

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to the Vestry for hosting today’s coffee hour and Parish Planning Meeting.

Special thanks to Rev. Jane Schaefer for being our supply priest today!

Special thanks to Rev. Victor Conrado for being with us today as we commission our Rector Search Committee.

Thank you to everyone who participated in any way in making our Veterans celebration such a success! We had almost 70 people in attendance and collected hundreds of socks for the Midwest Veterans Closet.

FLOWERS & SANCTUARY CANDLE

Today’s Sanctuary Candle is given by the Dailey and van Rooy family in Thanksgiving for Siobhan’s birthday.

SAVE THE DATES

Thanksgiving Service — November 22, 2018, 9:00am  
Greening of the Church — November 25, 2018, 11:30am  
Advent Evensong — December 2, 2018, 6:30pm  
Cookie Walk — December 9, 2018, 9:00am-1:00pm

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18</b> Worship — 9:00am Pageant Rehearsal — 10:30am Parish Planning — 10:30am Sunday Night Live—5:00pm	<b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22</b> Thanksgiving Service — 9:00am
<b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19</b> Book Club East — 6:00pm	<b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23</b> Morning Prayer — 9:00am
<b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20</b> Vestry Meeting — 7:00pm Boy Scouts — 7:00pm	<b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24</b> Feed My Starving Children — 9:00am
<b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21</b> Knitting Group — 7:00pm	<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25</b> Worship — 8:00am Pageant Rehearsal — 9:00am Parish Planning — 10:30am Greening of the Church — 11:00am

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

*Thank you for your financial generosity. Your pledges and contributions are essential for continuing the mission and ministries of the church.*

	Received	Pledged	Net \$	Net %
First Quarter	\$52,396	\$52,335	\$61	0.12%
Second Quarter	\$50,734	\$52,335	(-\$1,601)	(-3.1%)
July	\$15,992	\$17,445	(-\$1,453)	(-30.1%)
August	\$12,199	\$17,445	(-\$5,246)	(-30.1%)
September	\$18,899	\$17,445	\$1,454	8.7%
YTD #s	\$150,220	\$157,005	(-\$6,785)	(-4.3%)

STAYING CONNECTED

Office Hours — Week of November 18th:  
The office will be closed this week for Thanksgiving. Please contact the Wardens with any special request.

[If the front door isn’t open/unlocked, please ring bell to the right of the front doors]

Parish News Deadline: Mondays at 12:00pm.  
Contact — parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org.

Magnificat Deadline: 20th of each month.  
Contact — jnpenticoff@sbcglobal.net

Website Updates:  
Contact — MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

Director of Music:  
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Treasurer:  
Deborah Bill — hailstonesailor@gmail.com

Food Tidings Meals Ministry:  
Contact — Robison\_Samantha@yahoo.com

Wardens & Vestry: Mike Bill — Sr. Warden; Maggie Attiyeh — Jr. Warden; Vestry members: Miriam Berry, Andy Campbell, Michael Chatlien, Beth Hagan, Cindy Hibbard, Andrea Lindblad, Susan O'Morchoe, Dan Whipple; Clerk of the Vestry - Charles O'Morchoe (non-voting).

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call or text Rev. Linda Lutter at 847-340-3253.



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Welcome to Annunciation! We are pleased that you've chosen to worship here today. Everything you need to participate in the service is in this bulletin or in one of the two hymnals in the pew rack in front of you. Congregational prayers and responses are indicated by **bold**, *italic* type. At communion time, we invite everyone — whether you grew up in the Episcopal church or not — to receive the bread and wine at the Lord's table.

Children are invited to participate fully in the service, as well — in the prayers, in singing, in communion. The more that kids can see, the more they'll feel part of the service, and so parents are encouraged to sit wherever their children can view the action the best. We recognize that kids can't always sit still for a full service, and we're not bothered by their rustlings or outpourings of energy. If you feel like you need to step out of the service for a moment, though, know that you'll still be able to see and hear the service from the narthex (entryway) area. Age-appropriate KidsWord activity sheets, which help explain the day's scripture readings, are available on the table by the church office.

If you are visiting here for the first time, please sign our guest register before leaving and know that you are welcome to join fellow worshipers at coffee hour in the Parish Hall following the service. If you would like to receive more information about Annunciation, or to receive the weekly parish news or monthly newsletter electronically, please include your email address in the guest register and/or email the church at parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**REV. VICTOR CONRADO**

Today we welcome our guest, Rev. Victor Conrado, as he commissions our Rector Search Committee. We are thankful for Victor’s commitment to our parish as well as the support the Diocese has given us through this transition.

**GIVING TREE**

This year we are offering our support to a nonprofit organization called "Caring For Kids Clothing". Each year hundreds of children go without proper clothing and school needs. Since 2010, this ministry has helped provide essentials to these children through our local schools. We hope you will consider taking a gift tag from our Giving Tree that fits your budget, or you may make a donation by check by adding Caring For Kids in the memo. All monetary and unwrapped gifts (**with tags**) will be collected through Sunday, December 2nd. Additional information is available on the outreach communication board or see Andrea Lindblad or Sue Whipple with any questions.

