

Exalting the Cross

For each of us, salvation means no more and no less than taking up daily the same cross of Christ, accepting each day what it brings as the will of God, offering back to God each morning all the joys, works, and sufferings of that day. But those are abstract words. What it means, in practice, is spelled out as always by the poor old body. It means getting up each morning and going to bed exhausted. It means the routine, not the spectacular. It can mean drudgery, pain, putting aside pleasures, happiness, or the love the human heart craves until another time, so that what is necessary at the moment can be done.

It means working for others, touching the lives of others, through the medium of the body. How many times, tired and worn

out and near collapse from the slave labor conditions of the camps, did I think I could not ask another step of the body, did I think in pain and irony of those words "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak"? Truly, man is a creature composed of body and soul, and we work out our salvation in this vale of tears through the medium of the flesh.

It is the first gift God and our parents fashion for us; it sustains and supports us through a long life and makes possible both joys and sorrows; and when at last we are parted from it in death, it surely deserves whatever rest it can get before it rises to be glorified at the last judgment.

Father Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Holy Apostle Codratus and Jonah the Prophet -- September 21st



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September 21, 2025 Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Schedule of Services

Sunday	21	<u>Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Tuesday	23	<u>Feast of the Conception of John the Baptist</u> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - + Michael & +Ellen Forkal by Jim Forkal & family
Thursday	25	<u>Vigil for the Feast of the Passing of John the Apostle</u> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +William & +Theresa Dranchak by +Mary Ann & Shirley Ballak
Saturday	27	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +George Gulas & +Charles Brown by Maria Gulas 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	28	<u>16th 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	Francis Hughes
Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky
Mitchell Stachnik	Jim Sima	Lynn Grabavoy	Marilyn Lopez

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

1st Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, October 5th

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 16th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 14th

Countdown - 90 Days

Grand Prize - \$5,000

RAFFLE TICKET SALES UPDATE

Keep up the good efforts...

Dont' stop now!

	# of Tickets	Amount	%
Goal	350	\$35,000	100%
Sold	(109)	(10,900)	31.14%
Unsold	241	\$24,100	68.86%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ

“TICKET WARRIORS” - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Larry & Lisa Bergman, David & Anne Bzdill, Mary Cimbalista, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Jim Forkal, Linda Gaydos, Drs. Nicholas & Cynthia Grabavoy, Bob & Sheila Horne, MaryAnn Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Marilyn Lopez, John Meseke, Dennis & Cynthia Mrowca, Angelica Nolan, Cecelia Okonski, Johnny & Hazel Oreluk, Mary Oreluk, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Jack & Jamila Pawchak, Sonny Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Joseph & Jean Schudt, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Gloria Mee, Mike Triggs, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Jesus Christ Our Hope!



“Christian hope is like an anchor that grounds our hearts in the promise of the Lord Jesus. The theme of HOPE encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the HOPE he provides.”

-Pope Leo XIV

Hope is one of the great gifts of the Holy Spirit given to Christians, and it is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ and lived in our charity empowered by the Holy Spirit. This year, the whole Catholic Church continues to celebrate the Jubilee of Hope under Pope Leo XIV, as a reminder of our call to be “pilgrims of hope,” living lives according to the greatness of our calling heard in the Gospel.

Family/Adult Catechesis

The third Sunday of each month following Divine Liturgy

11:30AM - Family Potluck

12:15PM - Catechesis for Adults and Children

First class will be Sunday, October 19th

All adults are welcome to join these classes, you do not need to be married or have children to participate.

This year, Fr Tom will be working with the boys (all ages) and Catherine and team will be working with the girls. The adults sessions will be led by various guest speakers.

You can also find monthly lessons at:

godwithusoneline.org



Sunday, October 5
2:00pm - 3:30pm

Tinley / Orland Park
Our spot is on the North side of 159th St
by Home Depot, west of the stop light

LIFE CHAIN is an annual, nationwide, peaceful, prayerful hour of silence on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life. Many thousands of churches participate each year in this annual event of prayer and witness to the sanctity of unborn life.



Fall Grounds Keeping Day!

Saturday, October 11th

10:00AM - 3:00PM

Join us as we tackle a few areas on the property that need some extra tender-loving care! Help us prepare the property for the coming winter months, do a little clean up. This would be a great father-son activity as the big project we have scheduled is going to need a little muscle. We will also have some fall food favorites on hand for a hardy lunch.



Broken Mary: The Kevin Matthews Story

Some things break slowly. Other shatter in an instant.

When his health crumbles and his fame begins to fade, radio legend Kevin Matthew finds redemption next to a dirty dumpster - from an unlikely source: a statue of the Virgin Mary.

Annunciation has purchased 17 tickets for the 6:50pm show at Marcus Orland Park Cinemas

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to reserve your seat

Watch the official trailer and get tickets at www.brokenmaryfilm.com

If you cannot make it to Orland Park on October 7th check out other local theaters who are playing this film on October 7th.