



Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, December 1, 2019



Pledge Cards Due this Sunday!

We invite you to make a pledge of financial support for the important ministries of Annunciation in 2020. A pledge is simply a way of letting the parish leadership know how much you plan to give in the coming year.

Please return your Pledge Card **THIS Sunday, Dec 1.**

Thank you for your generous support of this church!



Adult Forum: What Happened at Convention?

Our Delegates to the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago will give a fascinating debrief of what transpired, especially the cool and helpful workshops they attended. Come to Adult Forum this Sunday at 9:15am.

Also, congratulations to **Debbie Rakestraw** who has been appointed as the Waukegan Deanery lay representative for the Diocesan Council.



Giving Tree: Bring Your Donations

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Giving Tree Project this year!

If you took a tag, please return your gifts **this Sunday, Dec 1.** Please return your tag along with your items, which can be left in the regular store shopping bags, as they will be sorted and organized before being distributed. Please email Andrea at lindbladandrea@gmail.com or call 847-962-4807 with any questions or concerns.



Got Your Ornament?

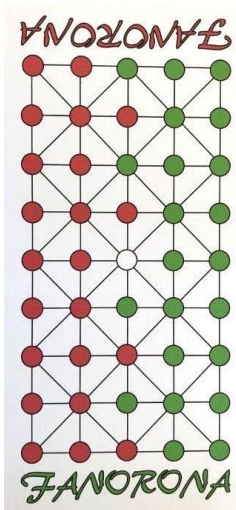
The annual Ornament Exchange is fast approaching . . . are you ready? Here's what you need to do:

1. Sign up on the "Christmasy" sign-up sheets on the Signup Wall.
2. Purchase an ornament which might not deserve to be beautifully wrapped, but do it anyway. Ornaments should cost about \$10.
3. Decide on a snack to share and what drink (alcoholic or not) you will bring.
4. Join us on **Saturday, Dec 14**, at 7:00pm.

After being properly admonished on our behavior and the rules by our resident elf, the choosing, stealing and horse trading for ornaments begins. As those who chose alcoholic continue to indulge, the game becomes more raucous and laughter rings out throughout the Narthex where we are sitting.

It's a huge amount of fun, and each year more people come (and very few from the year before don't come).

So, mark your calendar for **Saturday, Dec 14 from 7:00 to 9:00pm** and join the fun! If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry, Jane Friess, or Diane Heath.



Want a unique game for Christmas gift-giving?

As many of you know, Annunciation has a special relationship with the Diocese of Toliara in Madagascar. The official game of Madagascar is a board game called Fanorona. When Sue and Simon Babbs were at Annunciation for an SNL presentation, they brought a wooden version of the game, and the families loved it. They are now offering a regular board game version complete with lemurs and chameleons. As a fundraiser for the Diocese of Toliara Endowment Fund (to keep the diocese running), the Babbs are involved in making and selling the cardboard version for \$25 each with \$20 of that going to the Endowment Fund. The games will be available for Christmas giving. If you are interested, please contact Miriam Berry (mamamastercard@comcast.net) as soon as possible.



Advent Retreat

The DeKoven Center in Racine, Wisconsin will hold its Advent Retreat **Dec 6–8**. The theme is "Hearts Open to God," and the weekend retreat will feature meditations by the Rev. Sam Portaro, retired priest of the diocese, presented by Max Dershem, DeKoven's executive director. There will also be time for reflection and silence. For more information, call or text Deacon Linda at (847)-340-3253.

Winter Farmers Market

On **Sunday, Mar 29, 2020**, Annunciation will be hosting our



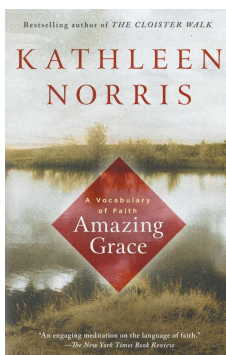
third Winter Farmers Market from 11:00am to 3:00pm. This event is sponsored by Faith in Place, a Chicago-based nonprofit that works to inspire faithful people in the state of Illinois to care for the earth through programs like the annual indoor Winter Farmers Markets. Different churches host a market almost every weekend from October through March. (Check www.faithinplace.org for vendor list and market schedule.) Vendors come and set up their tables with meat, fish, eggs, salsas, soup, jams, cheese, baked goods, greeting cards, produce if available, and more. Our church doesn't get any financial benefit from this, but it's a great community event, and we hope some new folks will come and get a feel for our parish. We'll have more information as we get closer to the date. Any questions, please contact Jan Harastany at (847) 395-0518.



