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Annunciation *of Our Lady*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, January 17, 2021

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
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Dear Friends,

I tell you the truth. I have found one of the four things I have been seeking over the last few weeks. Every night, I do a scurry through the remaining moving boxes looking for an elusive ziplock bag. In the bag, I am sure of it, is a pair of earrings and a ring. The earrings are part of my costume for the Longs Peak Scottish Irish Festival in September. The ring is a found treasure from Grace Mission made up of garnets in the shape of a cross. I know, I just know, that I packed those things up when we moved from Tallahassee and that they are hiding in some squirrely place. But I am so peeved I can't see where they are in my mind's eye. And, so I look in the same obvious places every evening. It makes Little Guy crazy, because I should be playing cars or trains with him not looking for some random bits of sparklies. I also know that they are just things, but they are things I like.

The other two items on my search are a couple of books that, again, I know I put in a box. One is a book of essays and meditations for Advent and Christmas (and all I can remember is one of the stories and what the cover of the book looks like). The other is *The Work of Christmas: The 12 Days of Christmas with Howard Thurman*. Just like the search for the jewels, I scan the bookshelves in hope that I will see the spines of these books staring right back at me. Alas, only one has appeared.

This morning while thinking about a Lenten program, I reached for a book and out popped *The Work of Christmas*. My first thought was, "Duh, of course it was with your books." My second thought was if I can stumble across this one, perhaps I will stumble across the other things I am looking for. Then I thought, wait, what is

God's role in this providence? Did God wait to reveal the secret location of this book until the time I was in a head-space to receive the gift? Does everything have to be a spiritual question?

Finding my book was delightful and at the same time just routine. But we hear in scripture, "Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9) If I have spent all this time seeking after treasures, how much time have I neglected in seeking the treasures that God promises? What time have we as God's people been spending on seeking the world's wisdom, status, substance while giving only a fraction of the time to seeking God's treasures? Are we seeking that deeper relationship with God? Are we knocking at God's door, waiting to be invited into the deeper story and treasure God has purposed for us?

May your seeking and finding be a joyous journey this week.

Zoom Polling!

The results are in from last Sunday's poll. And the most popular Epiphany hymn, according to our parish, is "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

This Sunday, we will try for another poll. Here are a couple of more sophisticated instructions.

- If possible, please use a device for each person voting. This will insure that each person in the parish will be counted.
- If you don't have individual devices in your household, please cast one vote and then close the Zoom. Reopen the Zoom and the second person should be able to vote on the poll.
- If you aren't able to vote, please send Pastor Jenni a note so we can work out some of the bugs for next week! (rector@annunciationgurnee.org)

We will practice this week and next week in anticipation of our Annual Meeting.

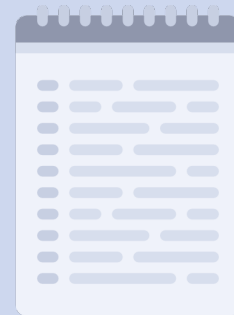
As always, thank you all for your patience as we work out the technology.



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

We continue our study of 1 Corinthians on Wednesday evenings. Based on the class last Wednesday, we actually need about an hour (but could talk for many more hours) to get through the study. So this week and going forward, we will have the class for about an hour. **For 1/20, please read 1 Corinthians 1:10-31.** The notes and assignment for the first class are found [here](#).

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
[To Join the class, click here](#)

Meeting ID: 851 9891 9488
Passcode: 234885
Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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.



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7 Days of Free Meals!
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.
- No paperwork and no income verification is required.
- Children don't have to be present so just visit the site, pick-up and go!



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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 Education (ISBE).

Sponsors of this program are able to provide free meals to all children and teens 18 years of age and under. No family will have to worry about their child going without a healthy school

meal, whether they are learning from home or at school. During this time, there is no paperwork, no registration, and no income verification required.

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



New! Annunciation accepts PayPal!

Save yourself an envelope and stamp the next time you need to send us your pledge--now you can use PayPal instead!

You can also make gifts and donations via PayPal. The PayPal link is now active on the Annunciation Facebook page, our website, and in the Parish News (click on the button at left or use the **Donate** button under Pastor Jenni's message above).

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 17**:
Michael Chatlien: 847-316-1575.

Prayer requests:

Until the church re-opens, please email prayer requests to
parishadmin@annunciationurnee.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 ***Olivina*** Reza; ***the Richards Family***, ***Rob*** Robison; ***Greg***, ***Joe***, ***Helene***; ***Marsha***; ***John***; ***Cindy*** Hibbard; ***Garry***; ***Ray***; ***Cindy***; ***Jewell***; ***Sue*** Whipple; ***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 ***Kharys*** Edwards (1/19) and ***Ainsley*** De Rosa (1/20).

We praise you, God of our hope, for all the faithful before us who entered into your labors and worshiped you in truth, especially ***Mary*** Fulton (1/17/2008). That we may live faithful to eternal life, we pray.

Links to Zoom Worship for this Week

Friday Morning Prayer

Jan 15, 2021 8:30 AM

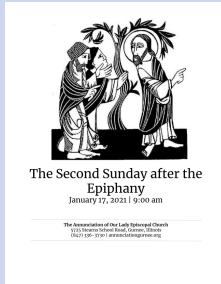
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Meeting ID: 814 6759 5595

Passcode: 645929

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Sunday Worship

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Jan 17, 2021 09:00 AM

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86517488507?
pwd=L2VubTk1K0pgdTVzWGI5UE1UWmJaZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86517488507?pwd=L2VubTk1K0pgdTVzWGI5UE1UWmJaZz09)

Meeting ID: 865 1748 8507

Passcode: 388370

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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 18, 2021 08:30 AM

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Meeting ID: 892 8614 1525

Passcode: 352659

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Tuesday Morning Prayer

Jan 19, 2021 8:30 AM

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84918559848?
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Meeting ID: 849 1855 9848

Passcode: 488546

Dial by your location

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Wednesday Morning Prayer

Jan 20, 2021 8:30 AM

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81589994169?
pwd=Z3dQUVZMKzhITFhreUIwWkVCR1hBZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81589994169?pwd=Z3dQUVZMKzhITFhreUIwWkVCR1hBZz09)

Meeting ID: 815 8999 4169

Passcode: 429637

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Thursday Morning Prayer

Jan 21, 2021 8:30 AM

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Meeting ID: 839 3757 8871

Passcode: 694677

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Friday Morning Prayer

Jan 22, 2021 8:30 AM

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81467595595?
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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](mailto:Robison_Samantha@yahoo.com)

During the week:
Pastoral emergencies: 847-336-3730
The church office is open during the week
by appointment only.