



Annunciation of Our Lady

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Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, September 1, 2019

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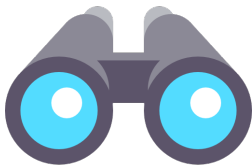


Tell Out My Soul

Rev. Dan and the Vestry invite you to join a journey into the heart of our community. This fall, add your voice to a series of parish conversations in which we will

- (re)discover our unique strengths and values
- hear about each other's experiences
- gain new language for inviting others to join this church

The first gathering is on **Sunday, Sep 8**.
For the complete schedule, [click here](#).



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Rector Search

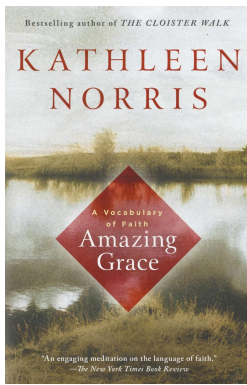
The search for our next rector has reached an exciting milestone! Our Parish Profile is complete and we are now live on the diocese website! We are currently open to receiving applications, and the search committee will begin screening candidates. Thank you so much to the entire congregation for your involvement in helping to achieve this important step! Click for the [Parish Profile](#). Hard copies also are available at church.

Interim Music Director

As of this printing: We have completed the auditions of our candidates. We will soon be able to announce our new Interim Director of Music!

Administrative Assistant

We are searching for a new Administrative Assistant. You can find a job description [here](#). *Please share on your social media*. If you know anyone you think might be a good candidate, please pass it to them or email Rev. Dan with their contact info: rector@annunciationgurnee.org.



Wednesday Morning Study Group Starts Next Week!

The Wednesday Morning study group will be resuming this **Wednesday, Sep 4, at 10:00am**. We will be reading and discussing Kathleen Norris' *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*. For Sep 4, please read from the "Preface" on page 1 through and including "Detachment" ending on page 36. If you do not get the book in time to read these 36 pages, don't fret, come anyway and listen in. You will probably be able to contribute anyway. Deb Gallinger will be facilitator for our first week, and Miriam Berry will be bringing treats. Questions? Contact Deb Gallinger (deb_gallinger1@gmail.com) or Miriam Berry (mamamastercard@comcast.net).

By the way, the study group sponsored a field trip to the Cathedral, where we were given a tour by a very knowledgeable docent, attended the midday service, and also toured the Nicholas Center, where the Vestry retreats are held. 14 of us went, and we had a wonderful lunch at Osteria Via Stato too.



Prayer Ministers Needed

At each service during Communion, a Prayer Minister is available in the Chapel for anyone who could use someone to pray with them. It's a rich and rewarding experience for both the minister and those who come to them. Would you like to try this out? We could use several more Prayer Ministers for the 8:00, but we welcome volunteers for the 10:00 as well. Want to know more? Talk to Rev. Dan: rector@annunciationgurnee.org



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

In one more week, we will be back to the two service schedule so we will need twice the number of coffee hour hosts as during the summer months. Times still open for September:
September 15 | 10:00am
September 22 | 8:00am
September 29 | 10:00am
Please check your calendar and sign up for this very important ministry on the Sign Up Wall. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry (mamamastercard@comcast.net).



Funeral for Marge Castello-Crafton

We will give thanks to God for the life of Marge, friend, co-parent, and ex-wife of Tom Crafton, here at Annunciation on **Saturday, Sep 21, at 10:00am** followed by reception.



Wine Tasting at the Shanty

Dr. Dave Fulton, Wine Director (and junior warden), invites you to attend an evening of food and wine "Shanty Style." Share in fun and fellowship in the culinary event of the year. Hear the story of the Shanty and how it has become what it is today! Taste a wide variety of wines and learn how to evaluate and appreciate each one as it is paired to multiple menu creations by Owner/Chef Dimitri Kallianis

Thursday, Sep 26, 7:00 pm | \$70/person

Checks payable to Annunciation
due on Sep 22. Strictly limited to 70 attendees.
RSVP this Sunday on the Signup Wall!



Children & Youth Programs

Children's Chapel

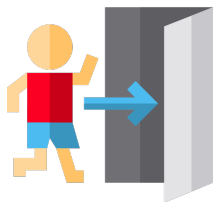
This great program starts up again on Sunday, Sep 8, when we return to two services. Find out more about what Children's Chapel is and how parents can help [here](#).

Sunday Night Live

Sunday Night Live is Annunciation's formation program for children and youth. It's a fabulous evening of learning, socializing, sharing our lives over supper, and sharing the Eucharist. The theme for the 2019-20 SNL season is Discipleship. We're going to dig into what it means to be a follower of Jesus, shaped by the promises we make in our Baptismal Covenant. **The first SNL will be Sunday, Sep 15, 5:00-7:00p.** Registration is not required, simply come on that day. This year, we're also introducing a Parent's Group that will meet at the same time and be facilitated by Rev. Dan. We'll discuss the same topics as the kids while also exploring ways of accompanying children on their spiritual journeys.

Questions? Contact anyone on the team:

Beth Hagan (bfenhag@aol.com),
Miriam Berry (mamamastercard@comcast.net),
Maggie Attiyeh (attiyeh.m@gmail.com),
or Rev. Dan (rector@annunciationgurnee.org)



Your Safety Is Our Priority

Recently, recently, we have found the main front doors unlocked on multiple occasions. To address this, we are requiring all people who were given key fob access to attend a 10-minute training session. If you do not attend training by Sep 16, your key fob access to the church will be deactivated.