Wreath & Poinsettia Pickup

Thank you to everyone who graciously purchased items from the Scouts last Sunday!

The wreaths and poinsettias will be available for pickup after services **this Sunday, Dec 1, and Sunday, Dec 8**. For more information, get in touch with Andy Dallstream (andyddall@gmail.com) or Annunciation parishioner Brian Penticoff (bapenticoff1742@gmail.com).



Wednesday Morning Study Group

We are reading and discussing *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* by Kathleen Norris. Our reading assignment for **Wednesday, Dec 4**, will start with "Apocalypse" on page 318 up to and including "Theology," ending on page 360.

Come join us at 10:00am in the Adult Forum Room. We have a different volunteer facilitator each week and someone who volunteers to bring treats. Food and discussion, what could be better?! Questions?

Questions? Contact:
Miriam Berry (mamamastercard@comcast.net)
Deb Gallinger (debginger1@gmail.com)



Book Club Christmas Potluck

This year, some members of the group are planning to make the event more festive with decorations and partyware, and if you want to come in your Christmas sweaters or PJs, that would be great! The format and activities are the same as in the past—appetizers and desserts, wine or whatever you want to bring to drink, the book exchange, the fun hilarious drawing game where we draw and guess categories, and the traditional reading of "The Night Before Christmas." Also, if you have books you have read and want to offer to others, please bring them along. Please join us at church at 6:30pm on **Wednesday, Dec 4**, and bring an appetizer or dessert to

share.



Scouting Wants You!

Did you know that Annunciation holds the charter for three scout organizations?

Annunciation has long chartered Scout Troop 627 for boys, and three years ago chartered Cub Scout Pack 1627. Pack 1627 has recently become a Family Pack and currently, almost half the Cubs are girls. We are in the process of forming Troop 1627 for girls, which will launch this spring. If you know girls who enjoy the outdoors and would like the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, Scouts BSA Troop 1627 might be perfect for them.

For additional information regarding any of our Scout organizations, please contact:
Wayne A. "Bugs" Moran (bugsdelta@comcast.net)
Doug Lindsay (scoutmastertroop627@gmail.com)
Brian Penticoff (bapenticoff1742@gmail.com).



Fabulous Fourth Friday

Breakfast Items Now on Donation Sheets for Fall/Winter

You're invited to join in prayer, service, and fellowship on the 4th Friday of every month.

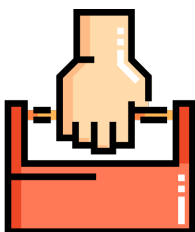
At 9:00am, we gather for Morning Prayer in the Chapel (and sometimes go out to breakfast right after).

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. During the winter months we will also include fixings for their breakfast on Saturday morning. We have additional items to give.

Note: Food donations for the Friday, Dec 27 lunch are due by Sunday, Dec 22.

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).



Helping Hands

Though no longer an official activity of the Men's Group, Rev. Linda will still help you find help within the congregation for any work you might need help with in your home. If you're in need of minor repairs or labor, text or call her at (847) 340-3253.

Save the Dates

Nov 28 | Thanksgiving
Dec 8 | Cookie Walk
Dec 14 | Ornament Exchange
Dec 15 | Advent Lessons & Carols
Dec 22 | Advent Pageant
Dec 24/25 | Christmas
Jan 26 | Annual Meeting
Feb 1 | Craft Day
Feb 2 | Rev. Dan's last Sunday
Feb 23 | Fat Sunday
Feb 26 | Ash Wednesday

This Week's Calendar

Sun, Dec 1
Worship | 8:00am
Adult Forum | 9:15am
Worship | 10:00am
Tamil Language School | 1:00pm

Tues, Dec 3
Cub Scouts | 6:00pm
Scouts | 7:00pm

Wed, Dec 4
Wed. Study Group | 10:00am
Book Club Potluck | 6:30pm

Sat, Dec 7
Music Recital | 3:00pm

Sun, Dec 8
Worship | 9:00am
Cookie Walk! | 10:00am

Staying Connected

Rector Search Committee
searchcommittee@annunciationurnee.org

Parish News and Prayer Requests
Submissions due Mondays at noon
Send to 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: (773) 220-2562
The church office is open Wednesday and Thursday mornings.