



Homily of St. John Chrysostom on Matthew 14

For together with the storm, the sight too troubled them, no less than the storm. Therefore neither did He remove the darkness, nor straightway make Himself manifest, training them, as I said, by the continuance of these fears, and instructing them to be ready to endure.

For since one cannot be tempted both for a long time and severely; when the righteous are on the point of coming to an end of their conflicts, He, willing them to gain the more, enhances their struggles. Which He did in the case of Abraham too, appointing for his last conflict that about his child. For thus even things intolerable will be tolerable, when they are so brought upon us, as

to have their removal near, at the very doors.

So did Christ at that time also, and did not discover Himself before they cried out. For the more intense their alarm, the more did they welcome His coming. Afterward when they had exclaimed, it is said,

“Straightway Jesus spoke unto them, saying, Be of good cheer, it is I; be not afraid.”

This word removed their fear, and caused them to take confidence. For as they knew Him not by sight, because of His marvellous kind of motion, and because of the time, He makes Himself manifest by His voice.

Icon of Jesus walking on water (Matthew 14:22-34)



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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July 21, 2024 9th Sunday After Pentecost- Schedule of Services

Sunday	21	9th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	25	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Deacon John Evancho by Ken & Karen Krown & Family
Saturday	27	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy +Lawrence & + Susan Mavec by Mary Ann & Shirley Ballak 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	28	10th 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:

Dot Wochok	Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Horne	Mary Ellen Haber
Reba Lyon-wc	Angela LaBanca-wc	Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson
John Oreluk	Michele Lewis	Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko
Ken Hrusosky	William Davis	Fr. Bernard Danber	Kim Hughes
George Gulas	Michaleen Forkal	Gary Dorencz	Mike Sheedy
Bob Zavada			

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.

A BYZANTINE CATHOLIC RETREAT & PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE, MEXICO

**NEW DATES
& PRICE**

NOVEMBER 9-15, 2024

JOIN US

We are celebrating the 125th anniversary of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana, with a seven-day retreat & pilgrimage to Mexico in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**\$2,950 per person
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- Pilgrim prayer pack
- All tips and gratuities

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Laura Iersci & Fr. Andrew Summerson



RETREAT LEADER
Fr. Thomas J. Loy

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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ST MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST JOSEPH
PRESENT:

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

CATHOLIC DAY AT PIEROGI FEST



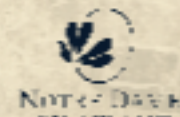
SPECIAL GUESTS

THE HILLBILLY THOMISTS

SCHEDULE

OUTDOOR LITURGY (MASS) WITH THE THOMISTS AT ST MARY: 10 A.M.
CONCERT WITH THE HILLBILLIES AT SHERIDAN STAGE: 12:30 P.M.
PIEROGIS WITH THE SAINTS: ALL DAY

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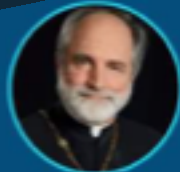
THEOLOGY ON TAP

7 PM - DOORS OPEN
7:15 PM - TALK BEGINS

Monday, July 22nd

Towards a REAL Eucharistic
Renewal: Retrieving a True
Eucharistic Worldview Within
Ourselves and in the Church

Fr. Thomas Loya



Monday, August 12th

God's Natural Design for Sexuality:
Why NFP Isn't Catholic Birth Control

Annie Norton



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Bishop Robert Pipta's Official Visit to Annunciation August 3rd & 4th



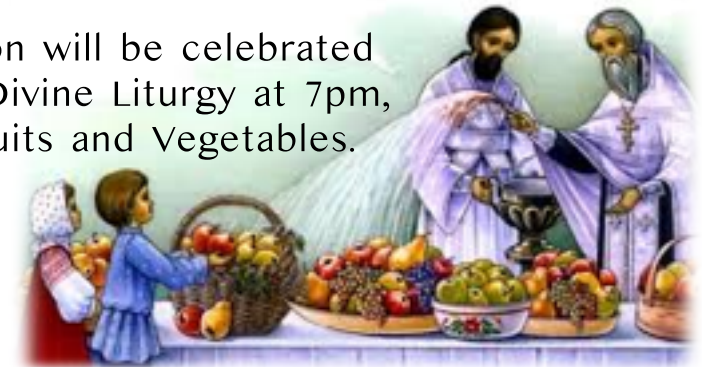
**Join us in welcoming our
new Bishop to Annunciation!**

His visit will include Vespers on Saturday evening at 5pm,
Divine Liturgy on Sunday at 10am and then a visit to our
Iowa Mission following the Divine Liturgy.

Since Bishop Robert will need to leave promptly after the
Sunday Divine Liturgy, we encourage you to attend Vespers
on Saturday evening where he will have more time to meet
and talk with our parish community.

Please mark your calendar as this will be an important weekend for Annunciation!

The Feast of the Transfiguration will be celebrated
on **Tuesday, August 6th** with Divine Liturgy at 7pm,
followed by the Blessing of Fruits and Vegetables.



This past week we buried, Deacon John Evancho, who served our
parish for many years prior to Covid. Deacon John was a very
humble man who enjoyed serving the Church and sharing the
beauty of our Byzantine tradition with the world around him. We
ask that you please remember in your prayers Deacon John, his
wife Laura, and their children. Our parish was blessed to have
him serve at the Altar and he will be greatly missed by many.

Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamyat!