

### *Publican and Pharisee: Humility vs Self-Righteousness*

This parable represents to us two chariots on the race course, each with two charioteers in it. In one of the chariots it places righteousness with pride, in the other sin and humility. You see the chariot of sin outstrip that of righteousness, not by its own strength but by the excellence of humility combined with it, but the other is defeated not by righteousness, but by the weight and swelling of pride.

For as humility by its own elasticity rises above the weight of pride, and leaping up reaches to God, so pride by its great weight easily depresses righteousness. Although therefore you are earnest and constant in well doing, yet think you may boast yourself, you are altogether devoid of the fruits of prayer. But you that bears a thousand loads of guilt on your conscience, and only

think this thing of yourself that you are the lowest of all men, shall gain much confidence before God.

And He then goes on to assign the reason of His sentence. For every one who exalts himself shall be abased, and he that humbles himself shall be exalted. The word humility has various meanings. There is the humility of virtue, as, a humble and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. There is also a humility arising from sorrows, as, He has humbled my life upon the earth. There is a humility derived from sin, and the pride and insatiability of riches. For can anything be more low and debased than those who grovel in riches and power, and count them great things?

*Saint John Chrysostom*

## SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE



*Icon of the Publican and Pharisee*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### February 9, 2025 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Schedule of Services

<b>Sunday</b>	9	<b><u>Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee</u></b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
<b>Thursday</b>	13	<b><u>Feast of Death of Cyril Apostle to Slavs</u></b> <i>(Transferred from Friday)</i> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Mary K. Kenes by Betty Pawlowski
<b>Saturday</b>	15	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Gloria Paulson by Marianne Horvath  5:00 PM Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	16	<b><u>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</u></b> 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
Francis Hughes	Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes
Frank Miko	Ken Hrusosky	Fr. Bernard Danber	Mike Sheedy
Linda Tkach	Gary Paczkowski	Aida McManigal-wc	Anna Chagnon-wc

## 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.





RUN TO THE POT O' GOLD  
 IN SUPPORT OF OUR STUDENTS!

**SHAMROCK SHUFFLE 5K**

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 | 9:00AM  
 EVEREST ACADEMY LEMONT  
 11550 BELL RD | SCAN TO RSVP ->




**A Mary's Helpers  
 Valentine Luncheon**

Tuesday, Feb 11th  
 NOON

Join us for an afternoon of food,  
 fellowship and fun. We will meet  
 in the Narthex/Agape Room for  
 lunch and will enjoy the afternoon  
 together working on a special  
 craft project.

See Georgia for more information

**The 12th Annual Women's Retreat**

*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

Brochures are available in the Narthex  
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**The Fourth Annual Men's Retreat**

*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  
 karl.busam.77@gmail.com  
 419-626-6811

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**Family/Adult  
 Catechesis**

Sunday, February 16th  
 Noon - 1:30pm

Family/Adult Catechesis is a time for our parish family to grow in their faith and fellowship. We begin with a Potluck following Divine Liturgy and then divide up adults and children into separate groups for lessons to strengthen the understanding of our faith and especially the Byzantine Church. **All are welcome** including Young Adults and those without children.

# *Photos from* **25 Years of Annunciation**

We plan to create a video to celebrate our 25th Anniversary and want to showcase photos of parish life and liturgy over the past 25 years.

Please share your photos from baptisms, weddings, holy days, and events like Prairie Fest and Christmas on the Prairie.

## *Ways to Share:*

### **Physical Photos**

We will scan your photos and get them back to you as soon as possible.

Place multiple photos together in a ziploc bag. Attach a post-it and note:

- Your name
- Phone number or email
- Information about the photos: who is in the photo, about what year it was taken, and any other helpful information (for example, what parish event the photo was taken at)

### **Online Form**

Upload photos to an online form at [bit.ly/4g2xsjW](https://bit.ly/4g2xsjW) or scan QR code:



### **Email**

Email photos to Lea at [la.rod Barry@yahoo.com](mailto:la.rod Barry@yahoo.com). Include the info listed above.

### **Other**

Call or text Lea (630-589-2069) and we'll arrange something!

## **Soup and Salad Luncheon**

**Sunday, February 16th, 2023**

**11:30AM - 2:30PM**

### **Cost**

Adult Menu - \$15

Children - \$7.50  
(12 - 6)

\*5 & under are FREE

**All you can eat  
Soup & Salad**



Proceeds from this meal will support the work done by the St. Nicholas Apostolate at St. Michael's Byzantine parish in Merrillville, IN

**St. Michael Byzantine Parish**  
**557 W 57th Ave - Merrillville, IN 46410**

