

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS



Icon of Christ and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

*Welcome Christ in Your Hearts and Homes*

The Lord, who already welcomed Zacchaeus in his heart, was now ready to be welcomed by him in his house. He said, "Zacchaeus, hurry up and come down, since I have to stay in your house." He thought it was a marvelous piece of good luck to see Christ. While imagining it was a marvelous piece of good luck quite beyond words to see him passing by, he was suddenly found worthy to have him in his house. Grace is poured out, and faith starts working through love.

Christ, who was already dwelling in his heart, is welcomed into his house. Zacchaeus says to Christ, "Lord, half my goods I give to the poor, and if I have

cheated anyone of anything, I am paying back four times over." It is as if he were saying, "The reason I am keeping back half for myself is not in order to have it, but to have something from which to pay people back."

There you are. That is really what welcoming Jesus means, welcoming him into your heart. Christ was already there. He was in Zacchaeus and spoke through him. The apostle says that this is what it means, "For Christ to dwell by faith in your hearts" (Eph 3:17).

*St. Augustine*



## Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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**January 18, 2026**

### **32nd Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday of Zacchaeus Schedule of Services**

<b>Sunday</b>	18	<b><u>32nd Sunday After Pentecost - Sunday of Zacchaeus</u></b> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
<b>Thursday</b>	22	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Abbot Nicholas Zachariadis by Margaret Klos
<b>Saturday</b>	24	5:00 PM Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	25	<b><u>Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee</u></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
James Forkal	Richard Adamowski	Marianne Horvath	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.

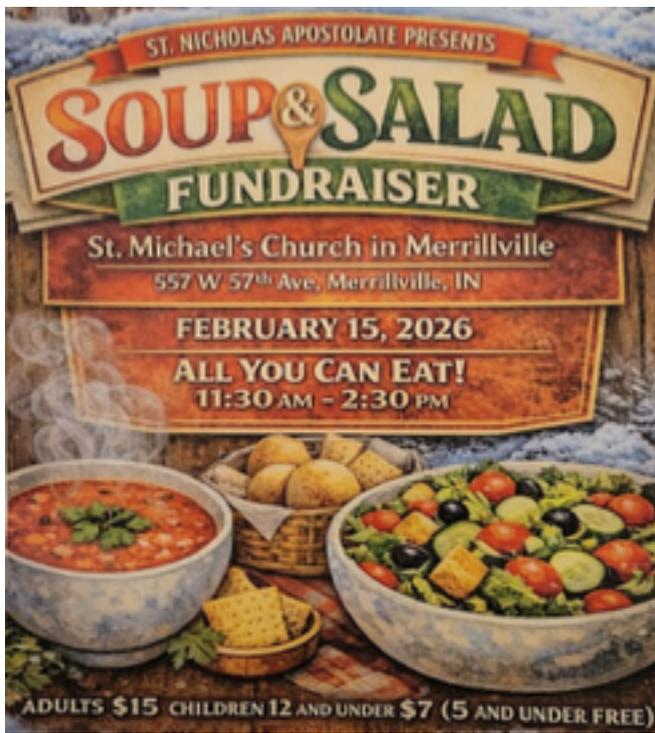
**Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia** parish members should contact the pastor.

**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.



EPARCHY OF PARMA FOUNDATION'S  
**2025-2026 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**




**TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.**  
THIS YEAR'S APPEAL WILL RUN FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2025 TO MAY 31, 2026

Donations to the Bishop's Stewardship Appeal help to support the activities of parishes, outreaches, missions, and eparchial events.

The goal for this stewardship drive is to increase the number of participants giving to the fund. The Bishop is therefore suggesting a one-time donation of \$175 per household.



