

Annunciation is a place...
To be included
To be honest
To be empowered
To be challenged
To find hope



Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, April 28, 2024

Worship Bulletin

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Scouts Pancake Breakfast

This Sunday, 8:00 to 12:00pm, the Troops and Pack will be hosting an appreciation pancake breakfast for the church members of our charter. This is our way of saying "Thank You!" for allowing us to be part of the community. There will be no charge, though a donation will be gladly accepted.



Liturgical Ministry Schedule for June 2024 – November 2024

Scheduling of servers for June 2024 – November 2024 is underway! If you are already serving in one or more of these roles, please respond to the e-mail sent on April 17.

If you are not currently participating in the liturgy but would like to start, please contact Susan O'Morchoe at coffee hour or by e-mail (susanom58@yahoo.com).

The sign-up period will be from April 17 to May 8. Training (or retraining) is always

available. If you have questions regarding the Liturgical Ministry roles, please contact Pastor Jenni or Susan O'Morchoe (susanom58@yahoo.com).



REVIVE/GRACE Healing Service on Tuesdays

REVIVE/GRACE - Healing and Prayer Ministry for all people and all life's challenges.

We seek to offer all people a place to be honest and vulnerable in our difficulties, transgressions, or traumas so that the Savior of the world might transform those vulnerabilities with strength in Jesus.

We've all got "stuff." REVIVE/GRACE calls a community of people from all walks of life to deal with the "stuff" of life through the 12 steps, upheld through scripture and a relationship with Jesus Christ. All are welcome on Tuesdays at 4:00pm.

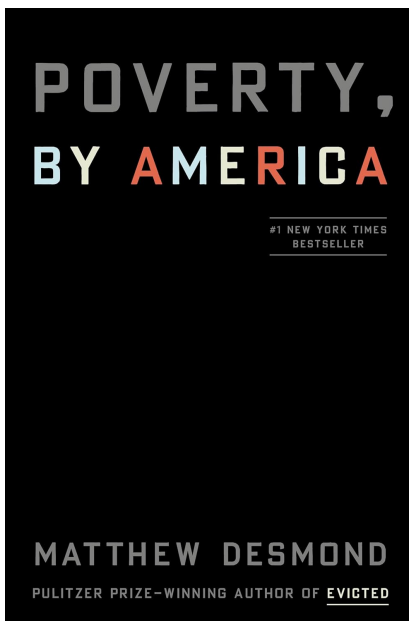


New Annunciation Wear

Once again, we have Annunciation wear available for purchase. [Click here to see the catalog!](#)

Parish Planning Sunday

Mark your calendar for Parish Planning on May 5th after church. Vestry will provide treats for coffee hour that day.



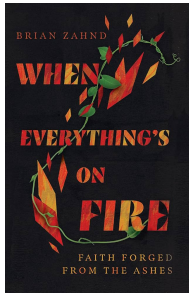
Actions for Peace and Justice

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul. There was not a needy person among them. Acts 4:32,34

At Annunciation, we are generous with our time and resources to provide food for people in need. A further step is to learn about sources of food insecurity, including poverty. Consider joining one of two webinars sponsored by the Peace and Justice Committee on Matthew Desmond's Book, *Poverty by America*, on April 22 or May 1 on Zoom. For the link to the Zoom session, click [here](#). If you do not attend the live sessions, you can watch recordings later.

Sunrise Sunday Service

Please consider joining our weekly teams who take communion to Sunrise Assisted



Wednesday Book Study

On Wednesday at 10:00am, we will continue to read *When Everything Is On Fire: Faith Forged from Fire* by Brian Zahnd. Please join us! This week, please read Chapter 2 and think on this: In light of our conversation about Nietzsche, please make 5 predictions for the next 50 years to share with the group.

For those of you who are interested in Brian Zahnd's playlist for *When Everything Is On Fire*, click [here](#).



