

Annunciation Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, November 3, 2024

Worship Bulletin

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints Sunday Click here

Happening this week:

- Sunday Worship |9:00am
- Monday Morning Prayer |8:30am on Zoom
- Tuesday Morning Prayer |8:30am on Zoom, Scouts |7:00pm
- Wednesday Morning Prayer |8:30am on Zoom, Wednesday Study |10:00am, Karate |6:00pm
- Thursday Morning Prayer [8:30am on Zoom, Mah Jongg [12:00 pm
- Friday Morning Prayer |8:30am on Zoom, Karate |6:00pm

Keep on the Calendar

November

3 All Saints Day |9:00am

Tamil Palli |1:30pm

10 25th Sunday after Pentecost |9:00am

C4K Kickoff

Parish Council at Coffee Hour

17 26th Sunday after Pentecost |9:00am

Vestry |10:45 am

Tamil Palli |1:30pm

20 Lunch Bunch | 12:30pm

24 Christ the King Sunday |9:00am

28 Thanksgiving Day | 10:00am

December

1 1st Sunday of Advent |9:00am

Blood Drive | 10:00-3:00pm

7 Community Meal prep |11:00am

Ornament Exchange |7:00pm

8 2nd Sunday of Advent |9:00am - Lessons and Carols

Tamil Palli |1:30pm

Community Meal |12:30pm

14 Cookie Walk Set-up

15 3rd Sunday of Advent |9:00am

Cookie Walk | 10:30am-12:30pm

16 Vestry | 6:00pm

19 Blue Christmas |7:00pm

22 4th Sunday of Advent 19:00am

Tamil Palli |1:30pm

24 Christmas Eve | 7:30pm

25 Christmas Day | 10:00am

29 1st Sunday after Christmas Day |9:00am

Consecration of Sean Rowe as Presiding Bishop

You can watch the service of consecration on November 2, at 10:00am (CDT) on the Episcopal Church Facebook page.

Click here to watch the service.

Click here to read the Episcopal News Service article on the consecration.

May God bless Bishop Sean and his ministry to the Episcopal Church!

Annunciation Neighborhood Center

Deacon Linda is still accepting volunteers to help with our literature distribution in the neighborhood and volunteers for our Parents Day Out on December 21st. Please let her know if you are interested.

Voting Faithfully

In case you need or want something on our responsibility to vote <u>click here for a document from The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations</u> on election engagement: An introduction to materials on why voting matters.

Call for Photos

The Communication Committee is asking for photos to update our website and social media sites. If you have current photos (from within the last year) please send them to Pastor Jenni (rector@annunciationgurnee.org).



Curb Appeal!

The Annunciation Neighborhood Team is looking at ways to make Annunciation a Neighborhood Center.

To increase our curb appeal we are planning to add color around the sign at the corner of Sterns School and Dilleys Rds. The first step will be to plant daffodil and tulip bulbs this fall. If you have or want to purchase some bulbs for this project please bring them in

by Nov. 17. There will be a box in the narthex. If you're interested in helping plant the bulbs, let me know.

Thank you, Pam Moore

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

We are now halfway through our study of a few saints. We have learned about St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare of Assisi and St. John Chrysostom thus far. Chrysostom means "Golden Mouth" in Greek and he was named that because he was a great preacher. Many of his homilies still exist today even though he lived in the



late 4th and early 5th centuries. He wrote 67 homilies on Genesis; 59 on the Psalms; 90 on the Gospel of Matthew; 88 on the Gospel of John; and 55 on the Acts of the Apostles. He wrote a Pascal Homily which is still read in some Orthodox churches to this day. He was the Archbishop of Constantinople and fought hard for the poor.

Last week we talked about how Bibles were made many years ago which brought to mind the St. John's Bible. It was commissioned by St. John's Abbey and University in Minnesota which is Benedictine. It was the first Bible made in the ancient methods using vellum (calfskin), ancient inks and gold, silver and platinum. The text is the NSRV and it is an illuminated Bible. An illuminated Bible is one with a lot of artwork gracing the pages. The words were all done by calligraphers and the pages are 2 ft. x 3 ft. It comprises 7 volumes of approximately 1150 pages. There are smaller copies in various institutions around the country, one of which is Notre Dame in South Bend. We might take a field trip there next year. We'll let you know.

Our next saint will be Hildegard of Bingen who was born in 1098 AD. Come join us at 10 AM on Wednesday mornings. We have great discussions and great food too. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jenni or Miriam Berry.

Community Connections

Our connection with BRIDGE of Lake County and STUDYS Ministries in Lindenhurst is growing. Click here to learn more about BRIDGE and STUDYS. This month, STUDYS ministries has joined our Community Meal team. BRIDGE and STUDYS have asked Annunciation for volunteers for their toy Christmas giveaway in cooperation with the Illinois Great Lakes Marine Air Control Toys for Tots on November 23. Please let Deacon Anne know if you can help.



Liturgical Ministers

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for Dec 2024 – May 2025: Scheduling of Crucifer/Acolytes, Readers/PoP, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Digital Vergers for Dec 2024 – May 2025 is underway! If you are already serving in one or more of these roles, please let me know by Nov 4 if you know of any dates during this time when you are not available.

If you are not currently participating in the liturgy but would like to start, please contact Susan O'Morchoe by e-mail (susanom58@yahoo.com) or Pastor Jenni. We are particularly in need of Acolytes, Ushers, and Digital Vergers.

