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FROM YOUR RECTOR



The August newsletter marks the beginning of the program year for many of us. In this issue you will find some information on our programs that are gearing up for this fall. The Outreach Committee is gearing up for our fall outreach weekend which is an attempt to gauge the depth of our volunteerism. Each year we bundle some outreach opportunities that take place over a weekend. The idea is that if someone is busy on one day, they can do something on another day. Participation is a vote for continuing that outreach in our parish. Those opportunities that do not get the support of our parish will eventually be eliminated. It is important to support these outreach efforts as we do not offer one unified program but several choices for our people. Please check out the news article and mark your calendars so that you can participate.

This fall we will be offering a High School Youth Group. We will have an organizational meeting with parents on Sunday, September

20th at 4:00 p.m. Parents and youth will gather and talk about what they would like to see in a High School program, how often we will meet and the content of the program. I have set aside the third Sunday of each month on my calendar in preparation for a possible program. If you are interested, please come out that day and join our discussion. If you would like to assist with this offering, come along and join our conversation.

At the end of August we will gather together and celebrate Mass on the grass and enjoy our parish picnic together. This is one of my favorite parish activities and I hope that you will come out for yet another fun day of worship, fellowship and food. Please keep an eye out for more information. The day of the picnic is August 30th, just three days after chef David O'Dowd presents another 7 meals for \$70 for a family of four. Lots of opportunities to invite friends....

This year we will be taking steps toward greater depth in our offerings. I hope that you will respond by engaging in your faith and participating with our community to make these offerings that you have asked for a success. Thanks for working our parish activities into your calendars last year. We had strong response for a lot of our ministries. I know that our ministry teams are grateful and empowered when we participate in the offerings presented. You are the foundation of what we do and your participation creates our identity as a community. Right now, relax and take in the dog days of summer. The work comes, but it is a labor of love and it deepens all of us in our walk of faith. Thanks for all that you do. See you in church.

Fr. Clyde+

FROM THE VESTRY

Greetings. This summer I have been given the happy responsibility of sharing the news from the Vestry. Included in the Vestry activities this summer was the Vestry Mid-Year Retreat. The Vestry gathered at the church for a Saturday in June. This allowed us an excellent opportunity to discuss what had been accomplished over the past 6 months and also to begin deciding which future endeavors to invest in.

The future endeavor I would like to discuss today is the increase in focus of our ministry teams. We have program-based ministries like Education, Worship, or Outreach. We also have support ministries like Building and Grounds, Finance, or Communication.

About three years ago, each ministry was asked to develop a strategic plan for themselves for three years. Now that time is up. Thus, we need to reassess these plans. Each ministry team is being asked to develop new long term goals. This time around we are offering some challenges. So, to all our ministry team members and future members, please think about the following:

- Where would you like to see your ministry team in the next three, five, or ten years?
- What is the mission of your ministry team?
- What activities can you do that would involve working with other ministry teams?
- What can you do to improve the communication between ministry teams?

The question that most intrigues me is “Where would you like to see your ministry team in the next three, five, or ten years?” I want to encourage everyone to think big. So, I leave you with this: “Don’t ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” (Howard Thurman)

-Laura O'Connor

PARISH PICNIC COMING YOUR WAY!

The Annual Parish Picnic is one of our favorite Annunciation events. It is a casual event where we can enjoy the outdoors, worship together, eat a delicious meal and participate in lots of great fellowship. We feel passionate about this event and would love everyone to join in the fun.

This year the Annunciation Parish Picnic will be held August 30th on the church grounds. The service will be outside at 9:30 AM with the picnic following. The “meat” portion of the meal will be provided (details to follow) and we will look to our Annunciation family to provide sides, drinks, and desserts.

We are planning a volleyball tournament, lots of children’s games, family-focused games, bingo (with our favorite caller Carol), a moon walk and many other opportunities to visit with our Annunciation family. In addition, we encourage everyone to bring their favorite outdoor game to play – you may even get the opportunity to teach another parishioner how to play!

Your help is still needed. There will be signup sheets soon for set-up, clean-up and for the potluck items. If you are interested in a more active role, we are looking for someone to help coordinate the potluck portion of the picnic. There are other areas where your talents can be utilized, so if you are able to help to plan the picnic, please contact either Beth or Bill Hagan (our phone number is 847-855-8739).

Don’t forget your lawn chairs and blankets!
See you there!



PARISH OUTREACH SUMMER 2009

I thought you might be interested in just what your Parish does for Outreach. At our last committee meeting, we discussed what is transpiring, we offer you the following bullet points of current and ongoing events:

- Summer PADS is a wonderful ministry that is run by Mary Oesterlein and her sons, Matthew and Jonathan. It is geared for children with very little adult help, and it produces 70 hearty lunches for the homeless. One more date for this ministry is coming up August 28 @3:00 PM. Call the office to sign up to help; your children will learn about giving.
- Fall and Winter PADS will start again in October; contact Cheri Johnston about supporting this ministry.
- Sunrise Ministry is doing fine and we have heard that new teams are developing; contact Linda Lutter about this ministry.
- Christmas Tree of Giving was run last year by Julie and Lars Lukas and they have agreed to run this program again; contact them if you would like to help.
- Habitat For Humanity - save the date! October 17 will be our parish work team; contact Dale Sanders.
- Crop Walk - save October 18th for this walk that supports worldwide food banks, and that advocates for world hunger relief; contact Deb Modde.
- Lake County United advocates for the betterment of life in Lake County IL; contact Mary Jones for this ministry.
- Annunciation Food Drive brings food and staples to the Warren Food Bank and the COOL food banks. Bring in your donations every month to help our local neighbors.
- South Loop Campus Ministry is a college ministry that our parish supports by providing Rev. Kate's time to act as a member of the board of directors.

