

They Saw Because They Believed

At that point, two blind men follow the Lord as He was passing by. But if they could not see, how could the blind men know of the Lord's departure as well as His name? Moreover, they called him "Son of David" and asked to be made well. In the two blind men, the entire earlier pre-figuration is complete. The ruler's daughter seems to be from these people, namely, the Pharisees and John's disciples, who already made common cause in testing the Lord.

To these unknowing persons the law gave evidence as to the one from whom they sought a cure. It indicated to them that their Savior in the flesh was of the line of David. It also introduced light to the minds of those who

were blind from past sins. They could not see Christ but were told about Him.

The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, He offers them sight. And He charges the believers to be silent, for it was exclusively the task of the Apostles to preach.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing Two Blind Men (Matthew 9:27-35)



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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July 7, 2024 7th Sunday After Pentecost- Schedule of Services

Sunday	7	<u>7th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	11	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving - Fr. Thomas J. Loya's 42nd Anniversary of Ordination
Friday	12	9:00 PM Moleben (Prayer Services) Beginning of Symposium
Saturday	13	7:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +John & +Mary Makaloski by Mary Ann & Shirley Ballak 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	14	<u>Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils</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	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	Dcn. John Evancho	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.

Line-up of Summer Events



Friday, July 12 - Sunday, July 14

**Christ & the Cosmos:
A Symposium on the Absolute
Primacy of Jesus Christ**

Annunciation Parish

Cost: \$225

Use the QR Code to register:



Saturday, July 13 - 9:30AM - 2:00PM

Homer Glen Junior Women's Club Garden Walk

Tour Begins at Annunciation

Tickets: \$16 (on line) or \$20 (on site)

Use the QR Code to register:



Sunday, July 14 - 10AM - 4PM

Bishop Sheen Rally: Unpause the Cause

Annunciation Parish

For more information: fultonsheenmovement.com

Monday, July 22 - 7:00PM

Theology on Tap

Coom's Corner - Lockport, IL

Fr. Thomas Loya

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

Monday, August 5

Bishop's Golf Classic

Lost Marsh Golf Course - Hammond, IN

For more information email: jmatsko@parma.org

**Congratulations to Fr. Tom on his
42nd Anniversary of Priestly Ordination!
July 11th, 1982**

