

Twelve Years

When the woman with a hemorrhage learned that the Lord said to the leader of the synagogue, "Believe, and your daughter will live," she thought to herself that he who could bring back the soul of a little girl of twelve into her body would also be able to take away an illness of twelve years and expel it from the body. When she heard him say, "Believe firmly and your daughter will live," this woman reflected, "I can give the faith he requires as the price." The healing came forth from his mouth, and he negotiated as its price the faith expressed by the woman's mouth. He gave clear healing and demanded a clear price. The healing that came out from his lips could be heard publicly, and he required from the lips a faith openly professed. Although the woman professed before

everyone, they did not believe her, especially since her pains were hidden. When the Lord opened the eyes of the blind man, they called him a madman, and when he restored Lazarus to life, certain people, even among those who had seen for themselves, did not believe. This is why he restored the little girl of twelve years to life. He who was able to put the continued vitality of twelve years in the body back into its place was also able to arrest and banish from its place a flow of blood that continued for twelve years. He who was able to alleviate one illness was also able to banish another. He who was able to vivify all the dead members of this little girl was also able to heal the woman's womb.

St. Ephrem the Syrian



Icon of Raising the Daughter of Jairus



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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November 9, 2025 22nd Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	9	<u>22nd Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Wednesday	12	<u>Feast of St. Josaphat-Archbishop</u> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Archpriest John Kachuba by Deacon Tim & Linda Tkach
Thursday	13	<u>Feast of St. John Chrysostom-Archbishop</u> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Emily Triggs by Mary Oreluk
Friday	14	<u>Feast of St. Philip the Apostle</u> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Michele Lewis by Kathleen Andrews
Saturday	15	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Adaline & +Ray Brodzinski by Deacon Tim & Linda Tkach 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	16	<u>23rd 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 Horne	Francis Hughes
Gary Dorencz	Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Ken Hrusosky
James Forkal	Richard Adamowski	Katelyn Fuentes-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.



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THE BIBLE FOR EVERYDAY CHRISTIANS:

UNDERSTANDING & SHARING THE WORD

WITH DEACON JOHN HARDEN



SATURDAY, NOV. 22, 2025

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5 P.M., VESPERS AT HISTORIC ST. MARY CHURCH

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Learn how to begin and sustain a Bible study, including how to form a group and foster discussion that deepens understanding and communion. Whether you want to start a Bible study, join an existing one, or enrich your personal study, you'll leave equipped to make Scripture a part of your daily life.

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

Sunday, Nov 9th

Annual Veterans' Monetary Food Drive

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*

You can also donate at:
www.caringpatriots.org

Jesus Christ our Hope A catechetical study

Sunday, November 16th

Nov - Icons of Hope in the Old Testament





The Fifth Annual Men's Retreat SAVE THE DATE

Our Lord Jesus Christ: The Path to the Father

Jesuit Retreat Center - Parma, OH

January 30, 2026 - February 1, 2026

Retreat Master: Fr. Jan Maturkanic

Contact Karl Busam for further information
karl.busam.77@gmail.com
419-626-6811

Further details will follow

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Proshora Class

Sat. Nov 22nd - 10AM - 3PM

Learn the art of making Proshora (*Communion Bread*). This will be a hands on experience where you will help to make the bread that will eventually become the **Body of Christ!**

The Thirteenth Annual Women's Retreat SAVE THE DATE



*Luke 2:19 -
Mary Kept Everything
in Her Heart*

Maria Stein Retreat Center
Maria Stein, OH

February 20 - 22, 2026

Retreat Master: Fr. Joseph Loya, OSA, PhD

Contact Joan Washburn for further information
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865-696-7809

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You can also stop in or call the Parish Office and we can get you set up and also make sure you are in our parish registry.

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.

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	(238)	(23,800)	68.00%
Unsold	112	\$11,200	32.00%

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, Anna & Mark Chagnon, 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, Bill & 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, Thomas Mega, Lisa Melnik, 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, Larry & Mary Ventrella, Bill & Nancy Withers, Andrew Wood, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske

Christmas on the Prairie Saturday, December 13th

Only 34 days until St. Nicholas Arrives!!

Help us make Christmas on the Prairie the best one yet!!

This event is an opportunity to show the community all the riches our parish has to offer. To make this event great, we could use your help in just a few ways.



1. Bake cookies and small breads that we can sell at the cookie sale!



2. Consider volunteering at one of the craft stations or in the kitchen. See or call Catherine if you are interested in helping out the day of the event.
708-653-8344



3. Tell friends, family or a group you belong to about this FREE Family event! Let's share the beauty of our faith with those around us!



Christmas on the Prairie

Sat. Dec. 13, 2025
2:00pm - 6:00pm

Annunciation Church
14610 Will Cook Rd
Homer Glen, IL 60491

FREE

indoor and
outdoor
family event



Fr. Tom Loya



- Homemade Christmas bake sale items
- Frontier era Christmas crafts for children
- Experience the beauty of a Byzantine Church
- Discover the real story of St. Nicholas on the prairie paths

Visit with St. Nicholas and get a ride on his horse drawn carriage

For more details visit the events page at byzantinecatholic.com