

Schedule for the Great Fast (Lent) 2018 at Annunciation parish

Special area wide Byzantine Catholic events during the Great Fast:

1. During the Lenten services (7:00pm), on the first four Wednesdays of Lent, Fr. Thomas J. Loya of the Tabor Life Institute, will offer brief presentations commemorating the 50th anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's document, "Humanae Vitae" (On Human Life). This document articulates the Church's teaching in favor of natural family planning and against artificial birth control. These presentations will explain the history, controversy, wisdom, and prophetic, compassionate character of the Church's teachings on the human person as articulated in "Humanae Vitae."
2. On Thursday March 15 at 7:00pm at Annunciation church, as part of the Knowledge and Prayer series, Fr. Thomas J. Loya will do a presentation: "Transgenderism—a compassionate response."
3. Lenten Vespers on Sunday afternoon will be hosted in rotation by each Byzantine Catholic parish in the Indiana and Illinois region. (See schedule below).
4. Bishop Milan of the Eparchy of Parma will host a retreat from 1-5:00pm at the Carmelite Monastery in Munster, Indiana. For information go to STEPHREM@PARMA.ORG. To sign up go to STEPHREM.EVENTBRITE.COM
5. During the Friday Presanctified Liturgies (7:00pm) at St. Mary's parish in Whiting Indiana, Fr. Andrew Summerson will conduct brief reflections on the Book of Genesis. Confession available after the Liturgy. For more information go to stmarywhiting.org

Sunday February 11 1:00pm

Forgiveness Vespers to begin Lent

Monday-Thursday February 12-15 7:00pm

Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (Divided up into four nights)

Wednesday February 14—Presentation #1 on "Humanae Vitae"

Sunday February 18 3:00pm

Lenten Vespers--St. Michael parish, Merrillville, Indiana

Wednesday February 21 7:00pm

Presanctified Liturgy Presentation #2 on "Humane Vitae"

Friday February 23 7:00pm

Presanctified Liturgy

Sunday February 25 4:00pm

Vespers with Bishop Milan (Carmelite Monastery in Munster, Indiana)

Wednesday February 28 7:00pm

Presanctified Liturgy Presentation #3 on "Humane Vitae"

Friday March 2 7:00pm

Presanctified Liturgy with All Souls commemoration

Saturday March 3 3:00pm-10:00pm

ByzanTEEN Lenten Retreat St. Mary's, Whiting, Indiana

Sunday March 4 8:00am-3:00pm

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Lenten Vespers 3:00pm—St. Mary parish, Whiting, Indiana

Wednesday March 7 7:00pm

Presanctified Liturgy (Final) Presentation #4 on "Humanae Vitae"

Friday March 9 7:00pm

Presanctified Liturgy with All Souls commemoration

Sunday March 11 3:00pm

Lenten Vespers—Annunciation Church

Wednesday March 14 7:00pm

Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (in its entirety)

with reading of the story of St. Mary of Egypt

Thursday March 15 7:00pm (Special event)

Knowledge and Prayer series presentation

by Fr. Thomas J. Loya: "Transgenderism—a compassionate response"

Sunday March 18 4:00PM (Central Standard Time)

Lenten Vespers—St. Athanasius parish in Indianapolis, Indiana

Bus transportation departs from Annunciation parish at 12:00Noon making one pickup at St. Michael's church in Merrillville, Indiana.

Wednesday March 21 7:00pm

Presanctified Liturgy

Friday March 23 7:00pm

Vigil Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday

Lent ends. Great (Holy) Week begins