

*Welcome to Annunciation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
The Ascension of the Lord
May 17, 2026*

~ Our Mission Statement ~

We, the parish of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, are a Roman Catholic Church of Missionary Disciples. United to Christ through Liturgy, Stewardship, and Service, we seek to evangelize by invitation to personal encounters with Christ and accompany each other on the way home to heaven.



Congratulations Confirmandi!

- Alaina Anderson*
- Brooke Bothwell*
- Meah Brabeck*
- Audrey Brown*
- Kaitlyn Delaney*
- Emma Deppe*
- James Hill*
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- Julian Rodriguez*
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Mass Schedule:

**Weekends: Saturday Evening: 4:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am and 11:30am
Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
8:45am; Tuesday and Thursday: 6:30am, Saturday,
8:00am.**

Confessions will be heard after the 6:30am Mass on Tuesday and Thursday, they will also be heard after the Saturday 8:00am Mass. You may also call the parish office and speak to Fr McFadden to schedule a time for confession.

Adoration: Tuesday from 8:30am-5:30pm. (Doors are locked for the safety of Annunciation BVM Students), please stop by the parish office for a key to go to church; First Friday of the month, from 8:30am-4:00pm.



We will be praying the rosary at the Grotto behind church every night at 6:30 during the month of May except for Saturdays, we will pray the rosary after the 4:30 Mass.

We Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Anna Adams	Bob Klein	Norb Rozanski
Bill Aloisio	Patrick Lavigne	Pat Silvestri
Joan Bassak	Jacqueline Lehy	Geri Smith
Irene Bezroukoff	Margie May-Carte	Lyle Smith
Michelle Bezroukoff	Carrie Mitchell	Sally Thayer
Martin Brosas	Joe Pascolini	Jack Watson
Mary Aloisio Cummings	Mark Phillips	Connie Weber
May Beth Erickson	Ken Podsiadlik	Linda White
Mark Huettner	Kathy Rapp	
Imelda Johnson	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.

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.

RESCHEDULED

Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage

This event has been postponed till Fall.
Please mark your calendars for this event on SEPT. 12, 2026.
Please watch the bulletin for updates on this upcoming event.
Looking forward to seeing you at this wonderful event.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your generosity to the parish!

Sunday, May 3

4:30pm	\$2,604.00
7:30am	\$1,876.00
9:30am	\$2,803.34
11:30am	\$1,335.00

First Communion Mass \$572.00

TOTAL: \$9,190.34

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Sanctuary Candle



This week the sanctuary candle is in Memory of **Barbara Fairbrother**, sponsored by Jac and Ann Mansaur. If you would like to sponsor a sanctuary candle, please fill out this form or call Mary in the parish office.

Your name: _____

In honor or memory of: _____

A \$25.00 donation is requested.

From the Desk of Father McFadden

Dear Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Family,

The idea of today's feast is the raising of our hearts toward heaven, so that we may begin to dwell in spirit where Jesus has gone before us. Saint Leo says that Christ's Ascension is our own ascension; our body has the hope of one day being where its glorious Head has gone before. It is a feast of joyful hope, a sweet, a foretaste of heaven. By going before us, Jesus, our head, has given us the right to follow him there someday, and we can even say with Saint Leo, "in the person of Christ penetrated the heights of heaven." As in Christ crucified, we died to sin, in Christ, we rise to the life of Grace, so too, we are raised up to heaven as the Ascension of Christ. This vital participation in Christ's mysteries is the essential consequence of our incorporation in him. He is our head; we, as his members, are totally dependent upon him and intimately bound to his Destiny. All right to heaven has been given us; our place is ready; it is for us to live in such a way that we might get there one day. If Jesus is our deepest treasure, our heart cannot be anywhere but near him towards heaven. This is the great hope of the Christian soul, so beautifully expressed in a hymn, "Oh Jesus, be the hope of our hearts, our joy and sorrow, the sweet fruit of our life."

