacred Heart grade schools and between us Holy Cross Seminary, Marmion, Madonna, Rosary, and Aurora Central high schools. In fact, I was a member of the first class to graduate from Aurora Central the year after Madonna and Roncalli were merged. After college at Western Illinois University and working in finance and public utilities, I received an MBA from Benedictine University and began a long career in education primarily serving at Benedictine University and Marmion Academy. Currently, I serve as the Executive Director at Waterleaf Women's Center. It has been such a blessing to work in Catholic institutions where my work is grounded in my faith. Mike and I have been married for 37 years. We have five wonderful children and their exceptional spouses who have blessed us with six beautiful grandchildren. We are blessed with big families whose long histories of honoring and serving God, family, and community have shown us how to humbly serve others. And we've been blessed with a big Annunciation family who has given us so many opportunities to do so. This recognition may happen to have my name on it this year, but it really belongs to every single woman of this parish, past or present, who has inspired me, enriched my life, and shown me the way. Thank you!

Please contact Mary Glosson at 630.851.1436 or 630.308.4138 to make your reservation for the **2024 Woman of Inspiration Dinner** at Lincoln Inn Banquets, Batavia, IL on Sunday, August 25 at 5pm 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.

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 Ascended into Heaven And is Seated at the Right Hand of God The Father Almighty”

132. What does the Ascension mean?

After forty days during which Jesus showed himself to the Apostles with ordinary human features which veiled his glory as the Risen One, Christ ascended into heaven and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He is the Lord who now in his humanity reigns in the everlasting glory of the Son of God and constantly intercedes for us before the Father. He sends us his Spirit and gives us the hope of one day reaching the place he has prepared for us.

“From Thence He Shall Come to Judge the Living and the Dead”

133. How does the Lord Jesus now reign?

As the Lord of the cosmos and of history, the Head of his Church, the glorified Christ mysteriously remains on earth where his kingdom is already present in seed and in its beginning in the Church. One day he will return in glory but we do not know the time. Because of this we live in watchful anticipation, praying “Come, Lord” (Revelation 22:20).

134. How will the coming of the Lord in glory happen?

After the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world the glorious coming of Christ will take place. Then will come the definitive triumph of God in the parousia and the Last Judgment. Thus the Kingdom of God will be realized.

135. How will Christ judge the living and the dead?

Christ will judge with the power he has gained as the Redeemer of the world who came to bring salvation to all. The secrets of hearts will be brought to light as well as the conduct of each one toward God and toward his neighbor. Everyone, according to how he has lived, will either be filled with life or damned for eternity. In this way, “the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13) will come about in which “God may be all in all” (1Corinthians 15:28).



walking with purpose

It's often said that the best way to approach a book is to read the front and back covers first. Then look at the inside covers. In doing this, you get a preview of the story, an introduction to the author, perhaps a table of contents, and others' opinions of the book in the form of reviews. Typically, we choose to invest our time in reading a book (or not) because of these first impressions.

Regardless of those first impressions, the return on our investment in a book is only known when we read it. A good book captures us with the first sentence. A great book draws us in by connecting us with deeply relatable characters, a compelling story, and an ending that resonates with us for a long time. We never regret time spent reading a great book.

When it comes to the Bible, the front and back covers may not be anything special. It would take a whole book alone to capture the 'bios' of the many authors of the Bible. And the reviews...well they are certainly mixed. It's no wonder many have never picked up the Bible by choice.

However, if you do pick it up that first sentence will draw you in. "In the beginning God created the heavens and earth." And the characters! If we look deep enough, we can see ourselves in so many of them...Adam and Eve, Noah, the people of Babel, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Josuah, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

Many may think of the Bible as an anthology of short stories, but it's not. It's one long compelling story of God's relationship with man. But it is so much more, it is our path to knowing and loving Jesus as revealed by God through these biblical people.

Join us September 12 for Walking With Purpose where we have the opportunity to relate to these people and their stories in a brand-new way. Trust me, it will be a worthwhile investment.

Watch this corner for more information and inspiration.



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.

Religious Education Program Registration

Registration for the upcoming religious education program year is now open! The religious education program and sacramental preparation is open to parish children in grades K-8 who do not attend a Catholic school. The program meets on Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm-7:30pm. The first class is September 18.

Program information and registration forms are on our parish website under the "Religious Ed" tab.: <http://www.annunciationchurchbvm.org> Registration forms are also available at the entrance of church and at the parish office.

For more information about the religious education program, please call the parish office 630-851-1436. Or email mfletcher@rockforddiocese.org

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.

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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/>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 5

6:30am †Karen Heriaud by Family

8:00am †Ginny Setnes by Bridget & Hal Carlson

Tuesday, August 6

6:30am †Phil Gette by Ann Gette

8:00am †Tony Aloisio by Family

Wednesday, August 7

6:30am †Irmgard & Kaspar Kammerer by Family

8:00am †Florence & Ken Schmidt by Don Modaff

Thursday, August 8

6:30am †Irmgard & Kaspar Kammerer by Family

8:00am †Phil Gette by Ann Gette

Friday, August 9

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

8:00am †Alden Kilian by Mrs. Nadine Kilian

Saturday, August 10

8:00am †Irmgard & Kaspar Kammerer by Family

5:15pm †Shirley Weber by Family

Sunday, August 11

7:30am †Krystyna & Stanley Litke, Carl B. Thompson by Family

8:45am †Quentin Leonardi by Tentinger Family

10:00am †James Hill by Jane Meyer

11:30am Our Parish Family

Marmion Academy is pleased to announce that the following students from your parish have been named to the Honor Roll at Marmion Academy, Aurora, IL, for the 2nd semester of the 2023-2024 school year:

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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.

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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