

Christ and Fear

For what purpose does He go up into the mountain? To teach us, that loneliness and retirement is good, when we are to pray to God. With this view, you see, He is continually withdrawing into the wilderness, and there often spends the whole night in prayer, teaching us earnestly to seek such quietness in our prayers, as the time and place may confer. For the wilderness is the mother of quiet; it is a calm and a harbor, delivering us from all turmoils.

He Himself then went up there with this object, but the disciples are tossed with the waves again, and undergo a storm, equal even to the former. But whereas before they had Him in the ship when this befell them, now they were alone by themselves. Thus gently and by degrees He excites and urges them on for the better, even to the bearing all no-

bly. Accordingly we see, that when they were first near that danger, He was present, though asleep, so as readily to give them relief; but now leading them to a greater degree of endurance, He does not even this, but departs, and in mid sea permits the storm to arise, so that they might not so much as look for a hope of preservation from any quarter; and He lets them be tempest-tossed all the night, thoroughly to awaken, as I suppose, their hardened heart.

For such is the nature of the fear, which the time concurs with the rough weather in producing. And together with the compunction, He cast them also into a greater longing for Himself, and a continual remembrance of Him.

Saint John Chrysostom

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Walking on the Water



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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July 26, 2026 9th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	26	<u>9th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	30	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Richard Adamowski by Xara Bogal
Saturday	1	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Ramie Samour by Mark & Susan Northrop 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	2	<u>10th 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	Gary Dorencz
Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Fran Zeimetz	Marilyn Lopez
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.

Dear Annunciation Parish Family,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the many prayers, kind words, cards, and acts of kindness you shared with me and my family during my surgery and recovery.

I truly felt surrounded by your love. Your prayers brought me comfort, strength, and peace. I firmly believe they played an important part in my healing. I am so grateful to be part of such a caring parish family.

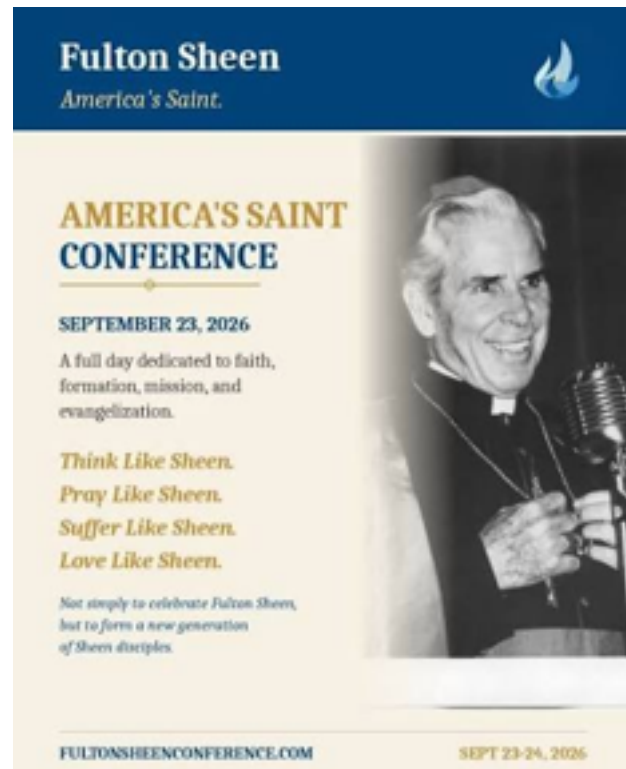
Thank you for lifting me up in prayer and for being such a beautiful reflection of Christ's love. It is a blessing and an honor to serve this parish, and I am thankful to be back with you all.

A special thank you to parishioner, Maria Gulas, for stepping in and covering the day-to-day operations here at Annunciation. She did an amazing job, and we are forever grateful for her help during my recovery.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Carrie Thompson

Annunciation Parish Secretary



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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**

The Dormition Fast

The traditional rule for the **Dormition Fast** is a *strict abstinence* from August 1st to 14th, with the usual mitigations (wine and oil) for Saturday and Sunday and the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6th). It is, therefore, observed as the Great Fast with no meat or dairy on weekdays, Monday-Friday. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season, however the observance of this fast is voluntary.

The fast is mentioned as the Autumn Fast by Leo the Great, and it was fixed in 1166 in the reign of the Ecumenical Patriarch Luke Chrysoberges. It may have originally been a fast before the Holy Cross, for forty days from August 6th to September 14th. However, it is now a two-week fast before the feast of the Dormition. It is interrupted by the feast of the Transfiguration.

Please consider dedicating this fasting period for those who need healing or who are troubled for we lay these burdens down at Our Mother's feet.

Annunciation's 2026 Raffle

Sunday, December 13th

Grand Prize: \$5,000

Early Bird Drawings

Sundays, October 4th & November 15th

Make sure to pick up your tickets from the narthex and get them back so you don't miss out on any of the drawings! Each ticket has three chances to WIN, if returned by October 4th.

Greater Love: The Tom Vander Woude Story
Wednesday, July 29th
Following the 7PM Mass
St. James at Sag Bridge
Lemont, IL



COME HEAR THE INSPIRING STORY OF HOW A HUSBAND AND FATHER FROM VIRGINIA, TOM VANDER WOUDE, WHOSE CAUSE FOR CANONIZATION IS BEING CONSIDERED, CROWNED A LIFETIME OF FAITH BY LAYING DOWN HIS LIFE TO SAVE HIS YOUNGEST SON.



Annunciation Parish Picnic Sunday, August 23rd

Enjoy a fun afternoon with family and friends following Divine Liturgy. We will have food, music, games and a Giant dual lane Slip & Slide! Get ready to have some fun and get a little wet!



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.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

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



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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