- Canterbury Northwestern is a college ministry that our parish supports by providing Fr. Clyde's time to act as their president of the board of directors.
- Talking about Fr. Clyde, he just got done serving as the chaplain of the Diocese Camp Chicago, what a guy!
- Our parish supports the Lake County Safe Place for women and Children in donations of food, they are always in need of supplies and clothing; contact Deborah Bill about this ministry.
- We are in conversation with another parish on the south side of Chicago about their ministry to the Veterans Hospital and military personnel coming back from service in hostile regions. We have the North Chicago Veterans Hospital very close and are exploring their needs to see if we may be of some support; contact Michael Bill if this interests you.

Michael Avery Bill
Outreach Committee member

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group inaugural event was held on July 18. Thanks to our host, Todd Shumate, for a fabulous evening of fellowship! Eleven men enjoyed an enthusiastic game of Texas Hold 'Em, as we observed Pat's card prowess while dining on delicious Italian beef. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 19th (4-8 p.m.); please join us! (Sign up at <http://groups.google.com/group/annunciation-mens-group?hl=en>).

The mission of the Men's Group is three-fold: (1) Fellowship, (2) Service to our Parish, and (3) Service to our Community. We are soliciting input for Community and Parish needs that can be served by our group. Please send your thoughts to Dave Fulton Jr. (iamdocjr@hotmail.com), Todd Shumate (toddsafety@aol.com), or Gary Riemer (hopsfan@gmail.com).

Gary Riemer

FEED A FAMILY OF FOUR 7 MEALS FOR UNDER \$70

There's one more chance to learn how to make your food budget stretch just a little further. Because of today's current economy, the challenge of cooking for a family of four on a tight budget has never been greater.

On August 27th, we will host the final cooking demonstration and tasting of seven meals prepared on a budget. David O'Dowd, who has nearly 20 years of experience as a chef, will demonstrate using foods and creative techniques to make your dollar go further. Come and get some new ideas, learn fun cooking techniques, and spend time with friends. Recipes and cost estimates for all seven dishes will be provided.

The presentation takes place on Thursday, August 27th, from 7 to 9pm. Reservations are recommended, but the \$10.00 payment is not required until the presentation. Please call (847) 336-3730 to reserve your seat.



ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS!

The Annunciation of Our Lady craft fair is coming soon(ish)! Our event will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Set-up will begin at 7:00 a.m. We will have complimentary coffee and bakery items available. Space is limited, so get your registration in early. Last year we had to turn crafters away since we were at capacity. Registration fee is \$30.00; an extra table costs an additional \$10.00. For more information, contact Virginia Bosserman or Terry Kline.

CALLING ALL READERS



On the second Wednesday of each month a group of women from Annunciation gathers in the back room of Panera Bread in Gurnee for a book discussion. At least, it *starts* with books, and then the discussion meanders where it will. You don't need to attend Annunciation in order to be a part of this book club, so it's a great place to invite a friend. In August, we'll talk about *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*. In September, it'll be *Eat, Pray, Love*. If you like to read, to exchange ideas, to laugh, and to eat bread – and really, who doesn't? – then please join us on August 12th at 6:00 at Panera. Join us!

-Rev. Kate and a bunch of women from church

OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Tuesday, September 8th, we will be returning to normal office hours. The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Phone messages and e-mail will be returned during those hours.

If you have information for the bulletin, please submit it by Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. The staff meets to review the bulletins on Tuesday morning and bulletins are printed Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning. Thank you!

-Molly Shumate





LET'S CELEBRATE!

If you should be on this list, and you're not, please make a note on the Parish Administrator's clipboard in the office. Thanks!

August Birthdays:

Matthew Oesterlein	8/2
Bonnie Schwarz	8/3
Andrew Adkins	8/4
Chuck Hocking	8/5
Virginia Bosserman	8/6
Glenn Lutter	8/6
Johnny Craffey	8/8
Marissa DePino	8/8
Pat Donegan	8/10
Debbie Rakestraw	8/10
Greg Loika	8/11
Bethany Braun	8/11
Ed Stowell	8/12
Jeanne Phillips	8/15
Greg Kelley	8/16
Rosie Attiyeh	8/17
Samantha Haevers	8/18
Elizabeth Potochnik	8/20
Corinne Riemer	8/21
Denise Riemer	8/21
Marilyn Prinzing	8/22
Madalene Shumate	8/24
Tom O'Connor	8/25
Grace Bush	8/27
Lucas Fulton	8/29
Andrew Kreutziger	8/30
Jonathan Westphal	8/31

August Anniversaries:

Jill & Charles Adkins	8/5
Lori & Scott Haevers	8/6
Kris & Dennis Norwood	8/7
Laura & Tom O'Connor	8/8
Marian & Walter Whitcomb	8/10
Elizabeth & Peter Danos	8/15
Cheri & Mark Johnson	8/24
Terry & Bruce Stowell	8/26
Debie & Greg Percival	8/28
Leni & Sid Bordelon	8/30

Our mission is to know God and to make God known. Our office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9-12. The vestry members who guide our church are:

Maggie Attiyeh, Senior Warden
Rich Ringhofer, Junior Warden
Deb Gallinger
Bill Hagan
Laura O'Connor
Greg Percival
Deb Rakestraw
Gary Riemer
Dale Sander

