

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to the Hagen and Robison families for hosting today's Coffee Hour!

Special thanks to Laura Fulton, Samantha Robison, and Susan Schrunk for their work on the Cookie Walk! And, specially thanks to everyone the contributed cookies and/or bought cookies!

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

SAVE THE DATES

Christmas Pageant—December 23, 2018, 10:00am
 Christmas Eve Services — 4:00pm and 9:30pm
 Christmas Day Service — 9:00am
 Christmas Lessons and Carols — December 30, 9:00am

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 Worship — 9am Pageant Rehearsal — 10:30am Sunday Night Live — 5:00pm</p>	<p>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 PADS Cooking — 2:00pm</p>
<p>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18 Cub Scouts — 6:00pm Boy Scouts — 7:00pm Vestry Meeting — 7:00pm</p>	<p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 Worship — 8am Worship with Pageant — 10am Choir Rehearsal — 11:30am</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 Knitting Group—7:00pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30pm</p>	

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%)
Third Quarter	\$47,090	\$52,335	(-\$5,245)	(-11.1%)
October	\$12,951	\$17,445	(-\$4,494)	(-34.7%)
November	\$15,634	\$17,445	(-\$1,811)	(-11.5%)
YTD #s	\$178,805	\$191,895	(-\$13,090)	(-9.3%)

STAYING CONNECTED

Office Hours — Week of December 16th:
 Tuesday 9:00am-Noon; Wednesday 1:00pm-5:00pm

[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:
 Westley Hodges — whodges@westleyhodges.com.

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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*Annunciation
 of Our Lady*
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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:

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2018

Join us next Sunday, December 23, at the 10:00am service for our Annual Christmas Pageant!

ARE YOU “ALL IN?”

Your pledge is IMPORTANT! If you have not filled out a pledge card to support Annunciation with your time, talent and treasure, please take a moment to find a card on the Communication table.

Question: What if my financial situation changes? Can I change the amount I pledge midyear?

Answer: Yes! There is no problem or judgment in changing the amount you pledge. Also, if you plan to give but don't know how much at this time, you can indicate that.

Question: I have very limited means...Should I pledge even if it is too small to make a difference?

Answer: Nothing is too small when it is given with love. Your financial contribution makes a difference—not just to the parish—but it will make a difference to you. In addition, there are TWO sides to the pledge card. If you cannot commit financially at this time, please commit to donating your time and talent to Annunciation. If you have any other questions, please reach out to Mike Bill, Maggie Attiyeh, or Andy Campbell!

A NOTE ON OUR TRANSITION

Your Wardens, Mike Bill and Maggie Attiyeh and the Vestry want to make sure you are updated during this transition time at Annunciation. At the end of November, we commissioned our Search Committee. Brian Penticoff will serve as chair for the committee. The other members are Bill Hagan, Tony Waynick, Leanne Ulmer, Samantha Robison, Ryan Mlyniec, Darlene Campbell, Megan Dailey, and Andy Hucker. Please keep them in your prayers as they get underway in their task of searching for and calling a new rector.

In addition, the Wardens and Vestry are actively seeking an Interim Rector for our parish. We have received names from the Diocese and have had conversations with two individuals to explore the possibility of working together. When there is more information to share, we will do so, but we just wanted you to know that we are making progress on this. Many thanks to Jane Schaefer for generously serving as our supply priest for most of the Sundays since Elizabeth's departure.

GIVING TREE UPDATE

From our hearts to their hands—THANK YOU for your generous support in helping to share an assortment of warm clothing, school necessities, and Christmas gifts for school age children and their siblings. This year we were able to provide for 15 local and specific children through the Caring For Kids outreach and donated over \$400 in gift cards! Learn more about this important ministry by visiting Caring for Kids Clothing on Facebook or see the Outreach communication board.

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.)

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.

LONG JOHN SUNDAY

Wear them, share them, and eat them!!! Please join us on January 20th for a special coffee hour following both services as we celebrate our second annual Long John Sunday!! You're invited to wear your long johns, or just come and enjoy some delicious long john donuts and time together. It is also a wonderful opportunity to help others, so we will be accepting new donations of long johns and any underwear for men, women, and children for the St. Mark's Pads site and the Midwest Veteran's Closet. All colors and sizes are welcome, especially boxers and extended sizes. Thank you!

2019 FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE

The new charts are up and ready for you to sign up to donate the flowers and sanctuary candle for our services in memory or in thanksgiving of someone. Please note, if someone has signed up for a date that you want to sign up for as well, multiple people can sign up for a date.

SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING

You are invited to join us on Sunday, February 3 for the annual Soup-er Bowl of Caring. It is a wonderful opportunity to join others across the nation by donating a can of soup to help feed those less fortunate. If you would like to donate, please bring any canned or packaged soup and add it to our soup pyramid. We also welcome you to join us, following our 10am service, for a SOUPer coffee hour!! Whether your team is playing in the Super Bowl or not, wear your favorite NFL attire and come and warm your heart, and your belly by enjoying some tasty homemade soups and fellowship!! Although this day is a request for a special item, we continue to collect canned food items each week to benefit our local food pantry. Hope to see you!

LOOK WHAT YOU BAKED UP!!!

We've closed the cookbook on Annunciation's 2018 Holiday Cookie Walk & Raffle and...WOW! The recipe we used called for a lot of quality ingredients, and you certainly provided those: you baked, you sold raffle tickets, you told your friends, you sponsored the raffle prize pool, you handed out fliers, you set up, you provided money for supplies, you hung outdoor banners, you shared on Facebook, you made display placard holders, you worked the event. Had any one of those ingredients been missing, the result would not have been the same.

While we still have a bit more accounting to do, we know the total profit will be in excess of \$8,000 - that's a 14% increase over last year! Thank you to each and every one of you, whichever ingredient(s) you were. We not only Baked Up a Cookie Walk - We Baked Up an Even Bigger Cookie Walk!

Merry Christmas!

Laura Fulton, Samantha Robison and Susan Schrunk 2018 Holiday Cookie Walk & Raffle chairpersons

2018 Holiday Cookie Walk & Raffle Winners

Grand Prize \$1,000, Mike Monoaghan

2nd Prize \$500, Joe Cheslak

3rd Prize \$300, Joe Cheslak (no, that's not a typo)

4th Prize \$200, Barb Clark

5th Prize \$100, Mike Bill