

He Who is not With Me is Against Me

When our Lord spoke in parables, He often used allegory familiar to His listeners. In today's Gospel reading, the vineyard represents Israel; the vineyard owner represents God; and, the managers (the tenants) of the vineyard represent the political and religious leaders of the time. Just as the responsibility of the vineyard managers was to produce a profit for the vineyard owner, so was it the responsibility of the religious leaders in the time of Jesus to bring God's people to fruitfulness in knowing, loving and serving God. But, they failed in this, just as the vineyard managers in the parable failed to bring a profit to the vineyard owner.

In response to this, the vineyard owner sent his servants to the vineyard, just as God sent the prophets into the world. However, like the

prophets, the servants in the parable were rejected, mistreated, ignored, even killed. Finally, the vineyard owner sent his son to reason with the managers, but they killed him out of jealousy. Jesus, too, was rejected and ultimately crucified at the hands of devious and jealous men.

Are we, at times, like the managers of the vineyard who rejected the Son? How often do we knowingly distance ourselves from God and His commandments? There is a pride in the human heart that urges us to take control of our own lives even if it means disobedience to all that we know to be right and true. Our Lord tells us that "he who is not for Me is against Me." (Matthew 12:30) When we act in such a way we really are no different from the tenant farmers in the parable.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Wicked Tenant Farmers (Matthew 21:33-42)



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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 Deacon: J. Timothy Tkach

August 18, 2024 13th Sunday After Pentecost- Schedule of Services

Sunday	18	13th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	22	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Ray & +Adeline Brodzinski by Deacon Tim & Linda Tkach
Saturday	24	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Michael Budd by Martha Loya 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	25	14th 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	Gary Dorencz
Michele Lewis	Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko	Ken Hrusosky
Fr. Bernard Danber	Kim Hughes	George Gulas	Michaleen Forkal

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
double occupancy**

Book by September 15, 2024

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 Iersci & Fr. Andrew Summerston



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.

*Regina
Tours*

CONTACT:

Regina Tours
1-800-CATHOLIC (228-4654)
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avillegas@groupist.com
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St. Mary's 125th Jubilee Liturgy & Picnic Sunday, August 25th

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church warmly invites you to their concluding celebration of their 125th anniversary year! A suggested donation of \$15 will help them cover the cost of food & entertainment.

Saturday, Aug 24th

5PM - 7PM - All Night Vigil Service

Sunday, Aug 25th

11:45 Entrance & Vesting of the Bishop

Noon - Divine Liturgy

1:30PM - Festal Procession to Whiting Park

2PM - 5PM - Picnic at Whiting Park Pavilion

Entertainment includes live music by
John Pruzin & Region's Best,
Bingo, and a Jump House

St Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
2011 Clark St - Whiting, IN 46394



Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamyat!

We remember in our prayers Gloria Paulson from our parish who passed away this week.

Friday, August 23rd

Byzantine Parastas Service - 4:30PM
Leonard Funeral Home
565 Duane St - Glen Ellyn, IL

Saturday, August 24th

Funeral Service - 10:00AM
St James the Apostle Latin Rite Church
480 S Park Blvd - Glen Ellyn, IL
Interment Service
Mt. Calvary Cemetery
Lockport, IL

Fr. Bruce will lead the Byzantine Parastas service as Fr. Tom will be celebrating funeral services for a relative in Pennsylvania during these same days.

For more information about Gloria's funeral go to:
leonardmemorialhome.com



Annunciation Parish Cemetery

Mount Calvary Cemetery

**18000 Rosalind St
Lockport, IL**

Cemetery Plot

\$1,500

Cremation Burial

\$450 (Mon-Fri)

\$550 (Sat)

\$650 (Sun & Holidays)

Perpetual Care to Church

\$200

Grave Digger Cost

Full burial; dig, fill & come back to sod/seed

\$900 (Mon-Fri)

\$1,000 (Sat)

\$1,100 (Sun & Holidays)

Grave Digger Contact

Pelzman Cemetery Services
Larry Pelzman - 815-685-3064

Annunciation's 2024 Raffle

Sunday, December 15th

Grand Prize: \$5,000

Early Bird Drawings

Sundays, October 6th & November 10th

Make sure to pick up your tickets from the narthex and get them back so you don't miss out on any of the drawings! Each ticket has three chances to WIN if returned by October 6th.

**90th Annual Pilgrimage
In honor of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

**Sat, Aug 31st &
Sun, Sept 1st**



**Theotokos:
Our Rock, Our Refuge,
and Our Strength
Celebrating 90 Years of Grace**

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