The sign-up period will be from Oct 20 to Nov 3. Training (or retraining) is always available. If you have questions regarding the Liturgical Ministry roles, please contact Pastor Jenni or Susan O'Morchoe (susanom58@yahoo.com).

Ushers- Ministers of Hospitality

Have you ever visited another Parish and felt unwelcomed because there was no one to greet you, provide a bulletin, or just show you where the restroom is? Without Ushers, newcomers/guests to Annunciation could face these same issues. We need volunteers to step into this important ministry. In addition to greeting members of the congregation and newcomers/guests, Ushers are responsible for collecting the alms and counting the number of people at the service. Please consider becoming an Usher and showing the world what a warm, friendly, welcoming place that Annunciation is.

Trans Memorial Day remembrance with the LGBTQI+ Center

Our connection with the LGBTQIA+ Center of Lake County is growing. Several members of our Annunciation Community served at our booth at Pride Fest and at the Grayslake Pride Parade in June. Pastor Jenni and Deacon Anne attended the open house at the Center recently. There is a very special event that would be wonderful for members of Annunciation to attend, the Trans Day of Remembrance on November 20 at CLC. Let Decon Anne know if you would like to attend, so that we could go together to show our support of our LGBTQIA+ community as members of Annunciation.





Readings for this Sunday, 11/03

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44
Click here for the Lectionary Page





Community Meals

Mark your calendar for the next Community Meal, December 8th. Meal prep day will be December 7th. Any questions, please talk with Tom Crafton or Deacon Anne.



Parish Life

Thank you to the Vestry for providing most of the food for last week's coffee hour. Everything was really good. The star of the food show, however, was the beautiful birthday cake for Pastor Jenni. Not only was it beautiful but it was so good!!!! Thank you to the O'Neils for ordering it.

Thank you also to Terry Kline and the O'Neils for being the point persons for the coffee hour. You all did a great job.

This Sunday, Carol and Dan Sluga will be hosting coffee hour. Thank you ahead of time for your yummy treats.

I will be working on the 2025 coffee hour sign up in the next couple weeks. I will let you know when it is up on the sign up wall. From the Parish Planning session, we already have a few special coffee hours planned for next year. One thing is that the Packers-Bears coffee hours will be returning. Gonna be fun....

The newest jigsaw puzzle will be back out this week so look for it and go on over and work on it and chat as you do. It is the same puzzle from a few months ago because we had "the dreaded five" players for Mah Jongg so someone had to sit out for each game. One person chose the puzzle and worked on it until the current game was over then the players switched and someone else worked on the puzzle. So have fun with it and pretty soon we will have the Nativity one that was not finished last year back out for you to complete.

If you haven't checked out the puzzle swap table, go on over. We are approaching Christmas and there are a huge number of really nice Christmas puzzles there.

Also, I have purchased small 250 piece puzzles for my grandchildren to do as a competition. I never knew that there are actual organized puzzle competitions where they time the completion of specifically 250 piece puzzles. Who knew????? Sounds like a fun idea.

If you have questions about coffee hour please see Andrea Lindblad or Miriam Berry.



News from Fort Dauphin and the Friends of Toliara

School is going well for all the kids both the ones we sponsor and the ones at Tsiharoa Primary School where we provided the school supplies.

I have written about the water filters that were given, along with a training session, to many of the families across the Diocese of Toliara. We will soon have a report on how the families are doing with them. From the

information I have gotten so far, things seem pretty positive. It seems to be a little difficult to get the people to understand that the filters must be backwashed every day to keep them clean. If they do properly backwash them, the filters are said to be good for 10 years. People in Kenya have been using them for a couple years now and they are holding up very well. We will see how they work out with the Malagasy. There is so little clean water in Madagascar so people are constantly sick. They even drink the water right out of puddles so it is no wonder.

Fiadanana reported at our last Zoom call that there are approximately 100 kids who are in need of sponsors across the Diocese at this time. There are 4 in Fort Dauphin. We are supposed to be getting a list of the kids with information about them. Fiadanana knows I want to know about the Fort Dauphin ones since that is our Link Parish. Back to you when I know more. Maybe a couple of you would like to sponsor a child now that we have the process working well.

Celeste from Education Equals Hope (e=h) is working with a company that provides a program called "Outgiven" which will make it possible for sponsors to have more direct communication with their kids. I don't know when things will be totally set up for us to have that communication but it will be absolutely wonderful when it happens. I can't wait to talk to my girls more directly.

If you would like to know more about the Great Red Island in general, the Diocese of Toliara or the education of the Malagasy children, please see Miriam Berry.

Annunciation Book Club

The schedule for the new year of book club gatherings is here! Click here to see the schedule and book list.

We meet most months on the first Monday of the month, moving to the second Monday in holiday months. A highlight of our year is the book exchange and potluck in December. The book list and schedule can be found on the communication wall at church, on the website or in the parish news. If you have any questions, please email **Deb**.

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Sunday Worship |9:00 am

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Monday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 854 3455 6030 Passcode: 429149

Tuesday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 812 3791 9123 Passcode: 832106

Wednesday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 828 3206 9054 Passcode: 528453

Thursday Morning Prayer 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 871 5804 8836 Passcode: 001151

Friday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

Join Morning Prayer

Meeting ID: 897 1519 6205 Passcode: 424496 Visit our website



Annunciation is a place...

To be included

To be honest

To be empowered

To be challenged

To find hope

Staying Connected



Parish News and Prayer Requests Submissions due Thursday morning. Email the Parish Administrator: Click here

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During the week:

Pastoral emergencies: 847-336-3730 The Church office is open Monday -Thursday, 8:30am to 2:30pm.

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