Parish News — Week of Sunday, August 11, 2019

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Westley's Last Sunday

Westley has accepted a call to join the leadership team as the Associate of Music Ministries at St. Mark's Episcopal, Evanston, IL. Westley's last Sunday will be August 11th with a special coffee hour to follow.

Announcements and Prayers

After Westley departs, please continue to send announcements and prayers toparishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org.
Rev. Dan will be checking this email address and will be putting these together until we hire an Administrative Assistant. Deadline for announcements will still be Monday, 12:00p. Deadline for prayers is Wednesday at 9:00a.

Extra! Extra!

The search for our next rector has reached an exciting milestone! Our Parish Profile is complete and we are now live on the diocese website! We are currently open to receiving applications and the search committee will begin screening candidates. Thank you so much to the entire congregation for your involvement in helping to achieve this important step! Follow the link to view our Parish

Profile: https://www.episcopalchicago.org/files/9815/6391/8512/Gurnee_Parish_Profile_20 19.pdf

Hard copies are available at church as well.

Prayers of the People

We're making some adjustments to the Prayers of the People. There will times of

silence for you to pray out loud or silently for your special concerns. So be ready to lift of your concerns in your life, the life of others, and this world. We will also only be keeping the individuals on the prayer list for three weeks. If you would like to continue praying for the people we have prayed for three weeks please either write their name in the book in the narthex or email the parish administrator. We love praying for people but sometimes we forget that they are doing great and we don't take them off the list. The list of people sometimes gets lengthy and others don't add people to the prayer list because there are already so many people to pray for.

There is also a list of military people that we are not sure if they are still active. Please let me know if you know anyone on this list that is still active military. The names are: Justin, Chad, Josephine, Alec, Ethan, Ian, Randall, Sean, Stephen, Nick.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will gather at Caribana Grill, 453 S. Route 45, Lindenhurst, on Wednesday, August 28 at 1:00pm. This is a relatively new restaurant that is highly recommended by several Lunch Bunch attendees. You won't want to miss this opportunity to experience delicious Caribbean cuisine. Separate checks will be requested. For reservations, contact Jane Schaefer at 224-757-5436 or atcs.js@comcast.net before Tuesday, August 27.

Episcopal Church Women's Fall Retreat

"God's Healing Leads to Wholeness" is the theme of the Women's Fall Gathering and Retreat to be held October 11-13, 2019, at The Portiuncula Center for Prayer in Frankfort, IL. Invite some friends and attend this special weekend. It promises to be a fun and inspiring time of sharing your faith and growing in God's love as you explore God's healing power, and join in meditation, worship, and music. Brochures with more information and a registration form are available on the Communications Wall. Early bird registration runs through August 31.

Gurnee Day's Parade

Be a star in the Gurnee Days parade's "Hooray for Hollywood"! Parishioners from Annunciation will be marching in the parade on Sunday, August 11. We will carpool over to the parade site just a short while after the service giving you a little time to say farewell to Westley. We will be throwing Starbursts into the crowd, giving away stickers with our information on them and wearing top hats and carrying gold stars. Come join us. A sign up sheet is on the Outreach wall.

Parish Picnic

Our annual Parish Picnic will be held on August 25. Our service will be at 10am outside under a canopy then we will enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, etc cooked by the men's group and all the picnic sides you can imagine. Yummy desserts will be available too. Rousing games of bingo will be going on but we need a few volunteers to run other games outside as well. Please consider volunteering to do this. Beth Hagan will be calling bingo but she is willing to share her game expertise with anyone who would like to do other games as well. We have lots of "stuff" to use for the games, so please consider helping us out. There is a signup sheet on the signup wall in the parish hall for your name, number of people coming with you and what you are planning to provide as a side or a dessert. The time is slipping away and August 25 will be here in a flash, so

please sign up soon. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry atmamamastercard@comcast.net or at church.

Liturgical Ministers Signup!

If you have previously served as a liturgical minister and want to continue to participate in this vital ministry please confirm/update your information and provide the dates when you are unable to serve. If you are unable to continue in this vital ministry please cross your name off the sign-up list.

If you have not previously served as a liturgical minister but are interested in joining this vital ministry please add your name to the sign-up sheet. Liturgical ministers include the acolytes, readers, Eucharistic ministers, and ushers. We are especially in need of Acolytes at the 10:00am service.

Training (or retraining) is always available.