Let's live this hope in our closeness to Jesus in the Eucharist, frequent confession, and closeness to our Mother Mary as we walk towards eternity, to be forever with the Lord.

Gratefully your soon to be pastor,
Father McFadden



Congrats to our Newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and Michelle Schroeder! Ad Multos Annos!



LUMINARY MASS MEETING

The Luminary Mass is set for Wednesday, September 23rd. If you would like to volunteer, please join us for a brief meeting on Sunday, May 24th at 3:00 p.m. on the parish patio. We will distribute 5,000 luminary bags that need prepping over the summer. We will also finalize plans for the set-up, Mass, and reception. Please contact Julie Cibulskis at (630)363-7073 with any questions.



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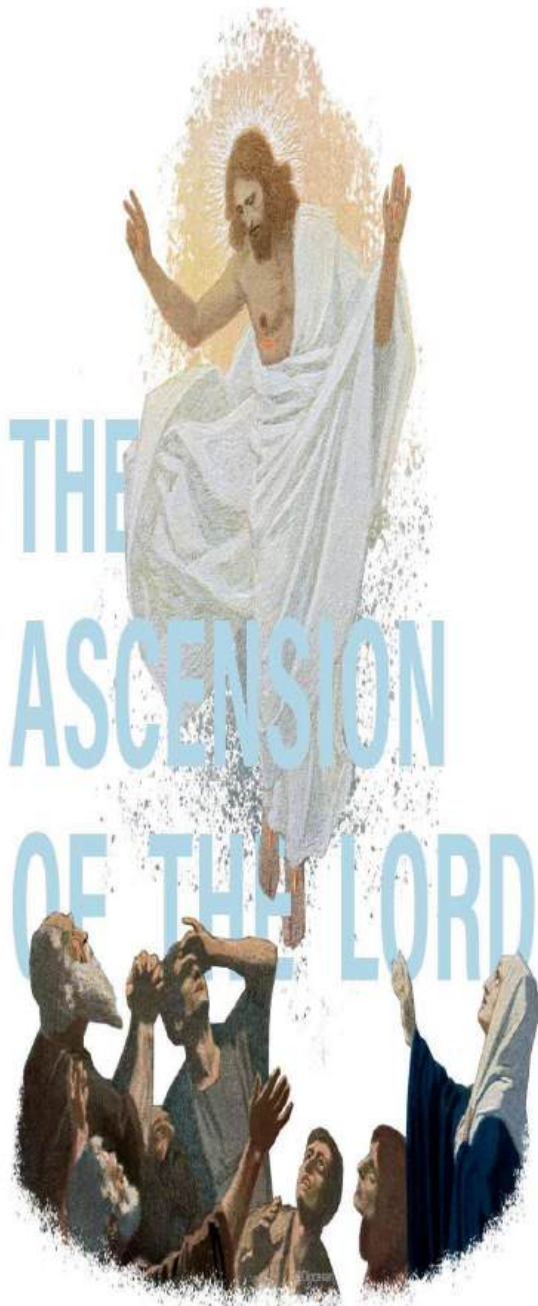
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PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

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”

104. What does the hidden life of Jesus in Nazareth teach us?

In the course of his *hidden life* in Nazareth Jesus stayed in the silence of an ordinary existence. This allows us to enter into fellowship with him in the holiness to be found in a daily life marked by prayer, simplicity, work, and family love. His obedience to Mary and to Joseph, his foster father, is an image of his filial obedience to the Father. Mary and Joseph accepted with faith the mystery of Jesus even though they did not always understand it.

105. Why did Jesus receive from John the “baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 3:3)?

To inaugurate his public life and to anticipate the “Baptism” of his death, he who was without sin accepted to be numbered among sinners. He was “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) The Father proclaimed him to be his “beloved Son” (Matthew 3:17) and the Spirit descended upon. The baptism of Jesus is a prefiguring of our baptism.

106. What do we learn from the temptations of Jesus in the desert?

The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his Passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love. The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of *Lent*.

