

Faults of the Pharisee

Many are the faults of the Pharisee. First of all, he is boastful, and without sense, for he praises himself, even though the Sacred Scriptures cry aloud, "Let a neighbor praise you, and not your own mouth: a stranger and not your own lips" (Prov. 27:2). ... Our virtue, therefore, must not be contaminated with fault, but must be single-minded and blameless and free from all that can bring reproach. For what profit is there in fasting twice a week, if you so doing serve only as a pretext for ignorance and vanity, and if it makes you prideful, haughty and selfish? You tithe your possessions and make a boast of it; but in another way you provoke God's anger, by condemning men generally on this account and accusing others. And you yourself are puffed up, though not crowned by the divine decree for righteousness, but on the contrary, heap praises upon yourself. For I am not, he says, as the rest of mankind. Moderate yourself, O Pharisee: "Set a guard, O Lord, over your mouth, keep watch over the door of your lips" (Ps. 140:3).

You speak to God Who knows all things. Await the decree of the Judge. None of those skilled in the practice of wrestling ever crowns himself; nor does any man receive the crown of himself, but awaits the summons of the arbiter. Lower your pride, for arrogance is both accursed and hated by God. Although, therefore, you fast with puffed up mind, your so doing will not avail you; your labor will be unrewarded; for you have mingled dung with your perfume. Even according to the law of Moses a sacrifice that had a blemish was not capable of being offered to God; for it was said unto him, "Of sheep, and ox, that is offered for sacrifice, there must be no blemish therein" (Lev. 22:21). Since, therefore, your fasting is accompanied by pride, you must expect to hear God saying, this is not the fast that I have chosen (Cf Isa. 58:5) ... You offer tithes, but you wrong in another way Him Who is honored by you, in that you condemn men generally. This is an act foreign to the mind that fears God.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



Icon of the Publican and Pharisee



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January 21, 2024 - Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee Schedule of Services

Sunday	21	<u>Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	25	<u>Feast of St. Gregory the Theologian</u> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Donna & Mary Lou by Martha Loya
Saturday	27	<u>Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom</u> 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Mary Ellen Haber by Marianne Horvath 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	28	<u>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

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

Dot Wochok	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Home	Mary Ellen Haber	Bob Zavada
Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson	John Oreluk	Abbie Sheedy-wc	Michele Lewis
William Davis	Linda Tkach	Sally Hughes	Fr. Bernard Danber	Frank Milko
Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky	Jean Rusnak	Steve Bleniek	Gloria Selvy
Debby Lattuca	Teddy McManigal	John Super	Martha Loya	

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 penitential practice is to be observed.

Help us shower Teddy and the McManigal family with some LOVE!

Here are the few ways you can help:

1. Participate in the small raffle we will be holding for the next couple of weeks in the narthex.
2. Sign up to be a part of the Meal Train that will provide meals for the family. A link for this on-line app will be provided via email and on our Facebook page.
3. Give to his personal GoFundMe page. A link for this will also be available on our Facebook page and parish website.
4. Pray for this beautiful family as they face some very tough days ahead and put their trust in the One who makes all things possible!
5. Participate in one or both of the Super Bowl fundraisers listed below.

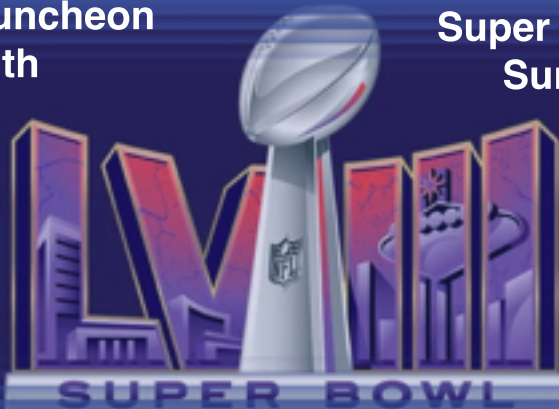


Souper Bowl Luncheon Sunday, Feb 11th

All you can eat
Soup & Salad Lunch

Adults: \$20
Children: \$5
(10 & under)

Hosted by:
The ByzanTEENS



Super Bowl Watch Party Sunday, Feb 11th

6:00 PM

Watch the BIG game
on our 85" BIG screen
TV while enjoying
game-time food.

Cost: \$30

A Mary's Helpers Trip Thursday, March 7th



Titanic the Exhibition is an interactive experience that tells the tale of the design, creation, launch, maiden voyage, and tragedy of the largest and most luxurious ship in the world at the time. Step inside vast, beautiful recreations of the ship's interior, hear music from the era, and immerse yourself in the story of the real passenger whose boarding pass you hold. You'll find relics that survived the sinking of the Titanic and items from her sister ships; then prepare to walk above the sea floor complete with sand and broken artifacts at the Discovery Gallery.

Admission Fee \$25

**Please sign up with Georgia this week,
so she can purchase tickets.**

Transportation will be provided via our new Mary's Helpers Bus

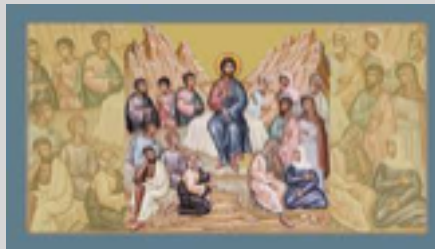


ByzanTEENS

Sunday, February 4th
11:30am to 1:00pm

Family Catechesis

Sunday, February 18th
Noon - 1:30pm



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: Fr. Lukas Mitro

Contact Susan A. Gallagher for further information
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419-626-0375

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**Full retreat schedule and registration forms
are now available in the business office.**

**There are still openings available for
this once in a life time Pilgrimage check
out our website for more details.**

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 Liso & Fr. Andrew Luytme



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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The Third Annual Men's Retreat

*From Fallen Passions to Apathia:
Pursuing the Virtuous Life*

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center
Fremont, Ohio

March 15, 2024-March 17, 2024

Retreat Master: Fr. Thomas J Loya, STB, MA

Contact Karl Busam for further information
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