

Not the Seed at Fault, but Ourselves

The parable of the sower and the seed could also be called the parable of the fate of the word of God in human hearts. It is very simple, clear and easy to understand. There is no mistaking its meaning.

There is also no mistaking Jesus' love and concern for His people. It must have been very frustrating and disappointing for Him to go from village to village and bring them grace and salvation only to find that His words were falling on deaf ears and cold hearts.

It is with this pain and concern for souls that He tells this beautiful parable. This is also why He cried out many times at the end of His parables, "He who has ears to hear, let

him hear." Yet He continued on, patiently teaching, sowing the seed of truth and praying that it will take root and bring forth fruit.

When hearing this parable, do not these thoughts strike us: "How has the seed, the word of God, taken root in our souls? What is the fate of Christ's teaching in our hearts? What type of soil have we cultivated for God's word? Are our hearts cold, stony, filled with weeds and thorns?"

We cannot blame anyone but ourselves if the teachings of Jesus are not reflected in our lives. It is not the seed which is at fault, only ourselves.

SUNDAY OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of Christ as the Sower (Luke 8:5-15)



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council Schedule of Services

Sunday	13	<u>Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	17	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Mary K. Kenes by Nancy & Ken Saliga
Saturday	19	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy +Deacon John Evancho by Deacon Tim & Linda Tkach 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	20	<u>22nd 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 Home	Mary Ellen Haber
Reba Lyon-wc	Francis Hughes	Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis
Jean Rusnak	Frank Miko	Ken Hrusosky	Fr. Bernard Danber
Kim Hughes	George Gulas	Mike Sheedy	

We Pray for the Catechumens in our parish:

Patrick Doogan	Jeremy Pinkowski
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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.

Grand Raffle Update

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 10th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 15th

Countdown - 64 Days

Grand Prize - \$5,000

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Keep up the good efforts...Don't stop now!

	# of Tickets	Amount	%
Goal	350	\$35,000	100%
Sold	(234)	(23,400)	66.86%
Unsold	116	\$11,600	33.14%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ



Congratulations to our 1st Early Bird Winners!

Gary & Sharon Dorencz - \$250

Barbara Senko - \$150 / Nicki Anderson - \$100

"TICKET WARRIORS" - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Kathleen Andrews, James & Stefanie Baran, Catherine Baranko, Stephen & Karen Beardsley, Lisa & Larry Bergman, Steve & Roberta Bieniek, Mark & Anna Chagnon, Mary Cimbalista, Bill & Sandy Davis, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Audrey Yoshi, Jim Forkal, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Jim & Lois Greybar, Bill Gulas, George & Kim Gulas, Maria Gulas, Bill & Mary Horne, Bob & Sheila Horne, MaryAnn Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Bill & Susan Izquierdo, Paul Kaderabek, Laura Kizior, Shirley Kotek, Ken & Karen Krown, Keith Landovitz, Larry & Debby Lattuca, Marilyn Lopez, Patrick & Teri Manaher, Lisa Melnik, Jim & Sally Meseke, John Meseke, Maria Meseke, Cathy Miller, Dennis Mrowca, Stephen & Susan O'Brien, Cecelia Okonski, John & Hazel Oreluk, Mary Oreluk, Gary & Diane Paczkowski, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Jack & Jamila Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Lea Rodbarry, Joseph & Jean Schudt, Joan Senko, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Mee, Jason & Courtney Smee, Daniel Snidauf, Justin & Suzanne Stawychny, Joel & Madeleine Super, Esther Thomas, Dcn Tim & Linda Tkach, Mike Triggs, Breshion & Krystal Tucker, Larry & Mary Ventrella, Bill & Nancy Withers, Andrew Wood, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske

"Being Stewards of God's Creation"



Family/Adult Catechesis Sunday, October 20th

11:30AM - Family Potluck

12:15PM - Catechesis for Adults and Children

All are welcome to attend these classes

GUEST SPEAKER KIM ZEMBER

A POWERFUL TESTIMONY ON GOD'S LOVE

Kim Zember shares her personal testimony of surrendering an LGBT identity in pursuit of Jesus and the greater love she has found in Him. Kim has appeared on countless programs such as Pints with Aquinas, EWTN, The Lila Rose Show, Catholic Answers, Ascension Presents, SEEK, TBN, Encounter Ministries, CBN, 700 Club and more.

When Kim is not at home in the United States, she is most likely found at her mission base in Ethiopia surrounded by all children of Unforgotten Faces. For more information visit: www.BoldlyBeloved.com



Tuesday, Oct. 15th @ 7pm

Visitation Catholic Church
779 S York St, Elmhurst, IL 60126



MORE INFORMATION #815-221-6150

ByzanTEEN Schedule

Our ByzanTEEN meetings will be on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from **6:30PM - 8:00PM**

This year we welcome, Nick & Claire Resuta who will be joining our ministry team by helping with the ByzanTEENS. Come out and meet them at our first meeting scheduled for October 8th!

