

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Holy Prophet Joel -- October 19th

### *Prayer is Answering the Word of God*

*Isidore said:*

'Anyone who wants to be always united to God must pray often and read the Bible often. For in prayer it is we who are speaking to God, but in the readings it is God speaking to us.'

'All spiritual progress is based on reading and meditation. What we do not know, we learn in the reading; what we have learned, we preserve by meditation. Reading the Bible provides us with a two-fold advantage. It instructs our minds, and introduces us to the love of God by taking our attention off vanities.'

'None can understand the meaning of the Bible if they do not acquire familiarity with it through the habit of Bible reading.'

*Augustine said:*

'Nourish your soul with Bible reading. It will prepare a spiritual feast for you.'

*Jerome said:*

'Anyone who is assiduous in reading the Word of God becomes weary while reading, but afterwards is happy because the bitter seeds of the reading produce sweet fruits in the soul.'

'Let us study while we are on earth that Reality which will stay in our minds also when we are in heaven.'

*Defensor Grammaticus (ca. 7th century)*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### October 19, 2025 19th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	19	<b>19th Sunday After Pentecost</b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	23	<b>Feast of James the Apostle-Brother of the Lord</b> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Gloria Selvy by Joan Senko
Saturday	25	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Betty by Kathleen Andrews 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	26	<b>20th Sunday After Pentecost</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	Francis Hughes
Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky
Marilyn Lopez	Bill Davis	Richard Adamowski	

### 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 16th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 14th

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	(225)	(22,500)	64.29%
Unsold	125	\$12,500	35.71%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ



## Congratulations to our 1st Early Bird Winners!

Bob Horne - \$250

Mary Oreluk - \$150 / Kathleen Reinhardt - \$100

## "TICKET WARRIORS" - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Richard & Bonnie Adamowski, Kathleen Andrews, Catherine Baranko, Larry & Lisa Bergman, David & Anne Bzdill, Mary Cimbalista, Bill & Sandy Davis, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Tim Dominick, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Audrey Doshi, Jim Forkal, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Catherine Gazzolo, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Drs. Nicholas & Cynthia Grabavoy, Jim & Lois Greybar, Bill Gulas, George & Kim Gulas, Maria Gulas, Mary Ellen Haber, Bil & Mary Horne, Bob & Sheila Horne, MaryAnn Horne, Marianne Horvath, Ken & Donna Hrusosky, Bill & Susan Izquierdo, Paul Kaderabek, Laura Kizior, Shirley Kotek, Ken & Karen Krown, Larry & Debby Lattuca, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Marilyn Lopez, John Meseke, Maria Meseke, Dennis & Cynthia Mrowca, Angelica Nolan, Cecelia Okonski, Johnny & Hazel Oreluk, Mary Oreluk, Gary & Diane Paczkowski, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Jack & Jamila Pawchak, Sonny Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Frank & Kathy Reinhardt, Joseph & Jean Schudt, Joan Senko, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Smee, Jason & Courtney Smee, Joel & Madeleine Super, Catharine Thelen, Easter Thomas, Mike Triggs, Bill & Nancy Withers, Andrew Wood, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske

# Octoberfest

Sunday, October 26th

11:30AM - 2:30PM

**St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church**

**557 W 57th Ave - Merrillville, IN 46410**

### Menu

Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes or Cabbage & Noodles,  
Green Beans, Bread/Butter/Dessert

**Adult Menu Donation - \$15 | Children 12 & under - \$7**

**Music by John Pruzin Jr. & His Tamburitza Band**

*Please join us for good food, dancing, and pure wholesome fun!*



See sign-up sheet in the Narthex to save your spot on the Annunciation Bus. We will leave directly after the Divine Liturgy that Sunday and will return by 4PM.



## A Living Sacrifice

It is natural for human beings to offer sacrifice - that is, to make an offering of some good thing to another person. A sacrifice may be a sign of honor and respect; it might be made in thanks to the other, or to seal a breach in a relationship. The Eucharist or Divine Liturgy is a true sacrifice: we take God's gifts, formed by human labor into bread and wine, and offer them to God, along with our prayers and thanksgiving.

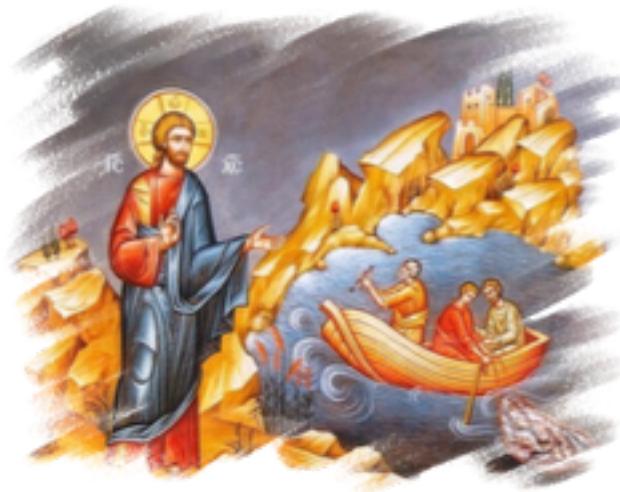
As part of this true sacrifice, the priest will in a special way offer our personal intentions at each Divine Liturgy. What better way to honor a loved one than by offering a Divine Liturgy in their honor or memory. To submit your intentions,

visit the office and fill out a short form with your personal intention. You can even request a certain day that has special meaning or importance.

The customary donation for this offering is \$20 and is given to the priest to support his mission of serving God and His faithful in a special way.

## A Bishop's Call to Prayer

Bishop Robert has asked the parishes to pray as a community and as individuals for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As part of this initiative, he has asked parishioners to sign up for a week of prayer in the home. You can find the sign up sheet in the narthex to be a part of this special initiative. When it is your designated week of prayer, pick up the special prayer booklet that will be placed on the tetrapod and then return it to the same place the following Sunday. Since the icon being used for this intention, The Miraculous Catch, is the same one we used for our 25th Anniversary, every home should already have an icon. If you did not obtain one, please see the office and we can supply you with one.



*Music Boosters presents...*

## ART for the SEASON

Arts and Crafts Festival

**Saturday, Nov 15th**  
9AM - 4PM

**Sunday, Nov 16th**  
10AM - 3PM

*Arts & Crafts Booths*

*Vendor Booths*

*Entertainment*

*Raffles*

*Lunch & Food Sampling*

## STAGG HIGH SCHOOL

111th St & Roberts Rd  
Palos Hills, IL 60465

\$3.00 Adult Admission

