

Physicians Who Work for Free

On November 1st, we celebrate the feast of two remarkable brothers who lived during the early years of the Christian Church. Cosmas and Damian were born of wealthy parents in Asia Minor who gave their sons the best education in the Roman Empire.

They were interested in medicine and became physicians at an early age. During this same time, the two brothers also became Christians. Their unique combination of medicine and prayer attracted the attention of many. Through their commitment to Christ they endeavored to become healers not only of the body, but of the soul as well. Consequently, their fame spread and they soon developed a reputation as being miracle-workers who could heal with an herb as well as with a prayer.

About this same time, the brothers made a

most unique pledge: they pledged not to take any money for their services. They healed thousands of people from diseases of body and soul and never accepted anything for their efforts. Their reputation spread even more rapidly as they became known as “unmercenaries” – someone who does not expect payment of any kind in return for services rendered.

In a sense, each of us can become unmercenaries in the same spirit as were Saints Cosmas and Damian. Each of us can freely give something of ourselves without expecting anything in return. Perhaps we can give our time to a person in need without expecting an equal favor in return. Perhaps we can freely give advice without being offended if it is not followed. Or, perhaps we can give the gift of forgiveness without receiving an apology in return.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing the Gadarene Demoniacs (Luke 8:26-39)



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Bruce Riebe

Deacon: J. Timothy Tkach

October 27, 2024 23rd Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	27	<u>23rd Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	31	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Michaeleen Forkal by Lynn & Ned Grabavoy
Saturday	2	<u>Feast of Holy Priest Martyr Theodore Romza</u> 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Joseph & Mary Jursinic by Mary Ann & Shirley Ballak 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	3	<u>24th 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	Debby Lattuca

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.



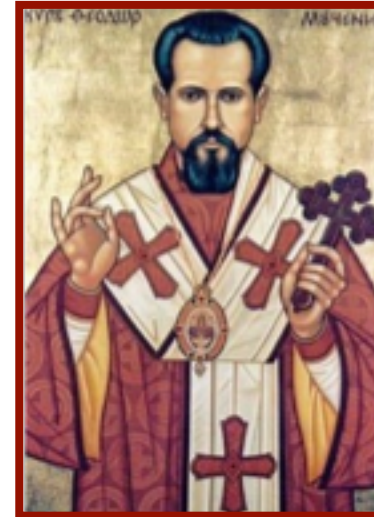
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Blessed Theodore Romža - Martyr October 31st



In the fall of 1945, Soviet authorities began the official liquidation of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Mukachevo. Rather than flee, Bishop Romzha decided to fight. Although the Soviet authorities confiscated his car, he traveled long distances by horse and buggy, just to reassure his faithful and to encourage them to persevere until death, saying, "They are taking from us our own priests and churches, but they will never be able to take away our faith from us." During these extensive and dangerous visitations, Bishop Romzha tried to sustain the faith of the weak, to reassure the wavering, and to plead with those intimidated: "Faith is our greatest treasure on this earth. To preserve our faith, we must even be ready to lay down our life. If we must die, then let us die as true martyrs, defending our faith. One

thing is sure: that we never will abandon our faith nor betray our Church." He was sustained by his unshakeable confidence in God's Providence; and down deep in his courageous heart he vividly felt the protection of the Theotokos, the Mother of God. There was no power that could shake his loyalty to the Holy See; in his mind there was only "one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church," and for this truth, Bishop Romzha was ready to sacrifice his own life.

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You can find Fr. Tom's long-running radio program, "Light of the East" on this website.



**The Twelfth Annual Women's Retreat
SAVE THE DATE**

Our Lord Jesus Christ: The Path to the Father

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center
Fremont, Ohio

March 7, 2025 - March 9, 2025

Retreat Master: Fr. Jan Maturkanic

Contact Joan Washburn for further information
stmarybhdwomensretreat@gmail.com
865-696-7809

Further details will follow
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**The Fourth Annual Men's Retreat
SAVE THE DATE**

The Beatitudes: The Way of Life

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center
Fremont, Ohio

March 14, 2025-March 16, 2025

Retreat Master: Fr. Lukas Mitro

Contact Karl Busam for further information
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419-626-6811

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St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
bookkeeper@seseton.com
(219) 464-1624 x221
Attn: Mary

Grand Raffle Update

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 10th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 15th

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	(256)	(25,600)	73.14%
Unsold	94	\$9,400	26.86%

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, Mary Ellen Haber, 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, Deborah Loftus Errthum, 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, Sonny Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Frank & Kathy Reinhardt, Lea Rodbarry, Mari Ruzich, Joseph & Jean Schudt, Joan Senko, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Mee, Jason & Courtney Smea, Daniel Snaidau, 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, Zran Zeimetz



Christmas on the Prairie Saturday, December 14th

Only 48 days until St. Nicholas Arrives!!

Help us make Christmas on the Prairie the best one yet!!

This event is an opportunity to show the community all the riches our parish has to offer. To make this event great, we could use your help in just a few ways.



1. Bake cookies and small breads that we can sell at the cookie sale!



2. Consider volunteering at one of the craft stations or in the kitchen. See or call Catherine if you are interested in helping out the day of the event.
708-653-8344



3. Tell friends, family or a group you belong to about this FREE Family event! Let's share the beauty of our faith with those around us!



Christmas on the Prairie

Sat. Dec. 14, 2024
2:00pm - 6:00pm

Annunciation Church
14610 Will Cook Rd
Homer Glen, IL 60491

FREE

indoor and
outdoor
family event



Ft. Tom Loya



- Homemade Christmas bake sale items
- Frontier era Christmas crafts for children
- Experience the beauty of a Byzantine Church
- Discover the real story of St. Nicholas on the prairie paths

Visit with St. Nicholas and get a ride on his horse drawn carriage

For more details visit the events page at byzantinecatholic.com