## Raising Them Rite

*Raising Children for an Everlasting Faith*

**Saturday, January 31st  
 1:00PM - 4:00PM**

St Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church  
 Munster, IN

**Featuring:**  
 Fr Thomas Loya  
*Director of Marriage, Family & Pro-Life Ministries*  
 Mark & Susan Northrop  
*parents of nine faithful adult children*

**Cost:**  
 \$30/family

**Afternoon will include:**

- Interactive Sessions for Parents
- Separate Children's Activities
- Toddler Care

**Vespers/Divine Liturgy  
 4:00PM**

**Sponsored by:**  
 Annunciation, St Mary, St Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parishes  
 Eparchy of Parma Marriage, Family & Pro-Life Ministry

**To Register:** Use the QR Code or email [infotaborlife@gmail.com](mailto:infotaborlife@gmail.com)



# BINGO

**Sunday, January 11th**

**Marian Village**  
 15624 Marian Dr - Homer Glen, IL

Doors open at 2:30PM  
 Bingo begins at 3:00PM

RSVP to Raychel Techman at  
 708-401-8622 or  
[rtechman@franciscancommunities.org](mailto:rtechman@franciscancommunities.org)

**Cost \$5**





## Annual Open House Sunday, January 25

Find out how Blessed Family Montessori School best serves the needs of your child at our Annual Open House.

- ⊕ Faithful to Catholic Church Teaching
- ⊕ Authentic Montessori Implementation
- ⊕ Competitive Tuition
- ⊕ Fully Credentialed Montessori Teachers
- ⊕ Trained in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- ⊕ Serving ages 3-14



Sunday, January 25<sup>TH</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00pm

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## Preparation for the Great Fast

The Church seldom starts us on a path without providing some preliminary orientation and preparation; and the Great Fast is no exception. The four weeks leading up to the Fast remind us of our need for a “Lenten springtime,” and of the spiritual pitfalls that can divert us from our goal of communion with God.

**Sunday of Zacchaeus** - On this Sunday, we hear of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus, his ardent desire to see Jesus, and how this desire was fulfilled beyond his expectation. **(Jan 18)**

**Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee** - We are reminded of the dangers of hypocrisy and the need for thru humility in order to come close to God. **(Jan 25)**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son** - We are shown a story of repentance and acceptance. The Prodigal Son is an image of each of us, as we “remember ourselves” and resolve to break with our sins, return from exile, and start a new life. **(Feb 1)**

**Sunday of the Last Judgement** - At the Divine Liturgy, we hear the Gospel account of the second coming of the Lord in glory, and of the final judgement. To begin the preparation for the rigors of the Fast, the Church’s traditional fasting rules call on the faithful to fast from flesh-meats for the final week before the Fast. That is why this day is also called **Meatfare Sunday**. **(Feb 8)**

Finally, on **Cheesefare Sunday**, we have come to the very brink of the fast. At the Divine Liturgy, our Lord’s words in the Gospel speak of forgiveness: “If you forgive men their trespasses, then your heavenly Father will forgive you.” For this reason, this day is also called **Forgiveness Sunday**. The service of Vespers on this day is especially solemn, and also followed by a ceremony of mutual forgiveness between priest and people. **(Feb 15)**

JOIN EVEREST ACADEMY LEMONT FOR OUR ANNUAL WINTER TRADITION!

### OPEN HOUSE + WINTERFEST

SCHOOL TOURS, SLEIGH RIDES, JOEY’S RED HOTS, TIPSY TRAILER!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026  
11AM: MASS / 12:30PM: FESTIVITIES  
11550 BELL RD. LEMONT, IL 60439

Traditionally, at the feast of our Lord’s Theophany on January 6th, we consecrate water which is used to sanctify the homes of all the faithful. In bringing the blessed water to our homes, and sprinkling it in each room, we rid our homes of any evil influence, and rededicate it to God in a special way. As we were once renewed by the waters of our own baptism into Christ, so too our home, and our entire lives, are re-dedicated and renewed unto Christ our God each year at this time.



*If you are interested in having Fr. Tom bless your house, please fill out the House Blessing Form in the Business Office.*