Training sessions will take place:

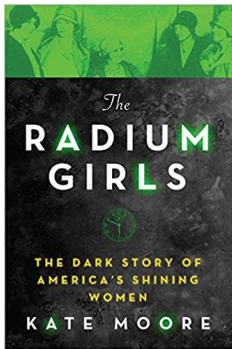
- Sunday, Sep 1 at 10:15am
- Sunday, Sep 8 at 9:30am
- Sunday, Sep 15 at 11:15am

Training will be conducted at the main entry door vestibule. Please direct questions to Pat Donegan or Rev. Dan. Thanks for helping us keep God's people safe.



Magnificat on Hiatus

We've recently realized that most of the monthly email newsletter replicates what's already communicated via the Parish News weekly email and the bulletin announcements. We're going to try putting the newsletter on a shelf for a while, and seeing if there's anything we miss about it, while also imagining what other forms of communication could be tried out later. If you have thoughts about this, talk to Rev. Dan: rector@annunciationgurnee.org



Book Club

The book for September is *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore, the incredible true story of the women who worked in radium-dial factories and blew the whistle on its gruesome side effects.

Book Club West | Sep 3 at 7:00p
Terry Stowell's house in Libertyville

Book Club East | Sep 16 at 6:00p
Potesta's Pizza in Gurnee

All are welcome. See the Signup Wall for more information.

THIRTEENTH BISHOP OF CHICAGO

Bishop Search Listening Sessions

The search is on for the next bishop of Chicago! The diocesan search committee is hosting listening sessions as part of their discernment process. All are invited to attend.

Sep 5 | 7:00-8:30pm
Grace Episcopal Church in [New Lenox](#)

Sep 7 | 1:00-2:30pm
St. Peter's Episcopal Church in [Sycamore](#)



Prayers of the People

A reminder that we will soon try out a 3-week limit on names in the Prayers of the People. This is in order to make sure that there is always room to add new folks. If you would like a person prayed for after 3 weeks, simply add them to the Prayer List again, which is located in the Narthex next to the Communications Center. The 3-week limit starts on Sep 8.

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**, 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.



Fabulous Fourth Friday

You're invited to join in prayer, service, and fellowship on the 4th Friday of every month. **At 9:00am**, we gather for Morning Prayer in the Chapel (and sometimes go out to breakfast right after). **At 11:30am**, we make lunches for PADS, the homeless people in Lake County. **Can't be there on Friday?** You can also help by donating the food or money for the meals.

Signups for both worker bees and donations are on the Signup Wall. Questions? Contact Pam Myers (847-740-2206) or Christine Hughes (847-363-7303).



Men's Group: 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.



Men's Group: Vet's Closet

Until further notice there will NOT be Saturday openings of the Vet's Closet. 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. However, we also support the Vet's Closet by sponsoring a food pantry truck delivery from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. This costs \$1,000, which the Men's Group funded last year. We hope to support a delivery close to Thanksgiving, which would go a long way to help our vets and their families at this wonderful American holiday. If you'd like to join the Men's Group, any donation is appreciated. Place it in an envelope marked "Men's Group, food for Vet's Closet." Questions? Contact Andy Campbell.

Picnic Thank You!



Over 80 people attended our outdoor service and picnic on Sunday, August 25. The weather was beautiful, the service was great and the picnic was wonderful. A huge thank you to everyone who brought food, it was delicious, and those who helped cook, setting up chairs, decorating and making sure the food and drinks were available and cleaning up at the end. Special thanks to my main helpers inside, Debbie Rakestraw, Deb Gallinger, Linda Gigiano and Elaine O'Neil, to John Anderson for donating all the meat and to the Men's Group for all their help with the heavy lifting. You all are stars in my book.

—Miriam Berry

Save the Dates

Sep 8 | Return to 2 Services: 8 & 10
| *Tell Out My Soul* starts

Sep 15 | SNL Kickoff

Oct 6 | St. Francis Pet Blessings

Oct 19 | DIY Craft Day

Nov 3 | All Saints Sunday

Nov 3 | Giving Tree Kickoff!

Nov 17 | Parish Planning Meeting

Nov 28 | Thanksgiving

Dec 8 | Cookie Walk

Dec 14 | Ornament Exchange

Dec 15 | Advent Lessons & Carols

Dec 22 | Advent Pageant

Dec 24/25 | Christmas

This Week's Calendar

Sep 1
Worship | 9:00am

Sep 3
Cub Scouts | 6:00pm
Scouts | 7:00pm
Book Club West | 7:00pm

Sep 4
Wednesday Study Group | 10:00am

Sep 5
Rector Search Committee | 7:00pm

Sep 8
Worship | 8:00am
Tell Out My Soul | 9:00am
Worship | 10:00am
Tell Out My Soul | 11:00am
Tamil Lang School | 1:00p

Staying Connected

Rector Search Committee
searchcommittee@annunciationgurnee.org

Parish News (weekly announcements)
Submissions due Mondays at noon
Send to parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org

Website Updates
Send to MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

Food Tidings Meal Ministry
Surgery? New birth? If you need a little help with supper, contact Samantha Robison:
Robison_Samantha@yahoo.com

During the week:
Pastoral emergencies: (773) 220-2562
Regular hours for the church office will be posted when a new administrative assistant is hired.