

Pray for Your Enemies

God's goodness is shown to His enemies by His works. You should at least show your goodness towards them by your words: Pray for your enemies and in this way, at least, you will be like your Father in heaven who "is good to the ungrateful and the wicked" (Luke 6:35). How many times we have preached about this! And we will not stop preaching, no matter how annoyed you get. For we will never cease discoursing on these things until your conduct is agreeable to them.

Imitate God! If He wills that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, there is reason why one should pray for all. If He wills all to be saved, you should want it too. And if you want it, then pray for it; for wishes lead always to prayers. Observe how from ev-

ery quarter He urges this upon the soul, to pray for the heathen, showing how great advantages come from this. . . . And what is more, it is pleasing to God to do this, for in doing it we become Godlike since we will the very same things that God wills. This is enough to shame a dumb beast! Fear not therefore to pray for the unbelievers, for God Himself wills it. But fear only to pray against anyone; for this God forbids. And if you pray for the heathen, you ought, of course, to pray for the heretics also. For we are to pray for all people, and not to persecute. For we are of one human nature with all, and God commands and accepts good will and affection towards all.

St. John Chrysostom

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton -- September 28th



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September 28, 2025 16th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	28	<u>16th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Wednesday	1	<u>The Feast of the Protection of The Theotokos</u> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Emily Thompson by Chris & Carrie Thompson
Thursday	2	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Michele Lewis by Mary's Helpers
Saturday	4	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Michaeleen Forkal by Jim Forkal & family 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	5	<u>17th 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	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

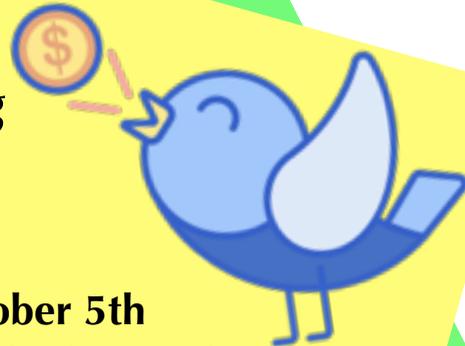
2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 16th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 14th

Countdown - 83 Days

Grand Prize - \$5,000

Don't miss out on our first early bird drawing **NEXT Sunday!**



All tickets submitted by **October 5th** will have **three chances** of winning a prize!

Help us with this once a year fundraiser by selling the tickets you were given. Every ticket sold helps us get closer to our goal!

Larry & Lisa
Dombrowski, C
Bob & Sheila H
John Meseke, De
Mary Oreluk, Rich
Pawlowski, Joseph
Triggs, Bill & Nancy V
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Due to the positive response, we added a few more tickets

Grab the last couple of seats available for the 6:50pm showing

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 purchased a total of 25 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.



Life Chain



LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

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.



Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamyat!

We remember in our prayers, Geraldine Riebe, mother of Fr. Bruce Riebe, who fell asleep in the Lord and was buried from St Nicholas Church in Munster this past weekend. Please keep the Riebe family in your prayers during their time of loss.

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:

godwithusonline.org