**PADS UPDATE**

The mission of the program is to provide support, resources, and shelter to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis. We will again offer our support as a parish to St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lindenhurst and we welcome you to join us! If you would like to learn more, please check out our communication board for more information. If you have any questions see Mike Bill or Sue Whipple (site managers) or Deb Bill or Carol Anderson (food coordinators.)

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2018**

Calling all youth! Join us for this year's Christmas Pageant, which will be presented on Sunday, December 23 during the 10:00am service. We have parts for kids of all ages! Pageant practice is every Sunday from 9:00-9:45am beginning November 4th. Please contact Samantha Robison to let her know that your child would like to participate: [robison\\_samantha@yahoo.com](mailto:robison_samantha@yahoo.com)

**WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP**

The Wednesday morning study group will not be in session on November 21, the day before Thanksgiving. We will meet again on Wednesday, November 28.

Remember, My Grandfather's Blessings has standalone chapters so you can join us at any time during our study. (The schedule of readings is on the communications board in the Narthex.) We have a wonderful time discussing the ideas set forth in the book and sharing our lives with each other. Come join us.

**ADVENT EVENSONG**

Join us on Sunday, December 2 at 630pm for an offering of Choral Evensong. Evensong is a beautiful service unique to the Episcopal tradition in which Evening Prayer is set to music. The service includes readings, psalms, canticles, anthems, and prayers led by the choir, along with congregational hymns. Altogether, Evensong offers an excellent opportunity to encounter God in worship with the beauty of song. Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors. Refreshments will follow the service! For more information, please contact Westley.

**LUNCH BUNCH, ETC.**

This month we will have lunch at Lovin Oven Cakery, 455 Lake Street, Antioch, on Wednesday, November 28 at 1:00pm. Known for its gourmet cakes and delectable bakery treats, Lovin Oven also serves delicious sandwiches, paninis, wraps, and homemade soups served with fresh baked bread. After lunch enjoy a sweet treat. You may even want to take some yummy things home for later. All women of the parish are invited. Separate checks will be requested. If you plan to attend, please contact Jane Schaefer at 224-757-5436 or at [cs.js@comcast.net](mailto:cs.js@comcast.net) before Monday, November 26.

**THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE**

Join us on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2018 at 9:00am for a Eucharist. This is a great time to share communion with your family before you share you Thanksgiving meal with one another.

**GREENING OF THE CHURCH**

Join us on November 25, 2018 following the 10:00am service as we “fluff” and build Christmas trees, hang wreaths and garland, and set up creche sets in anticipation of the coming of the Christ child.

**OUTREACH UPDATE**

Check out our communication wall and watch for the monthly Magnificat articles and more information about ongoing ministries and special events! If you have any questions or have ideas to share, please contact Sue Whipple.

**JOLLY OLE’ ST. NICHOLAS**

St. Nick is being celebrated during Children’s Chapel on December 2nd! Please have your children of all ages join us just prior to the First Reading and we will rejoin during the Peace. The kiddos will get to hear the story of St. Nicolas and how he is similar to today’s Bishops and that other jolly guy. If you could have your child bring a food pantry donation, that would be nice and please make sure they have SOCKS ON as they will follow the tradition of leaving hay in their shoes for St. Nick’s donkey!

If you have any questions contact Beth Hagan or Sandi Hucker.

**ATOMA MEETING AND PROJECT**

Please plan to join us at 12:00pm on November 25 (after we assist with the greening) for some Knotting Fun! We are planning to make hats and scarves for the children sponsored by our Giving Tree project this year. They will be donated to Caring 4 Kids Clothing along with the other gifts.

We would love donations of fleece for this project. If you have larger scraps, that would be great. If you are purchasing, please know that a yard will make multiple scarves and hats so you need “knot” purchase a lot of yardage. To all donating, it would be fantastic to have the fabric on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, so we can do some of the larger cutting. If not, we will still happily accept the donations in the 25th.

The parish at large is welcome to join once the greening is done (we do not want to take away from that!).

ATOMA YOUTH - we will have a light lunch meal. We will also be working on a fun filming project (you will not be forced to participate) with Ms. Maggie! Can’t wait! —The Hagans and Robisons!

**THE HEAT IS ON**

Crank up your ovens! The Holiday Cookie Walk and Raffle is Sunday, Dec. 9 from 9-1. Cookie drop off is Saturday, December 8 from 11 - 3.

Three weeks to go so let's review what's available on the communication wall:

•Complete one baker form for each cookie you're baking and return by Dec. 2.

•Grab some information fliers to remind your family and friends.

•Pick up full size and/or miniature baking cups, if needed, to make your delicacies display ready. (How would your cookies be presented in a bakery?)

•Sign up to help defray supply costs.

•Add your name to the list of those who can't wait to work the event (that's where all the fun happens!)

And of course - **RAFFLE TICKETS!** Return money and sold/unsold tickets by the day of the Cookie Walk.