

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, December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Bulletin [here](#)



### Christmas Poinsettias

Giving toward our Christmas poinsettias is a great way to honor a loved one or to celebrate a blessing in your life. If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia this season, please bring or send in your gift with *Poinsettia* in the memo line and the name of who you would like to honor or celebrate. Please note if you would like to remain anonymous in the Christmas bulletins.

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### Annual C4K Giving Tree

This Sunday will be the last day to take a heart tag to help a child in need through Caring 4 Kids. We started with 48 tags and have 15 left. Good job everyone, and thank you for your generosity! If you aren't attending church in person, please let me know if you would like a tag emailed and I can get it to you right away. Many people are opting to donate cash/checks/gift cards this year. I'm happy to do your shopping if that's a better option for you. Please make checks out to Annunciation with C4K in the memo and it will be used to shop for the specified items. Any leftover funds will be disbursed to C4K. This is such a wonderful opportunity to help those less fortunate, so please consider a contribution of any size. Every little bit helps!



Donations are due back on Sunday, December 12th. Please return the tag with your items - in regular store bags is just fine. I will consolidate the clothing and gifts by recipient, and C4K will distribute them in their "signature" purple bags. I plan to help deliver them this year and am excited to see this part of the process and report back to the parish. Christine has expressed how much she appreciates our contribution many times over, so thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry! Any questions, please email me at [lindbladandrea@gmail.com](mailto:lindbladandrea@gmail.com).

What C4K is About and How You Can Help:

*Every year hundreds of children go without proper clothing. Caring for Kids Clothing is a non-profit organization that helps provide these children with the clothing they so desperately need. Since our beginning in 2010 Caring for Kid has helped outfit hundreds of children every year. We provide an immediate need in warm winter gear, school uniforms, everyday clothing, gym shoes, snow boots, socks, under garments and so much more.*



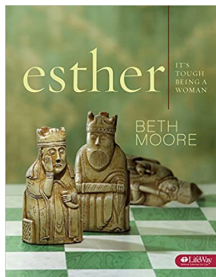
Men's Group meets Saturday, Dec. 11th at 9:00am. We are back to cooking a fresh breakfast to have at the beginning of the meeting. All Annunciation men are welcome! For those that have never attended, give us a try. We have a delicious breakfast, brief Gospel study (for that coming Sunday Gospel reading) and discussion, share ideas of outreach inside and outside the parish and overall enjoy some great fellowship.

Please contact Bill Hagan at [gldn2@aol.com](mailto:gldn2@aol.com) or (847) 560-0358 with any questions.

## Cookie Exchange!

The Cookie Exchange is SUNDAY!!

Join us in the parish hall after the service to get your cookies!



## Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group

We will gather again on Wednesday morning, 12/8 at 10:00am. We will hear the story of the festival of Purim and celebrate the saving of the Jews in Persia by Esther and Mordecai! Please read chapter 8 in the Book of Esther and join us.

## Hospitality Hotline

For the remainder of this year, we have the following special coffee hours:



December 12 - retirement party for Deacon Linda  
December 19 - retirement party for Kay Sutton  
December 26 - coffee and small treats to relax with after Christmas

Until we get the sign ups going for 2022 for coffee hours, please contact me directly to sign up. Remember, if we don't have any volunteers for a given Sunday, there will not be a coffee hour. Let's all start the new

year volunteering to host the Eighth Sacrament!!!!

Miriam Berry

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

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## Annual Ornament Exchange

I am very happy to report that the number of people coming to the Ornament Exchange is now far greater than those "regulars" who will not be coming. As usual, I was getting worried but things are definitely looking up.

Last week I had noted that my normal friendly elves would not be available this year and wasn't sure where I would find suitable elves to take their place. Well, let me tell you, you will not forget THESE elves. How's that as an inducement to come join us??



This is an adult party which will be on **Saturday, December 11 at 7 PM** in the Narthex.

The party is very similar to a White Elephant party except that weird, funny and pretty ornaments are involved. Of course, stealing is also involved and expected. We will all bring beautifully wrapped ornaments to the church along with drinks (read that wine if you like) and appetizers or desserts. We will socialize for a few minutes than get down to the serious work of making this event a rollicking good time as always.

Please put this great event on your calendar and start the creative shopping, which, of course, I have already done. I know for sure that one ornament from several years ago is making an encore appearance. I wonder if any others will as well. The only way to know for sure is to come and see.

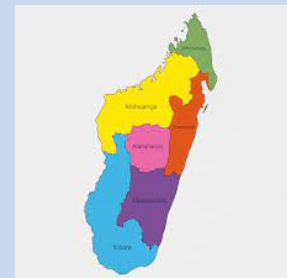
Please email me at [mamamastercard@comcast.net](mailto:mamamastercard@comcast.net) to let me know how many will be coming with you.

If you have any questions please see me (Miriam Berry).

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## Madagascar Happenings

Since Tuesday was "Giving Tuesday", the Friends of Toliara newsletter was all about giving to the Diocese of Toliara. In the newsletter, there was a list of all the things that should be celebrated from the Diocese. Here is the list:



- Election of a new Bishop, the first Malagasy one in the Diocese
- Almost 2000 baptisms
- More than 800 confirmations
- "Rooted in Jesus" training moved online in order to reach more people
- Discipleship training in all four districts of the Diocese
- Ordination of a Priest and two Deacons (the Priest and one Deacon will be working with Dean Donne)
- Four Evangelists commissioned
- Women's Center programs expanded and opening mini-centers across the Diocese

- Days for Girls received a Gold Enterprise Certification
- More than a dozen new churches planted
- Nearly 40% increase in child sponsorship (most of that was Annunciation)

Our fabric washers have outdone themselves in washing and ironing the fabric used for the feminine hygiene products made by the Days for Girls people. Below is a picture of our newest contribution. My good friend, Sue Babbs, who is the one acquiring all this fabric is just so appreciative of all our hard work. On behalf of her, thank you so very much.

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



*Our washed, ironed, and folded fabric for the feminine hygiene project!*

## 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, December 5** is:  
Michael Chatlien



## Links to Zoom Worship for this Week

### Sunday Worship

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 5, 2021 9:00am

[Join Sunday Worship](#)

Meeting ID: 830 5222 1770

Passcode: 836042

### Monday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 892 8614 1525

Passcode: 352659

### Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 849 1855 9848

Passcode: 488546

### Wednesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 815 8999 4169

Passcode: 429637

### Thursday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 839 3757 8871

Passcode: 694677

### Friday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 814 6759 5595

Passcode: 645929

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## Staying Connected



Parish News and Prayer Requests  
Submissions due Thursday morning.  
Send to [parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org)

Website Updates  
Send to [MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com](mailto: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 Tuesday,  
Wednesday, and Thursday; 9:30-4:00

Donate

