

They Saw Because They Believed

At that point, two blind men follow the Lord as He was passing by. But if they could not see, how could the blind men know of the Lord's departure as well as His name? Moreover, they called him "Son of David" and asked to be made well. In the two blind men, the entire earlier pre-figuration is complete. The ruler's daughter seems to be from these people, namely, the Pharisees and John's disciples, who already made common cause in testing the Lord.

To these unknowing persons the law gave evidence as to the one from whom they sought a cure. It indicated to them that their Savior in the flesh was of the line of David. It also introduced light to the minds of those who

were blind from past sins. They could not see Christ but were told about Him.

The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, He offers them sight. And He charges the believers to be silent, for it was exclusively the task of the Apostles to preach.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing Two Blind Men



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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July 12, 2026 7th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	12	<u>7th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	16	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Matthew & +Mary Baron by Mary Ann Baran
Saturday	18	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Chris Nibbe by Mark & Susan Northrop 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	19	<u>Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils</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	Gary Dorencz
Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Joel Super	Fran Zeimet
Carrie Thompson	Michael Sheedy	Bonnie Hughes-wc	Lea Popek - wc
Claire Resuta - wc	Abbie Sheedy - 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.

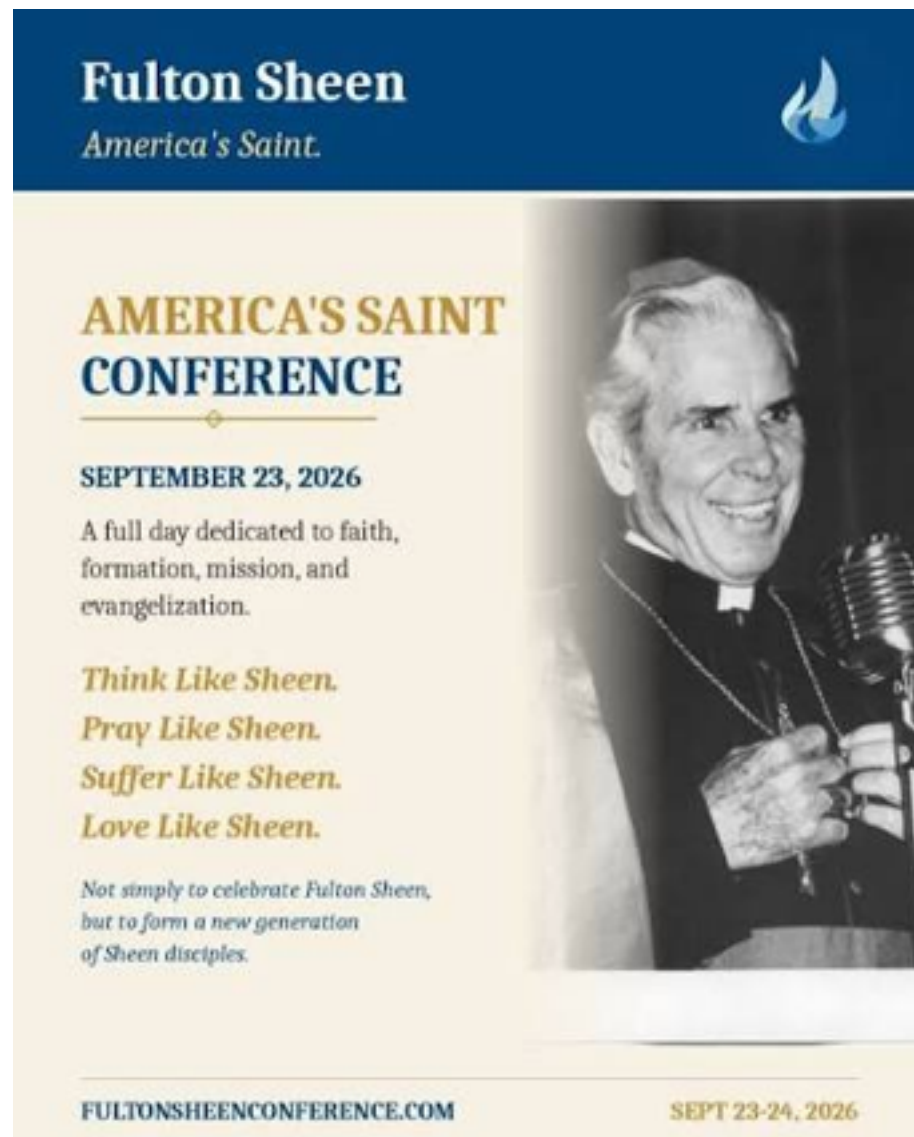
Prior to undergoing surgery or going under anesthesia parish members should contact the pastor.

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.

