

## **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](mailto:STEPHREM@PARMA.ORG). To sign up go to [STEPHREM.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://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](http://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**

ByzanTEEN Lenten Retreat St. Mary's Whiting, Indiana  
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 CANCELED FOR FLOOR CLEANING**

Presanctified Liturgy

**Friday March 23 7:00pm CANCELED**

Vigil Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday  
Lent ends. Great (Holy) Week begins

**NEW OPTION:** Go to see "7 Last Words of Christ" presentation at St. Mary parish in Mokena, IL. For details go to [danseintegro.com](http://danseintegro.com)

**Saturday, March 24: NEW**

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Lazarus Saturday (Byzantine Lent ends)  
9:00 a.m. Annual "cleaning of the pews"

