

Annunciation is a place of hope, empowerment, challenge, inclusion, and honesty.



Annunciation *of Our Lady*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, January 10, 2021

First Sunday after the Epiphany
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Dear Friends,

I, like many of you, was working on taking apart the Christmas decorations on Wednesday evening. I was trying to explain why the lights and Christmas basket needed to go back into the closet and why Kitty-Cat was being folded up (it's an inflatable lawn decoration that has been living in the dining room). Little Guy was unimpressed with any of my explanations and was on the verge of a major tantrum, well he's only 3 and his job is to plug Kitty-Cat into the wall in the evenings.

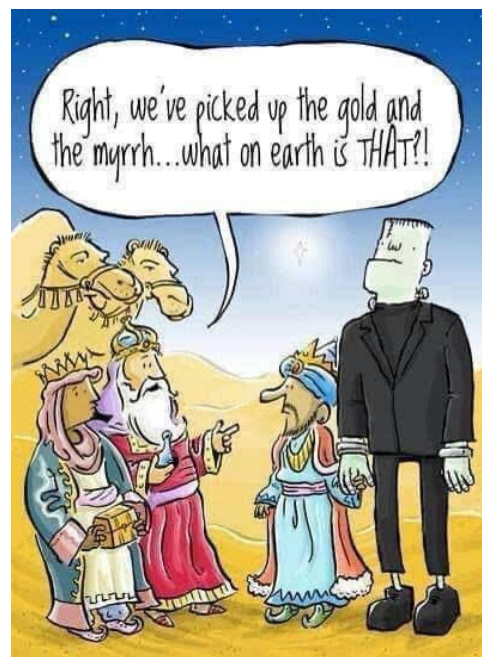
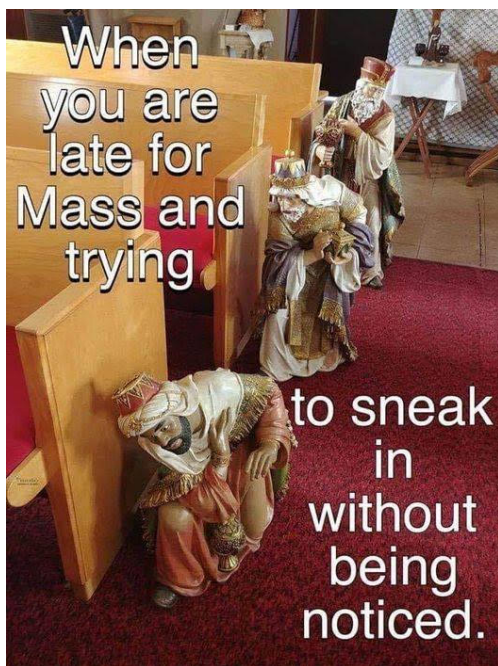
I saw the messages start to flood in on Twitter.
I turned on the TV and saw the chaos in Washington, DC.
I listened to the continuous coverage.

I don't expect all of our politics to agree, but I will tell you in all honesty, I was so shocked by the level of violence I saw. My undergraduate degree is in US History. I have so much respect for the story of our nation, in all of its facets - good and bad. It is the story of us who call this place home.

I grieve for our nation in these days of unrest. I want us to think back to the sermon of last Sunday - what happens when our expectations don't meet the reality of our situations? What do we do when our expectations are realized or have failed?

In these days of continued trauma, I want us to look toward the light that God shines into our darkness, and not in a Pollyanna way, but as we know God to be revealed in scripture, liturgy, prayer, and above all in the life of Jesus Christ.

I bid you to offer prayers for peace, justice, and mercy.



Call for Committee Reports

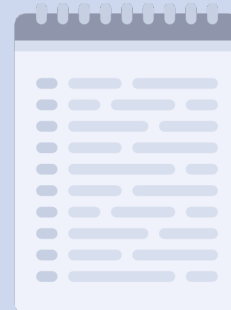
It is time for the Annual Meeting of our Parish and we need all committees and ministries to submit a report for publication. It is, of course, a strange year and many committees and ministries didn't meet in person.

So, to facilitate some conversations about the life of our parish, please answer the following questions about your group:

- What does the ministry do for the overall life of the parish and how did that happen in the limited scope of this year (it's all right for us to say, our group was unable to meet or was unable to do ministry this year)?
- What core value does this ministry engage in (challenge, hope, inclusion, honesty, and empowerment) for the life of the parish?
- Finally, (and we really want to hear some stretch on this), what bold dream or call for God does this ministry have? What would be an exciting expression of the Gospel message this ministry could do and what resources do we need to gather for that to happen? (We aren't asking to think about what could be done only when we gather back in-person, but also what can we do now.)

Thank you all for the life-giving ministries that you shepherd and lead and for the good work of Gospel proclamation that happens in our midst.

