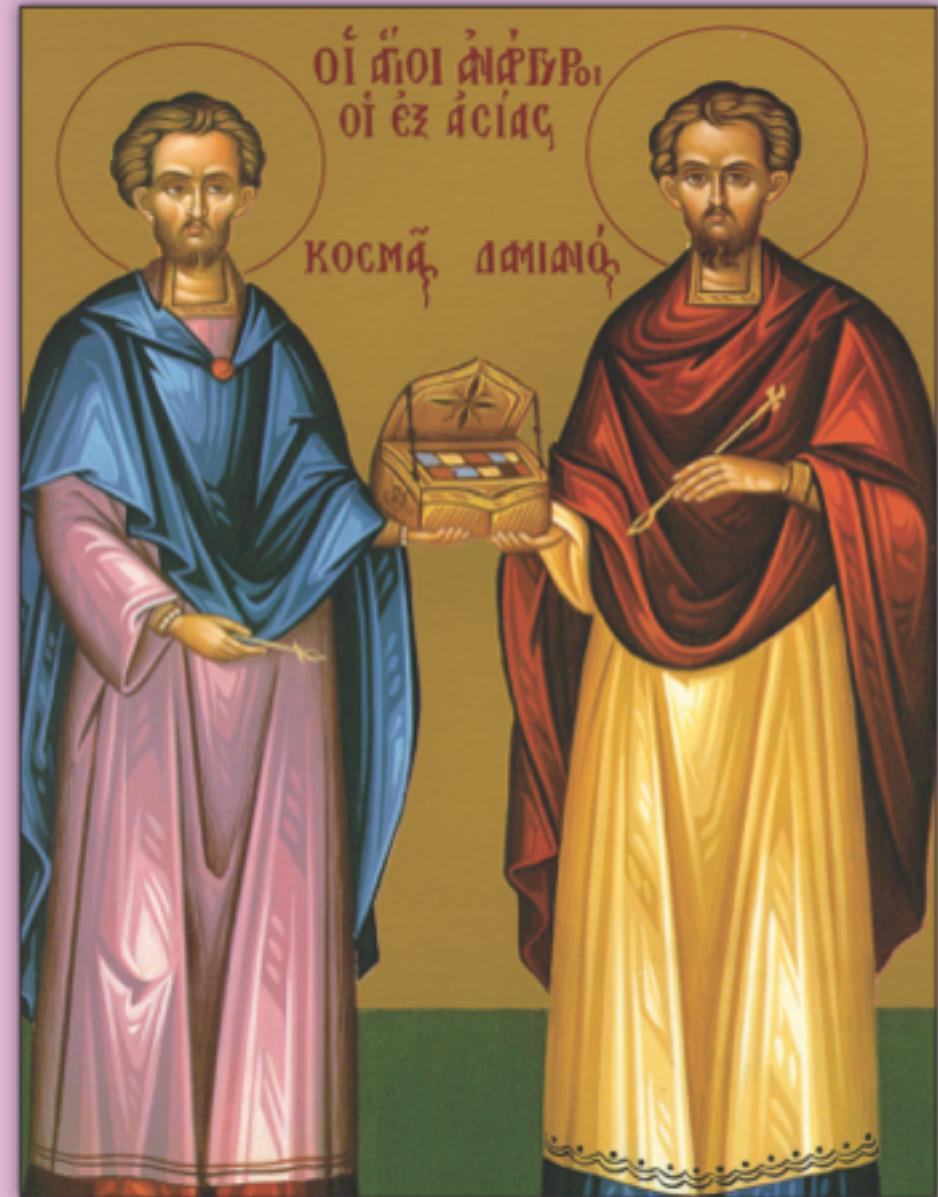


## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saints Cosmas and Damian -- November 1st*

### *No Medical Fees!*

Saints Cosmas and Damian are the principal and best known of those saints venerated in the East as the “moneyless ones,” or “unmercenary ones,” because they practiced their profession as physicians without fees from their patients.

According to tradition, Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers, born in Arabia of a saintly mother Theodota. The brothers studied the sciences in Syria and became eminent for their skill in medicine. Being charitable Christians, they practiced medicine with great application and success, but never took any payment for their services. They observed the Lord’s command, “Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give” (Mt. 10:8).

At Aegeae in Cilicia, where they lived, they enjoyed the highest esteem of the people. When the persecution under Diocletian broke out, their very prominence rendered them marked objects of persecution. Being apprehended by order of Lysias, governor of Cilicia, they underwent various torments and were beheaded about the year 283. The three brothers of Cosmas and Damian, Anthimus, Leontius and Euprepiu, are said to have suffered with them.

Among the distinguished people who attributed recovery from serious illness to Saints Cosmas and Damian was the Emperor Justinian I who built two churches in Constantinople in honor of the martyrs. Their basilica in Rome with its lovely mosaics was dedicated in the year 530.



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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### October 26, 2025 20th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	26	<u>20th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	30	<u>Vigil of the Feast of Blessed Theodore Romza-Martyr</u> 7:00 PM Vespers w/ Divine Liturgy - +John Oreluk by Mary Ellen Haber
Saturday	1	5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	2	<u>21th 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
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!*

## Jesus Christ our Hope

A catechetical study

Sunday, November 16th

Nov - Icons of Hope in the Old Testament





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#### ABOUT DEACON JOHN

Deacon John Harden is the director of Eastern Catholic formation and evangelization for the **Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma** and the manager of small group programs at **Ascension Press**. He has a bachelor's in theology from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, and a master's in theology from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. He, his wife, and their seven children live in Kansas City, Missouri.

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# Caring Patriots

## Annual Veterans' Food Drive

You can also donate at:  
[www.caringpatriots.org](http://www.caringpatriots.org)

Join the GCU in supporting this local organization's goal of providing meals for 1,000 Veterans in need during the Holidays. All monetary contributions are used solely to support local Veterans and their families with food for a holiday meal. The GCU will have a special collection on **Sunday, Nov 9th** and will be matching donations up to \$500.

*For more information please contact Ken Krown, GCU Parish Coordinator.*

Confirmation students are holding a

## Donation Drive

November 7 – December 8

*Fund Raiser*

For



They are in need of New Baby items:

- \*New Baby Clothing 2 months and older (no newborn or used clothing)
  - \*Pacifiers (2 months-18 months)
  - \*Gift cards (Target, Walmart, Meijer)
  - \*Baby finger nail kits
  - \*Travel size diaper rash ointment
  - \*Travel size Aquaphor
  - \*Teething toys \*Small toys (rattles)
  - \*Small board books
  - \*Travel size baby shampoo \*Baby towels.....
- Or any other small baby items

**Please no diapers or diaper wipes.  
Donation box is found in the Commons area.**



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