“Renovate what needs to be renovated, throw out what needs to be thrown out, deconstruct what needs to be reconstructed, and even let some of it burn, but don’t burn it all down.”

Annual Spring Clean-up

May 18th, 9-Noon

Join us for a joyous morning of cleaning up our grounds and worship space for spring and summer. The Scouts will be here to lend a hand! We have a number of projects for all abilities, so mark your calendar and come join the fun!

Pentecost Readers

Would you like to read the Pentecost Acts of the Apostles lesson in a different language this year? Yes? Let Pastor Jenni know what language you will use by May 12th.



Community Meals

Save the date for June: our next Community Meal at Christ Church will be on **June 30**. We would like to do a picnic-style barbecue. We need a big crew. On April 14, we served 80 meals. The menu was chipotle pulled chicken, cole slaw, and baked beans. We also distributed snack bags and water. Many people contributed, people who prepped on Saturday, others who served on Sunday, shoppers for the meal, everyone who contributed snacks and sandwich buns, as well as Northern Illinois Food Bank who supplied the meat.



Parish Life

Thank you to the scouts for a great pancake breakfast for all us parishioners. Next week will be Parish Planning so we will be treated to great food by the Vestry members. Be sure to come for this important meeting after the service. Thank you in advance, Vestry.

Have you checked out ALL the jigsaw puzzles on the puzzle swap table? They are displayed nicely now on a big table so you can really check them out. At my last count, there are close to 30 puzzles available for you to borrow. There are a lot of Christmas ones there but who cares what they are, they're just fun!!!!

Speaking of the puzzles, our "Last Supper" one is moving right along. I think it will be finished in the next few weeks. Good going, gang!!!!

Thank you to everyone who has been signing up to host coffee hour. We have all the way to the end of May and part of June filled in . But we have a lot more Sundays in the year so if you could please check your calendars and volunteer for a few Sundays later on, it would be terrific. The signup sheets are on the signup wall in the Parish Hall. It seems that most people prefer to use the paper signup sheets so we have gone back to that.

It is relatively easy to host. I come in early and make the coffee and will normally also set up all the cups, plates, napkins, creamer, sugar, etc. for you. I try to have festive plates, etc. for as many Sundays as possible. You need to bring the food and clean up afterwards. It is pretty easy.

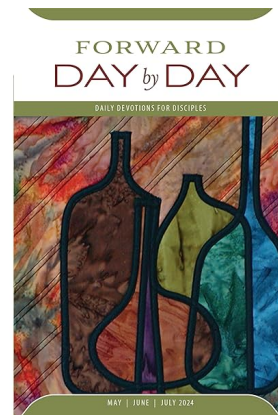
If no one signs up, we will just have coffee and juice.

I'll be passing around the signup sheets during the planning meeting so bring you calendar along and help us out.

If you have any questions, please see Andrea Lindblad or Miriam Berry.

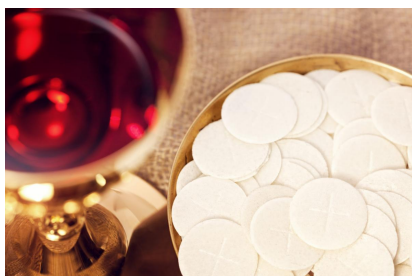
Forward Day By Day Available

The latest issue of Forward Day By Day devotional is available on the Communication Wall. Suggested donation of \$1 for the small edition, \$2 for the large edition.



American Family Field (Miller Park) Parish Fundraiser

Please let Leanne Ulmer or Bill Hagan know as soon as possible if you are interested in helping or learning more about this vital fundraiser.



Home Communion - Extending the Table

We can send communion out to our members who are unable to join us for Sunday worship. If you would like to have a Eucharistic Visitor or a clergy member visit on Sunday, please email Pastor Jenni or Tom Crafton to get on the schedule.

PADS Lunches and volunteers!

The PADS team would like to invite additional volunteers to help in making the lunches. If you are interested, please speak with Pam Meyers.