Please submit your reports by January 22, 2021.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study: The Pillars of Corinth

Beginning January 13, Pastor Jenni will be offering a 45-minute Bible study on Wednesday evenings. We will be taking a journey through the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians to learn about unity, love, fellowship, and hope. The notes and assignment for the first class are found [here](#).



Wednesday Evening Bible Study
06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
[To Join the class, click here](#)

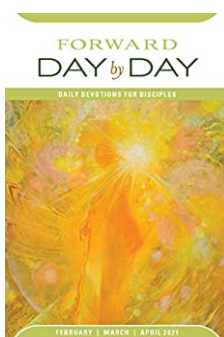
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Annual Meeting!

The Annual Meeting for Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church will be held on January 31, 2021. All communicants in good standing are encouraged to attend.

Leading up to the Annual Meeting, we will have a couple of training sessions on using the polling feature of Zoom for votes.

During the meeting, the business will include voting on the 2021 annual budget, electing new Vestry members and Wardens, and setting visions for the year ahead.



Forward Day by Day

Forward Day by Day issues for the coming quarter (February, March, and April 2021) have arrived in the church office.

If you're interested in having a copy mailed to you, email Karen (parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org). Please specify large print or regular edition.

Sanctuary Candles

We give thanks for those who make a gift of the Sanctuary Candle that signals the presence of Christ through the sacraments.

You are invited to give a Sanctuary Candle in honor or thanksgiving or memory of a person or ministry. Simply email Karen at parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org with your dedication on or before Thursday morning. The suggested donation for a candle is \$5.



Free Meals for Kids!

In order to make sure all children and teens have access to food for the entire 2020-21 school year, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the Free Meals Program known as the Summer Food Service Program.

The program is funded by the USDA and administered by the Illinois State Board of

**FREE
BREAKFAST & LUNCH MEALS**

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That is 14 Free Meals each Week!**

Available to ALL children and teens
18 years of age and under

- Available to ALL children and teens 18 years of age and under.
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- Children don't have to be present so just visit the site, pick-up and go!



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Click [here](#) to see the list of approved sites (along with pick-up days and times) in the Chicagoland area.

Healing Prayer



The healing prayer ministry is adjusting the way we do things. One person will be prayer minister for the entire week. As a normal rule, if you have a prayer request anytime during the week, you may call, message, or email the prayer minister.

The prayer minister for the week starting **January 10**:
John Anderson, 847-244-3796.

Prayer requests:

Until the church re-opens, please email prayer requests to
parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org
by Thursday morning.

Prayers of the People



We pray:

For all who yearn for health, for the handicapped, for those in mental anguish or spiritual turmoil, for the incurably ill, and for all who remember and care for them, especially **Rob** Robison; **Greg, Joe, Helene; Marsha; John; Cindy**Hibbard; **Garry; Ray; Cindy; Jewell; and the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living and PADS.**

For all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including **Liam** Mellen, **Maurice** Edwards, **Chad** VanHorn, **Christopher** Pavy, **Nick** Unda, **Ian** Pocklington, **Ethan** Pocklington, **Christopher** Froelich, **Karl** Mohrmann, **Trish** Hull, and **Clay** Anderson.

For those who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other good news this week,

especially **Katie** Gruber (1/10).

We praise you, God of our hope, for all the faithful before us who entered into your labors and worshiped you in truth, especially **Marian** Hauschild (1/16/2017). That we may live faithful to eternal life, we pray.

Links to Zoom Worship for this Week

Friday Morning Prayer

Jan 8, 2021 8:30 AM

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81467595595?
pwd=WDBBBUGczQkNQZTRzVnBJb2FwekVTZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81467595595?pwd=WDBBBUGczQkNQZTRzVnBJb2FwekVTZz09)

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The Epiphany
of Our Savior Jesus Christ
January 10, 2021 9:00 am

The Association of the Holy Synodal Church
1000 Lakeshore Blvd, Suite 1000
Chicago, IL 60606-5000

Sunday Worship

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Jan 10, 2021 09:00 AM

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83391402238?
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A healing prayer minister will be available all week. See the announcement above (look for the praying hands) for details.

Monday Morning Prayer

Jan 11, 2021 08:30 AM

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pwd=ZmcwbFoxdEVVWGtHeTJ5czR3aDh0Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89286141525?pwd=ZmcwbFoxdEVVWGtHeTJ5czR3aDh0Zz09)

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Tuesday Morning Prayer

Jan 12, 2021 8:30 AM

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Wednesday Morning Prayer

Jan 13, 2021 8:30 AM

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Thursday Morning Prayer

Jan 14, 2021 8:30 AM

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Friday Morning Prayer

Jan 15, 2021 8:30 AM

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Staying Connected



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Submissions due Thursday morning.
Send to [parishadmin
@annunciationurnee.org](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationurnee.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: 847-336-3730
The church office is open during the week
by appointment only.