Questions regarding liturgical ministry scheduling or responsibilities can be directed to Susan O'Morchoe (susanom58@yahoo.com).

Fabulous Fourth Friday

Fabulous Fourth Friday is back! Please join us at Annunciation on the Fourth Friday of every month at 11:30am to make lunches for PADS, the homeless people in Lake County. You might want to make it even better by joining us for Morning Prayer at 9am and perhaps going out to breakfast before we start making the lunches. If you are unable to help by making the lunches you can help by donating the food or money to help with the production of the meals. Whatever you can do will be great. There will be sign-up sheets for worker bees and for people to donate on the **Communication Wall**.

Another Field Trip

The Wednesday morning Study Group would like to invite you to our second field trip of the summer on Wednesday, August 14. We will be going downtown to the Cathedral for the Wednesday midday service then having a nice lunch together afterwards. We will have time to look at the many things in the Cathedral after the service. The Cathedral is a beautiful place and is guite old as well. The architecture alone is wonderful to look at. We plan to go down by train with the people living on the east side (Waukegan, Zion, Beach Park, etc.) taking the train from Waukegan and the people living on the west side (Gurnee, Lindenhurst, Grayslake, Lake Villa, etc) taking the train from Prairie Crossing. We will meet at the Cathedral. A sign up sheet will be available soon so check your calendars and come join us if you possibly can. If you have any questions, please see Deb Gallinger or Miriam Berry.

By the way, a dozen hearty souls attended our first field trip on July 10 to the Anderson Japanese Gardens. It was hot and humid but we all had a good time. Watch for pictures.

Helping Hands

The Men's Group of Annunciation would like to announce a parish wide assistance program. Anyone needing help with household projects or minor repairs should contact either Rev. Dan or Rev. Linda. They will in turn contact the Men's Group so a time and place can be coordinated to help with whatever is needed. Thank you all, Andy Campbell.

Until further notice there will NOT be Saturday openings of the Vet's Closet. It would seem that events are unfolding at the Closet that will affect its operation and perhaps even its location. The earliest we will learn anything for sure is sometime in September.

Another of our programs also involves the Vet's Closet by sponsoring a food pantry truck delivery of donated foods from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. This costs \$1000.00 which the men's Group funded last year. This year all the months left in the year are spoken for, however, a second truck in November, delivered close to Thanksgiving, would go a long way in helping to feed our vets and their families at this wonderful American Holiday. The Men's group will once again step up to fund this second truck, but, we thought it might be something with which the parish would like to be involved. Any monetary donation in any amount is appreciated. Just place the donation in an envelope and mark the outside: "Men's Group, food for Vet's Closet" and the money will be put into the Men's Group account to cover the cost of the food truck for November. Thank you all for your support, Andy Campbell.

Gratitude and Sanctuary Candle

In Gratitude

Special thanks to the Fulton's for hosting this Sunday's coffee hour!

Parish Picnic — August 25, 2019 Giving Tree Kick-Off — November 3, 2019

Events this Week

August 11-18

Sunday, August 11

Worship — 9am (Westley's Final Sunday) Gurnee Days — 11:30am

Monday, August 12

Search Committee — 7pm

Tuesday, August 13

Cub Scouts — 6pm Scouts — 7pm

Wednesday, August 14

Cathedral Trip — 830am

Saturday, August 17

Buildings and Grounds — 8am

Sunday, August 18

Worship — 9am

Staying Connected:

Office Hours — Week of August 11th

Interim Rector — Rev. Dan Puchalla

If you would like to setup a time to meet with Rev. Dan during his office hours, please contact him at 773-220-2562 or rector@annunciationgurnee.org.

Please use his cellphone number for pastoral emergencies.

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

Search Committee — searchcommittee@annunciationgurnee.org

Magnificat Deadline: 20th of each month. Contact — <u>inpenticoff@sbcglobal.net</u>

Website Updates: Contact — <u>MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com</u>

Director of Music: Westley Hodges — whodges@westleyhodges.com

Treasurer: Jane Penticoff and Stan Gallinger — treasurer@annunciationgurnee.org

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Wardens & Vestry: Maggie Attiyeh — Sr. Warden, Dave Fulton, Jr. Warden; Vestry members: Andy Campbell, Beth Hagan, Andrea Lindblad, Susan O'Morchoe, John Anderson, Debbie Rakestraw, Virginia Bosserman and Jami Haines.; Clerk of the Vestry - Charles O'Morchoe (non-voting).