



OUR PARISH

We are a strongly connected group with diverse talents, opinions, and backgrounds. We support and uplift one another to be our best selves so that we may grow spiritually and thrive as faithful participants of our greater community. We serve with generosity and enthusiasm. And we genuinely welcome each and every person curious about God and our parish community.

PARISH PROFILE



OUR MISSION

We are a congregation of YES! We strive to hear and answer God's call with faith and enthusiasm. Worship binds us together as a faith community, and it is in the scripture, sacraments, and corporate prayer and song of weekly worship that we learn who and how God wants us to be.

WORSHIP & MINISTRIES

We celebrate two Sunday Eucharists. The 8:00 am service is our smaller service. Rite II is usually celebrated with musical accompaniment, but without the choir. Our 10:00 am service is larger with more families as well as the choir. Rite II is usually celebrated, but may be alternated with other liturgies.



rooted in relationships
hospitality service inclusivity prayer fellowship

OUR STORY

Relationships are our treasure and the glue that holds this worshipping community together – be these newly established or decades long. At Annunciation we do not simply ‘go through the motions’, but most members actively participate in ministries and outreach programs well beyond the weekly worship services. We value one another as a steady, reliable source of strength in bad times and friends ready to celebrate life’s joys.

As a progressive and diverse community, we welcome all who seek a greater relationship with God, irrespective of where they are on their personal spiritual journey. Christian education enables us to explore our theological diversity, broaden our perspectives and apply Scripture to navigate the present and future.

Our worship services are thoughtfully planned to incorporate the liturgical seasons, as well as meet the changing needs of our members. We are an enthusiastic ‘singing’ congregation, where worship music plays an integral part in our services. We believe that music opens us up to hearing God’s message and singing is a form of prayer.

Our priorities are to increase new membership and revitalize our educational programs. We look to extend our reach, attract new families, and incorporate them into the life of our church.

OUR PARISH HISTORY

From its earliest days as a mission in Waukegan, All Souls Chapel held its first service in February 1952. In 1964, the name was changed to Annunciation of Our Lady to reflect its strong Anglo-Catholic tradition. In the late 1980’s, an offer to purchase the parish property was made and a majority vote by the congregation resulted in the construction of a new church just five miles west in Gurnee. The current church was built in 1990 and is situated on approximately 4 acres of land. The West Wing includes a newly renovated social hall.

OUR COMMUNITY

Gurnee lies halfway between Chicago and Milwaukee in Lake County, IL with access to three major airports. The population is just under 31,000, with a median age of 39. The city welcomes 23 million visitors every year, with major attractions such as Six Flags Great America, Gurnee Mills Shopping Center, and Great Wolf Lodge Water Park.

The village is served by two elementary/middle school districts and one public high school. The College of Lake County is a community college offering courses for academic degrees, professional development, and personal enrichment.

The Gurnee Park District provides a full range of activities, including aquatics, art, day camps, fitness, martial arts, music, performing arts, and sports.

Lake County has 75 inland lakes with beautiful waterfront restaurants & water sport opportunities. There are over 60 forest preserves and facilities with fantastic trails for hiking, jogging, biking, and nature exploration.

OUR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE NEW RECTOR

Our Rector should reflect the warm and welcoming character of our congregation. We need a personable and energetic servant leader who can balance tradition with new ideas, theology with real life experience and embrace our current diversity while teaching us how to grow.

Pastoral care is critical; we flourish when there are ample opportunities for face time with an approachable and compassionate rector.

We need a thoughtful, collaborative leader who can build upon our existing leadership and who understands how much we value our deacon. Do you have a proven track record of growing a congregation? Can you revitalize Christian education and spiritual formation? We need the confidence to share who we are as a congregation.



OUR DIOCESE

The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago is led by Bishop Jeffrey Lee and has 123 member congregations, spreading from Lake Michigan on the east, to the Wisconsin border on the north and the Iowa border on the west. The Diocese is known for its leadership initiatives designed to support congregational vitality. To this end, the Diocese focuses its energies on three key programs: The College for Congregational Development, Fierce Conversations, and Project Resource. The Nicholas Center, located on the fifth floor of the Diocesan office building in downtown Chicago, provides classroom space and accommodations for these programs as well as other leadership events.

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