107. Who is invited to come into the Kingdom of God proclaimed and brought about by Jesus?

All are invited by Jesus to enter the Kingdom of God. Even the worst of sinners is called to convert and to accept the boundless mercy of the Father. Already here on earth, the Kingdom belongs to those who accept it with a humble heart. To them the mysteries of the Kingdom are revealed.

108. Why did Jesus manifest the Kingdom by means of signs and miracles?

Jesus accompanied his words with *signs* and *miracles* to bear witness to the fact that the Kingdom is present in him, the Messiah. Although he healed some people, he did not come to abolish all evils here below but rather to free us especially from the slavery of sin. The driving out of demons proclaimed that his cross would be victorious over “the ruler of this world” (John 12:31).



Come join us for Mass at Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Memorial Day,
May 25, 2026

At

10:00 a.m.

w/Father Juan Ayala
of St Therese of Jesus Church

Please bring your own chairs and be prepared for the weather.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 18

8:45am †Carol Klein by Family

Tuesday, May 19

6:30am †Laura Antonsen by Her Father

Wednesday, May 20

8:45am †Virginia Miranda by Ruben & Maria

Thursday, May 21

6:30am †Donald Nolde by Toni Nolde

Friday, May 22

8:45am †Floyd & Marge Roesler by The Cutlip Family

Saturday, May 23

8:00am The Employees & Supporters of Waterleaf

4:30pm †Elaine Heintz by The Heintz Family

Sunday, May 24

7:30am †The Deceased Parents of The Brown Family

9:30am †George Kackert by Family and Friends

11:30am Our Parish Family

Ladies Summer Reading

Sponsored by Annunciation Walking With Purpose

Summer is always a good time to kick back and dive into a good book. Even better when you can share your thoughts about that book with someone else. Back by popular demand, Walking With Purpose is sponsoring a summer reading opportunity for ALL ladies of the parish.

It's very simple, read the book, then join us on the Parish Patio from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm on the following dates for discussion and dessert.

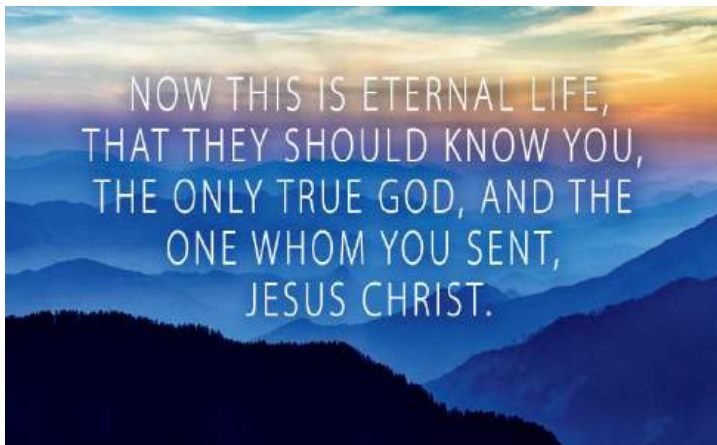
Thursday, **May 28** - *THE FORGOTTEN WAY* by Matthew Kelly. Get your free copy of the book by contacting Chris Eversole (630-313-0567 or ceversole0716@gmail.com) or pick one up after Mass today – even if you can't make the discussion but would like to read the book!

Thursday, **June 25** - *MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE* by Kent Nerburn. Secure your own copy.

Thursday, **July 30** – *THE ROCKING CHAIR PROPHET* by Matthew Kelly. Free copies will be made available to everyone – even if you can't make the discussion but would like to read the book!

Thursday, **August 20** – Readers Vote – we will select a book based on your recommendations.

Save the Dates – See you There!





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Ascension of the Lord

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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. 630.851.1436.

Marriage:

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, please let Fr. McFadden know.

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.

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

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 Thursday at 7:00pm. For contact information and calendar of events, go to the council website at: knightsofcolumbusil.org/council736.



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