Our team provides lunches to PADS twice each month. We purchase the food and supplies to make those lunches a reality. If you would like to contribute to this ministry of PADS, please note on the check or mark on the envelope, **PADS**.



News from Fort Dauphin and the Friends of Toliara

Bishop Samy was busy this Holy Week as he and Neny Holy (his wife) went to the Morondava region in the northern part of the Diocese. They celebrated Palm Sunday through Easter in the Menabe Archdeaconry up there. Check out this schedule:

Monday - he welcomed two new members then after the service everyone learned how to cook sardines. AARGH!!!!

Tuesday and Wednesday - Bishop Samy led a retreat for the ordinands.

Maundy Thursday - Rev. Niry Sheilla Parovine and Rev. Ferdinand Ramahandry were ordained to the Diaconate. Rev. Sheilla is the first female deacon in this archdeaconry.

Rev. Lazara, Rev. Clovis Ramiandrisoa and Rev. Julien Rakotondramanana were ordained priests.

Friday - Madagascar's National Heroes Day when ecumenical prayers are said to commemorate those who lost their lives during the liberation of Madagascar from the French.

Saturday - there was a time of prayer, praise and celebration along with Holy Communion.

343 parishioners in Morondava region each contributed 500 ariary (11 cents) to the Diocese in celebration of its tenth anniversary. It sure doesn't seem like much to us but 500 ariary is a lot to the Malagasy people.

While we are discussing happenings in Morondava region, there is a new school with four teachers and 60 pupils from Preschool to Fifth Grade. The adults just painted all three classrooms and made 10 benches for the children. Here is the distribution by grade which will indicate that they will probably all fit on the 10 benches:

- Preschool 27
- 1st Grade 7
- 2nd Grade 9
- 3rd Grade 6
- 4th Grade 8
- 5th Grade 3

Pastor Jenni and I will be having a Zoom call with Ven. Canon Donne at the beginning of May when Fiadanana (Education Department) will be in Fort Dauphin checking on our kids. He will be our translator. It worked well last year so I am sure it will work well again this year. I will report back on what we discussed after that meeting. We all look forward to getting together. It is really hard when there is no one to translate for us so we don't meet as often as we should.

If you have any questions about Bishop Samy's Holy week or anything about Madagascar, please see Miriam Berry.

We are looking for volunteers to join with the Wardens and Rector to form a publicity committee to start working on spreading the good news of our parish. If you are interested, please speak with Charles O'Morchoe or Pastor Jenni.

Digital Vergers

We are calling for a few more volunteers to help with the broadcasting of our Sunday worship. If you are interested in being one of our Digital Vergers, please talk with Beth Hagan, Charles O'Morchoe, or Pastor Jenni.

Annunciation Book Club

The book list is set for the 20th year of the Annunciation Book Club. The club is open to all and if you would enjoy getting together over zoom or at a host's home, if there is sufficient interest, to discuss a book and enjoy some treats, we would love to have you join us. We meet most months on the first Monday of the month, moving to the second Monday in holiday months. A highlight of our year is the book exchange and potluck in December. The book list and schedule can be found on the communication wall at church, on the website or in the parish news. If you have any questions, please email [Deb](#).

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Links to Zoom Worship for this Week

Sunday Worship | 9:00 am

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Meeting ID: 829 7113 4278

Passcode: 087501

Monday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 854 3455 6030

Passcode: 429149

Tuesday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 812 3791 9123

Passcode: 832106

Wednesday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 828 3206 9054

Passcode: 528453

Thursday Morning Prayer| 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 871 5804 8836

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Friday Morning Prayer| 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 897 1519 6205

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Submissions due Thursday morning.
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Food Tidings Meal Ministry
Surgery? New birth? If you need a little help with supper, contact Samantha.
[Food Tidings](#)

During the week:
Pastoral emergencies: 847-336-3730
The Church office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:30am to 2:30pm.

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