(Please note the October schedule will be slightly different due to the feast day and the special outing)

Oct 15th - Special Outing to hear speaker Kim Zember

Oct 29th

Nov 5th

Nov 19th

Dec 3rd

Dec 14th

Christmas on the Prairie

Dec 17th - Movie Night

How to Vote as a Catholic

How does a Catholic know if a candidate can earn their vote? Catholics must apply moral principles to real issues that are non-negotiable and cast their vote accordingly. Below, you can find the non-negotiable issues and principles by which Catholics must vote.

“The Church’s teaching is clear that a good end does not justify an immoral means. As we all seek to advance the common good-by defending the inviolable sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death, by promoting religious freedom, by defending marriage, by feeding the hungry and housing the homeless, by welcoming the immigrant and protecting the environment - it is important to recognize that not all possible courses of action are morally acceptable. We have a responsibility to discern carefully which public policies are morally sound. Catholics may choose different ways to respond to compelling social problems, be we cannot differ on our moral obligation to help build a more just and peaceful world through morally acceptable means, so that the weak and vulnerable are protected and human rights and dignity are defended.”

Paragraph 20 from Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB

Issues that are non-negotiable for Catholics

All references to CCC refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Respecting Human Life: Evil acts, by which human life is violated or disrespected, are listed below in order of importance and based on current issues in the United States:

- 1. Abortion and Euthanasia** - These actions directly take the life of an innocent human being and therefore are the most grave evils. (see CCC 2270 and 2277)
- 2. Embryonic Stem Cell Research and Human Cloning** - These actions manipulate human life and directly interfere with God’s plan for human beings. (see CCC 2295)
- 3. Same-sex Marriage** - This violates God’s original plan for man and woman, beginning with the creation of Adam and Eve, and His plan for the structure of the family, upon which society is built. (see CCC 2357)

Upholding Religious Freedom: Without religious freedom we are unable to worship God according to His will and teachings made present to us through the Catholic Church. (see CCC 2108)

Upholding the Education of Children: Government and school must never interfere with the role of parents in educating their children. They are there to protect the freedoms of parents and their children and to support families in making the best decisions for their children. (see CCC 2221, 2229)

Rejecting Socialism/Marxism: This ideology when implemented degrades the worker and creates environments where individual autonomy is violated. It also allows for government to take a tyrannical role in the name of protecting citizens rather than upholding the rights of citizens. (see CCC 2425, 2428, 2429)

Principles and applying them to the issues

- 1. Not all evils are equal (CCC 1854).** For example, there are many ways that human life can be harmed but the most evil are those that directly take the life of another, such as abortion and euthanasia. Thus, if a candidate supports abortion but is against racism and promotes the protection of the environment, a Catholic cannot vote for this candidate because the candidate supports the more grave evil against human life (abortion > racism or hurting the environment).
- 2. It is a sin to vote for a candidate who will advance grave evils** (see the grave evil issues that our country is currently dealing with in the previous box under **Issues**) (CCC 1761).
- 3. Catholics must vote for a candidate who does more good than evil and who intends only the good (CCC 1752).** Catholics can vote for a candidate if **a)** the intention of the vote is to advance good and mitigate evil and **b)** the good effects of the vote are proportionate to the evil effects.
- Catholics can’t vote for the lesser of two evils. **Catholics can never do an action for the sake of evil, even if it is the lesser evil.** When given a choice, Catholics are required to vote for a candidate who will mitigate the evil of the other candidate even if he/she holds problematic positions, which nonetheless are not as evil as his/her opponents (CCC 1759). For example, the reason you should vote for a candidate who doesn’t support abortion but supports racism, should not be for the reason that they support racism. Your reason for voting for this person can only be that the other candidate support abortion and thus by voting for the one who doesn’t support abortion you would be trying to stop the candidate who supports abortion. This should be your reason for voting this way, and not to vote based on the fact that racism is the lesser evil.
- 5. Catholics can vote for a candidate who will produce both good and evil effects.** What Catholics must consider is the degree of evil or good a candidate will advance compared to the other candidates (CCC 2263)

Mary's Helpers Trip

Friday, October 18th - 9:00AM



Join our Mary's Helpers group as they make a pilgrimage to see the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Westmont.

The bus will leave Annunciation at 9:00AM to arrive in Westmont for the Rosary at 10AM. After having some time for personal prayer, the group will have lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Annunciation.

See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Georgia for more information about this trip.

Arboretum Visit

Monday, October 21st
9:30AM

Anyone interested in a visit to Morton Arboretum? We will have a drive through the grounds and then have lunch in the café. Never sure how the colors will be but the visit is always fun. There is a fee for entrance and lunch is on your own. There will also be time for a walk, if you're interested.

See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Georgia for more information about this trip.

Come and enjoy a homemade

POTATO PANCAKE & SOUP

Dinner

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 25

4:30-7 P.M.

\$15 Adult
\$5 Children 12 & under

ALL YOU CAN EAT
INCLUDES BREAD, DESSERT & BEVERAGE
CASH & CREDIT ACCEPTED
TAKEOUT AVAILABLE
NUT ROLL FOR SALE!

Location:
St Mary's Banquet Hall
2002 Davidson Place
Whiting, Indiana
stmarywhiting.org