

How Often Shall I forgive?

When Peter asked Him whether he should forgive his brother sinning against him up to seven times, the Lord replied, "Not up to seven times but up to seventy times seven times." In every way He teaches us to be like Him in humility and goodness. In weakening and breaking the impulses of our rampant passions He strengthens us by the example of His leniency; by granting us in faith pardon of all our sins. For the vices of our nature did not merit pardon. Therefore, all pardon comes from Him. In fact, He pardons even those sins that remain in one after confession.

The penalty to be paid through Cain was established at sevenfold, but that sin was against a man, against his brother Abel, to the point of murder. But with Lamech the penalty was established at seventy times seven times, and, as

we believe, the penalty was established on those responsible for the Lord's Passion. But the Lord through the confession of believers grants pardon for this crime. By the gift of baptism He grants the grace of salvation to His revilers and persecutors. How much more is it necessary; He shows, that pardon be returned by us without measure or number. And we should not think how many times we forgive, but we should cease to be angry with those who sin against us, as often as the occasion for anger exists. Pardon's frequency shows us that in our case there is never a time for anger, since God pardons us for all sins in their entirety by His gift rather than by our merit. Nor should we be excused from the requirement of giving pardon that number of times (i.e., seventy times seven), since through the grace of the gospel God has granted us pardon without measure.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:23-35)



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August 4, 2024 11th Sunday After Pentecost- Schedule of Services

Sunday	4	11th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Tuesday	6	Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord (Solemn Holy Day) 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +John Oreluk by Jim Sima ~Harvest Blessing of Fruits and Vegetables~
Thursday	8	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Deacon John Evancho by The Lewis Family
Saturday	10	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Alex Soley by The Forkal Family 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	11	12th 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 Home	Mary Ellen Haber
Reba Lyon-wc	Angela LaBanca-wc	Francis Hughes	Gloria Paulson
Michele Lewis	Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko	Ken Hrusosky
Fr. Bernard Danber	Kim Hughes	George Gulas	Michaleen Forkal
Gary Dorencz			

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 Summerason



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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A Message from Fr. Bruce Riebe

My six months with you have drawn to a close. Tomorrow my ministry takes me to the Iowa Outreach in Muscatine. It remains an “outreach” of Annunciation so technically I’m still your Parochial Vicar. However, I will be residing in an empty Roman Catholic rectory in Mechanicsville about one hour from Muscatine. The assignment is for eleven months with a focus on community growth.

I want to give thanks for your kind welcome during my stay here. Annunciation Church has many positive attributes in addition to a beautiful church edifice and peaceful grounds. Truly one of our top parishes with amazing potential for continued growth. I also want to thank Fr. Tom for his gracious hospitality and openness to my presence during this stretch of time. I was able to witness the tireless effort he puts forth on a daily basis for the betterment of God’s Glory.

Finally, I ask for your prayers. The assignment will be challenging in many respects. May God’s Will be done!

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Bruce Riebe





Eparchy of Parma's
Annual Marian Pilgrimage to
Our Lady of Mariapoch Shrine

August 17th & 18th
Burton, Ohio

Bishop Robert Pipta will give a talk on Eucharistic Renewal at 1:30pm on Sunday and will also be the Main Celebrant and Homilist at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, Aug 18th at 3PM**

Feast of the Transfiguration
Tuesday, August 6th

It is our custom on the Feast of the Transfiguration to bless Fruits and Vegetables at the Divine Liturgy. The blessing of fruits, as well as vegetables, on this day is one very beautiful custom of our Holy Church. The practice signifies the final transfiguration of all things in Christ our Savior. During the first week of August, the farmers would gather the first fruits of their summer harvest and offer thanks to God by offering them to the Church to be blessed. They would then give them to the faithful present at the Divine Liturgy as a blessing upon them.



We have begun a two-week penitential fasting period in preparation for the **Feast of the Dormition** on August 15th. The traditional fast includes abstaining from meat and dairy on weekdays, Monday-Friday. Please consider dedicating this fasting period for those who need healing or who are troubled for we lay these burdens down at Our Mother's feet.

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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