

Many Calls for the Chosen

The first call that shaped St. Andrew's life was the very timing and place of his birth. The second call that shaped Andrew's life came through John the Baptist. Andrew must have been an alert young man longing for the coming of the Messiah when he first heard the preaching of John. Andrew's third call came from Jesus himself. The fourth call that shaped Andrew's life was to follow Jesus, to be his disciple, a student in daily contact with Jesus, walking and talking with him, listening and learning from the Master, as from a Rabbi. The fifth call that changed Andrew's life was his selection by Jesus as one of the twelve apostles, to give witness, to preach, to bring others to Christ. Andrew, the student, was chosen to become a teacher sent by Christ. His sixth call came through pious Greeks at the Passover in Jerusalem. They wanted to see Jesus, to be introduced to him. The boy from Bethsaida began using his language skills, his un-

derstanding of Greek and Roman culture, to bring Gentiles to Jesus. St. Gregory Nazianzen, St. Jerome, and St. Paulinus tell us that after Pentecost Andrew became an apostle to people in the land of Greece, the bordering lands, and as tradition tells us, ultimately to Byzantium. The final call in Andrew's life was to martyrdom by crucifixion on an X shaped cross at Patras in Achaia.

Saint Andrew's vocation, and ours as well, wasn't given all at once, but gradually. Seven calls from the Lord built one upon the other throughout the course of his life. Andrew's response to each call gave new shape to his life and prepared him for the next gift of God. This courageous young man, by purity of heart and docile obedience to God's will became in St. Bede's words, "The Introducer to Christ." He introduced his brother to Jesus, and the Greeks and Scythians.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Andrew -- November 30th



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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November 26, 2023 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	26	26th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	30	Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Stephen DiBiase by Denise DiBiase
Saturday	2	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +2 sisters of Debbie by Joseph Schudt 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	3	27th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

We pray for the sick and homebound of our parish, especially:

Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky	Jean Rusnak
Dot Wochok	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Horne
Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson	John Oreluk
Fr. Bernard Danber	Frank Miko	Sally Hughes
Bob Zavada	William Davis	Marianne Horvath
Gary Paczkowski	Gloria Selvy	Steve Bieniek
Abbie Sheedy-wc		

Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Parish

In all decisions regarding parish membership and Sacramental life, the pastor exercises the final decision and the confidentiality of the persons involved must be respected.

Parish Membership is determined by three things:

1. Being registered in the parish for a sufficient amount of time
2. Faithful and consistent participation in the liturgical life of the parish especially on Sundays and Holy days.
3. Regular financial support of the parish. Use of offertory envelopes by parish members is required for weekly donations

The Sacred Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Matrimony are available only to those persons who comply with the above requirements of parish membership.

A Biblically based stewardship is part of the vision of Annunciation parish. Parishioners are encouraged to practicing tithing and also to consider Annunciation parish in planned giving such as trust funds, etc.

Couples who are planning to be married at Annunciation parish must be free to be married in the Church and must contact the pastor at least six months prior to their proposed wedding date. Persons applying for annulments of a previous marriage should not set a Church wedding date unless their annulment has been granted.

Couples who are cohabitating or involved in same sex civil unions or so-called same sex "marriages," as well as couples who are contracepting are asked to seek the pastor's help in understanding the Church's teaching and in conforming their lives to the moral teaching of the Church. Such persons **cannot receive Holy Communion** until their lives are reconciled with the Church.

Parish members entering the hospital or who are home-bound should contact the pastor or parish business office.

Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia parish members should contact the pastor.

No eulogies or public addresses by laity are permitted during funeral services.

Cremation is permitted but not encouraged. Ashes are not permitted in the church. Funeral services with the body of the deceased in the church must take place prior to cremation. Ashes are to be buried according to the burial rite of the Church. Ashes cannot be scattered or kept in homes.

Appropriate behavior and dress are required for all liturgical services. No audible conversations, or waving across the church. Electronic devices must be turned off. No food, candy, or gum chewing. Dress code is formal and modest for all services.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed every Friday. If this is not possible an equivalent

Grand Raffle Update

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 10th

Countdown - 14 Days

Grand Prize - \$5,000

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

	# of Tickets	Amount	%
Goal	350	\$35,000	100%
Sold	(281)	(\$28,100)	80.29%
Unsold	69	\$6,900	19.71%

LET'S FINISH STRONG!!! TRY TO SELL AT LEAST ONE MORE TICKET!!



Congratulations to all our Early Bird Winners!

