

Annunciation is a place...
To be included
To be honest
To be empowered
To be challenged
To find hope



Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, January 16, 2022

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Buildings and Grounds

The outstanding Buildings and Grounds committee will gather on Saturday, 1/15, for their monthly work day.

For more information, please contact Bill Hagan.



Recovery Service

Join us for the recovery service on Tuesdays. We will have the Noonday service with a reading of the 12 Steps as part of the prayers and then a time of meditation and reflection. The service will meet in the Chapel.



Hospitality Corner

Last week I announced that we would be going back to the old paper signup sheets for you to sign up to host coffee hour. I will be passing around the clipboard at coffee hours, the Annual Meeting and other place I can think of. You can sign up on paper then I will transfer the names to Sign-Up Genius so

we will always know what Sundays are still available, etc. I have already gotten two people to host in February so this idea seems to be working. I am thinking you all are better at signing up when you can see the dates right there in front of you. So if I am not walking around with the clipboard, it will be hanging on the sign up wall in the Parish Hall on the lower left side.

Thank you to all those who have already helped out and to those two people who signed

up last Sunday.

As a reminder from last week, we will have two special coffee hours in February. A reprint of last week's write-up follows:

The first will be SOUP-ER BOWL of Caring Sunday on February 13. Since it has been several years since we have done this, let me refresh your memory. We will be offering several different kinds of soup along with other items for the 9 AM coffee hour. If you would like to make a favorite soup, please contact Miriam Berry.

SOUP-ER BOWL of Caring was founded in Columbia, SC in 1990 by a Presbyterian seminarian who wanted to help soup kitchens and food banks by putting a slight spin on Super Bowl Sunday. This is a nationwide charity and since 1990, they have generated more than \$100 million for soup kitchens, food banks and pantries and other charities in communities across the country. Their prayer is "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." So, please come enjoy homemade soup and bring a can or two of soup for our soup table where we will be building "the pyramid of soup". This has been a very successful event in past years so please participate.

The second special event will be held on February 27 and will be the Feast of the Annunciation potluck. We will have special decorations for the tables and will, hopefully, have lots of food provided by all of you. So, start thinking about what food you would like to share with us on that celebration day. Keep in mind that it will be the last Sunday before Lent so let the creative juices run. We will have a signup sheet for this special day starting on January 30.

If you have any questions or would like to sign the host signup sheets right away, please see Miriam Berry.

[To sign up to host coffee hour, please click here.](#)



Outreach, or Showing the Way of Love

Last week we announced that we are planning an underwear and sock drive for the September timeframe. We are mentioning it to you now because we would like to have a good selection of long underwear available besides regular underwear and socks for PADS guests and the vets at the Midwest Veteran's Closet. Many times long underwear will be put on great clearance sales in the February/March timeframe and you would like to grab them for our drive. But, where to store them for 6 months? Well, we now have a

large box in the Parish Hall labeled underwear and socks for just that reason. If you happen to see other socks and/or underwear on sale between now and September, buy it and bring it in. We will store it for you and will get it all to the right places in September. Don't be afraid to buy larger sizes, they are always needed.

Watch for more possibilities as the year goes on.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Gallinger or Miriam Berry.

Madagascar Happenings

Things in Madagascar have slowed down now because it is the hottest part of the summer. However, I did find out some things that happened in early November to share with you.

First, you may remember that there were several ordinations (Gaston to priest and Antsa to deacon). Gaston is a sub-dean so



he is just about on the same level as Dean Donne. Gaston is now in charge of the District of Ambovombe and its 4 parishes. (More on districts and parishes in a minute.) Antsa as a deacon is leading the parish of Amboasary which is a part of the Fort Dauphin District. So she is helping Dean Donne which is wonderful because he had a lot of responsibilities.

Second, either the week before the ordinations or at the same time, all the deans got a new title. They are now Rev. Canon instead of Dean. So Dean Donne's title now is Rev. Canon Donne. I like it. I will be writing to him to congratulate him and to ask him how this changes things for him.

Now, about districts and parishes and diocese, etc. The Diocese of Toliara has six Districts each with a Canon. They are Ambovombe in the south central part of Madagascar; Cathedral in the southwest; Fort Dauphin in the southeast; Morondava in the northwest; Sakaraha in the northeast; and, Toliara in the southwest near the Cathedral District. Each District is made up of multiple Parishes. Fort Dauphin District has 4 parishes as does Ambovombe but other Districts have more, sometimes a lot more. The name "Fort Dauphin" is used for both a District and a Parish. Each Parish has multiple churches in it. A priest or deacon with at least one Evangelist and one or more Catechists will be responsible for the churches in each Parish. Each Parish will have one brick and mortar church. So Fort Dauphin Parish has St. Gregorie as its brick and mortar church. (That is the church we made the 32 foot banner congratulating them on 10 years of ministry last Spring.) I know this is very confusing but it seems to work for them and that is the most important thing.

One last thing for this week. Annunciation's work in child sponsorship is now becoming the basis for a child sponsorship project at St. James the Less in Northfield. The Babbs and some other people have been tasked by their vestry with writing a guide for sponsorship. The committee is really liking our ideas for "Our Kids" picture wall, the sponsor parties and other things we have done. So for once, we are helping St James the Less instead of them helping us. Feels good to be able to do that!!!

If you have any questions about the hierarchy of churches in the Diocese of Toliara, please contact Miriam Berry. And for sure, if you would like to know more about how to sponsor a child's education in Madagascar for a mere \$25 per month, please also see Miriam. There are lots of children we can help. Remember, education is the way out of poverty.

To visit the website for the Diocese of Toliara, click on the image above.

Healing Prayer

This Sunday, a minister will be in the chapel during communion to offer in-person socially distanced prayer. Their number will also continue to be posted on the Annunciation Connected at Home FB page and in the bulletin for those who are attending church remotely.

The minister for **Sunday, January 16** is:
Michael Chatlien



Links to Zoom Worship for this Week

Sunday Worship

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022 9:00am

Join Sunday Worship

Meeting ID: 898 1643 6389

Passcode: 729840

Monday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 899 6756 6965

Passcode: 676070

Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 837 2223 9298

Passcode: 848952

Wednesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 848 5595 0812

Passcode: 047321

Thursday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 811 9177 8341

Passcode: 917299

Friday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 820 1881 2369

Passcode: 138576

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Parish News and Prayer Requests
Submissions due Thursday morning.
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: 847-336-3730
The church office is open Tuesday,

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Wednesday, and Thursday; 9:30-4:00