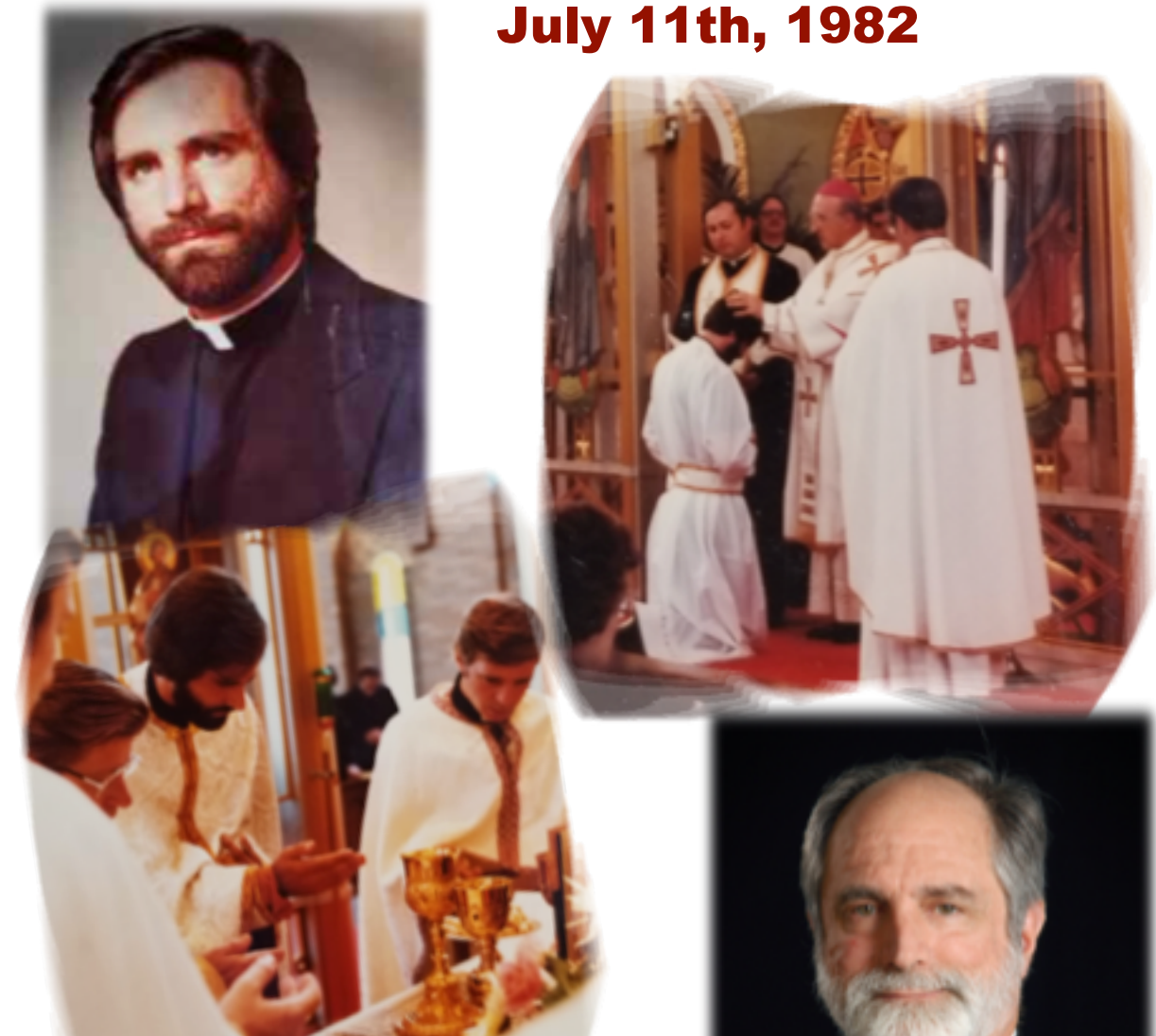
Abstinence from meat is to be observed every Friday. If this is not possible an equivalent penitential practice is to be observed.



Join the Fulton Sheen Movement for a full day conference on Sept 23rd at the Hilton in St Louis. The conference will include many well known catholic speakers including our very own, Fr Tom. If you sign up for the conference and book a room at the Hilton, you will also receive a ticket and transportation to and from the Beatification Mass on Thur, Sept 24th.

For more information, go to fultonsheenconference.com

Congratulations to Fr. Tom on his 44th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination! July 11th, 1982



Annunciation is forever grateful for the zealous "YES" you said over forty years ago and continue to say everyday of your priesthood. Our lives would be drastically different without your daily witness of Christ's fatherly love!



Mary's Helpers Prayer Service & Lunch

Under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mary's Helpers next prayer service and lunch will be held on Wednesday, July 15th. Please meet in the church at 11AM for our Healing of the Sick prayer service. Following the service, we will have a lite lunch. See sign-up sheet in the Narthex

Wednesday, July 15th
11:00AM



A Mary's Helpers Route 66 Road Trip

Monday, August 3rd - 10:15AM

Join Mary's Helpers for another fun, historic, (local) road trip along Route 66 to celebrate its 100th Anniversary.

This trip will begin with a visit to the Route 66 Museum in Joliet and then continue down Route 66 stopping to see the iconic Gemini Giant and enjoying a fun lunch at the Polk-a-Dot Drive In. Finally, enjoy a cool treat at Rich and Creamy before heading back to church.

See the sign up sheet in the narthex or talk to Georgia about joining them on this fun road trip. Don't worry, you will be home before street lights come on.



Homer Glen
Garden Walk
Saturday, July 18
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\$ 16 Reserved Tickets for Adults
\$20 at the door (cash-only)
Children under 12 are free

Reserved tickets can be purchased online.
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/garden-walk--2026>

Check in:
Annunciation Byzantine Church
14610 S. Will Cook Road, Homer Glen

SUMMER SERIES 2026

THEOLOGY ON TAP

7 PM - DOORS OPEN
7:15 PM - TALK BEGINS



Monday, July 13

The Most Underrated Threat to
Human Flourishing and What We
Can Do About It
Theo McManigal



Monday, July 27

Daily Work as Daily Holiness
Fr. Dan Korenchan



Monday, August 3

Dating, Relationships, and Theology of the
Body
Fr. Thomas Loya



Monday, August 10th

Magnificent Humanity: How the
Incarnation Makes Us Truly Human
Fr. Greg Alberts



Invite young adults
ages 18-40 to:

COOM'S CORNER
1225 E. 9TH STREET
LOCKPORT, IL

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