\$250 - Matthew & Abbie Sheedy / Richard Palasz

\$150 - Withers Family / Keith Landovitz

\$100 - Jason & Courtney Smee / Rick Adamowski

“TICKET WARRIORS” - Parishioners (64%ers) who have already SOLD tickets

Richard & Bonny Adamowski, Kathleen Andrews, James & Stephanie Baran, Catherine Baranko, Larry & Lisa Bergman, Steve & Roberta Bieniek, Peter & Kristina Carmichael, Mary Cimbalista, Bill & Sandy Davis, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Kathy Diipla, Dennis Dombrowski, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Audrey Doshi, Deacon John & Laura Evancho, Jim Forkal, Rob & Debbie Gartshore, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Catherine Gazzolo, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Jim & Lois Greybar, Bill Gulas, George & Kim Gulas, Katie Gulas, Maria Gulas, Mary Ellen Haber, Bill & Mary Horne, Bob & Sheila Horne, Mary Ann Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Bill & Sue Izquierdo, Paul Kaderabek, Mary Kenes, Shirley Kotek, Ken & Karen Krown, Keith Landovitz, Larry & Debby Lattuca, Dan & Christine Lauffer, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Deborah Loftus Errthum, Marilyn Lopez, Patrick & Reba Lyon, Patrick & Teri Manaher, Julio & Sureia Martinez, Lisa Melnik, Jim & Sally Meseke, Maria Meseke, Cathy Miller, Diane Zelnick Milmont, Dennis Mrowca, Angelica Nolan, Stephen & Susan O'Brien, Cecelia Okonski, Jeff & Angela Okonski, John & Mary Oreluk, Johnny & Hazel Oreluk, Justin Orenic, Gary & Diane Packowski, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Gloria Paulson, Jack & Jamila Pawchak, Sonny Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Mark & Melissa Porfirio, Brian & Donna Rusnak, Joe Schudt, Gloria Selvy, Joan Senko, John Senko, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Smee, Jason & Courtney Smee, Daniel Snaidauf, Esther Thomas, Deacon Tim & Linda Tkach, Mike Triggs, Breshion & Krystal Tucker, Larry & Mary Ventrella, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske, Robert Zavada

Christmas on the Prairie

Saturday, December 9th



Calling all bakers...we are looking for cookies and small breads that we can sell at the cookie sale!

- +Make a couple dozen of your favorite Christmas cookie.
- +Please mark the type of cookie and if they have nuts in them.
- +Cookies can be dropped off in the downstairs kitchen.
- +We will make mixed boxes of the cookies to sell at the event.

ByzanTEENS

Sunday, Dec 3rd (*skit practice*)
& Sunday, Dec 10th
11:30am to 1:00pm

Family Catechesis

Sunday, December 17th
Noon - 1:30pm

Check out these
GREAT NEW
On-line Byzantine
Catechetical
Resources
from
God With Us Online

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GOD WITH US ONLINE
Eastern Catholic Formation

Free Family Formation

Presented by ECD-KIDS

DOWNLOADABLE MONTHLY LESSONS FOR ALL AGES BASED ON THE THEMES FOR THE CATECHETICAL YEAR!

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THE DWELLING PLACE
KIDS

Discovery & Discipleship

Eastern Catholic Formation

Christmas on the Prairie
Sat. Dec. 9, 2023
 2:00pm - 6:00pm

Annunciation Church
 14810 Will Cook Rd
 Homer Glen, IL 60491

FREE
indoor and outdoor family event

Fr. Tom Loya

- Homemade Christmas bake sale items
- Frontier era Christmas crafts for children
- Experience the beauty of a Byzantine Church
- Discover the real story of St. Nicholas on the prairie paths

Visit with St. Nicholas and get a ride on his horse drawn carriage
 For more details visit the events page at byzantinecatholic.com

SAVE THE DATE
 The Eleventh Annual Women's Retreat
 The Beatitudes: The Way of Life
 Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center
 Fremont, Ohio

February 16, 2024 - February 18, 2024
 Retreat Master: Father Lukas Mitro

Contact Susan A. Gallagher for further information
 419-626-0375
www.womenretreat2024@yahoo.com

Further details will follow
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The Third Annual Men's Retreat
SAVE THE DATE

From Fallen Passions to Apatheia:
 Pursuing the Virtuous Life

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center
 Fremont, Ohio
 March 15, 2024 - March 17, 2024

Retreat Master
 Father Thomas J Loya, STB, MA.

Contact Karl Busam for further information
karl.busam.77@gmail.com
 1-419-626-6811

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Not sure what to get or give someone for Christmas...

Why not consider one of these wonderful Retreats or Pilgrimages!!

This type of gift will feed the soul and have a longer lasting effect than most material gifts.

A BYZANTINE CATHOLIC RETREAT & PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE, MEXICO
APRIL 20-27, 2024

JOIN US
in celebrating the 125th anniversary of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana, with an eight-day retreat and pilgrimage to Mexico in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

\$3,250 per person
double occupancy

INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare from Chicago
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Entrance fees as per scheduled visits
- Private Divine Liturgies and services
- Four-star hotels in historic districts
- Professional English-speaking guide
- Land travel in air-conditioned motor coach
- Pilgrim prayer pack
- All tips and gratuities

Journey and pray with:

PILGRIMAGE LEADERS
 Laura & Andrew

RETREAT LEADER
 Fr. Thomas J. Loya

Fr. Andrew and Laura have been serving at St. Mary Church in Whiting since 2018 and have led three other pilgrimages. Fr. Tom is a renowned speaker and host of Light of the East.

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