

The Apostles' Call and Ours

But note both their faith and their obedience. For though they were in the midst of their work (and you know how time consuming a chore fishing is), when they heard His command they did not delay or procrastinate. They did not say, "Let us return home, and talk things over with our family." Instead, "they left everything behind and followed," even as Elisha did when he followed Elijah. For Christ seeks this kind of obedience from us, such that we delay not even for a moment, though something absolutely most necessary should vehemently press in on us.

St. John Chrysostom

The kingdom of heaven has no price tag on it. It is worth as much as you have. For Zacchaeus it was worth half of what he owned, because the other half that he had unjustly pocketed

he promised to restore four-fold. For Peter and Andrew it was worth the nets and vessel they had left behind; for the widow it was worth two copper coins; for another it was worth a cup of cold water. So, as we said, the kingdom of heaven is worth as much as you have.

St. Gregory the Great

Like Peter, Andrew, James and John, we have been called to discipleship. As such, we are given the name of "Christian." But are we conscious what that name stands for, what responsibility comes with it? It is more than just a title or a label. To be a disciple of Christ, to bear the name of Christian, compels us to take on the responsibility – regardless of the difficulty and cost – of living the Gospel every moment of our lives.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Call of the Apostles



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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June 2, 2024 2nd Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	2	<u>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	6	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Timothy Loya by Family
Saturday	8	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Laura & Mary Kizior by Laura Kizior 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	9	<u>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</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 Horne	Mary Ellen Haber	Reba Lyon-wc
Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson	John Oreluk	Michele Lewis	William Davis
Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko	Gloria Selvy	Ken Hrusosky	Fr. Bernard Danber
Ken Hrusosky	Kim Hughes	Lois Greybar	George Gulas	Dcn. John Evancho
Michaleen Forkal	Gary Dorencz	Bill Gulas	Mike Sheedy	Angela LaBanca-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 penitential practice is to be observed.



National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Kick-Off in Northwest Indiana

July 1, 2024

St. Mary's Byzantine Church

2011 Clark St., Whiting, IN 46394

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- 12 Noon** Church open for prayer with Confessions available in English and Spanish
- 6 p.m.** Prayer in the Byzantine Tradition
Speaker Mike Aquilina
Topic: *Like Lions Breathing Fire: The Early Christians and the Eucharist*
- 6:30 p.m.** Procession through Whiting
- 7:30 p.m.** Benediction with Bishop McClory at Whiting Lakefront Park
- 7:45 p.m.** Food, fellowship, music and dancing

**LEARN MORE
& REGISTER:**



dcgary.org/2024Pilgrimage

The Blessed Mother, the Most Holy Theotokos needs your help!

Her beloved grounds around our property have become over run by weeds. Please join us:

**Saturday, June 8th
11AM - 4PM**

to help get our award-winning property in tip-top shape for the summer.

Great event for our Young Adult Community!



Join us!

Blessed Family
MONTESSORI SCHOOL

FAMILY FEST

**Saturday, June 8th 2024
11am to 2pm**

To kick off the event, Mass will be celebrated at the Blessed J. Matulaitis Mission Church at 10:30 a.m. 14911 127th St. Lemont, IL

Immediately following, we welcome families to celebrate the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit with crafts, face painting, balloon animals, bake sale, raffles, games for the whole family and more!

Holy Spirit Crafts

Fun-Filled family games

Food

for more information visit
www.blessedfamilymontessori.org

Vacation Raffle Tickets

Blessed Family Montessori School is raffling a week-long vacation in a one-bedroom villa at the winner's choice of a Disney Resort: Vero Beach, Hilton Head Island, or Orlando. Winner can choose any week during the summer of 2025.

\$75/ticket

Tickets are available in the Business Office

ByzanTEEN Yard Sale

June 14th & 15th
8am - 3pm

Last day to donate items is
Sunday, June 9th!



We are now in preparation mode for the 25th Anniversary of our parish, which will be on May 14th, 2025. We plan to compose a historical video, host a celebration banquet, and spruce up the church and grounds for this momentous event. Fr. Loya will be approaching some of you to be on the Anniversary committee, however we do welcome any and all volunteers to be a part of this year of preparation.

 **Choir Practice**
Tuesday evenings
7pm to 9pm

Can You Walk the Walk? 4th Annual Byzantine Young Adults Retreat Thurs, July 25th - Sun, July 28th

St Mary's Byzantine Church
Marblehead, OH

Open to young adults between 18-35 years of age. Brochures are available in the office. Transportation will be provided by the parish bus and registration fee will be covered for parishioners. byzantineyoungadults.com

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, * and I will give you rest"
Matthew 11:28



Annual Byzantine Eparchial Women's Renewal

October 25-27, 2024

St. Francis Spirituality Center
Tiffin, OH 44883

Cost: \$200

Brochures are available
in the Business Office

Register Today!

AUGUST 11-16

FAMILY CAMP
CEDAR LAKE, IN



The Eparchy of Parma will be hosting another Family Camp this summer. It will be held in nearby Cedar Lake, IN.

Join us for a fun week of family activities and to meet other Byzantine Catholic families from around the country!

Registration is now available:
parma.org/family-camp