

The Shepherd's Family

The mark of Christ's sheep is their willingness to hear and obey, just as the sign of those who are not His is their disobedience. We take the word "hear" to imply obedience to what has been said. People who hear God are known by Him. No one is entirely unknown by God, but to be known in this way is to become his kin. Thus, when Christ says, "I know mine," He means, "I will receive them, and give them permanent mystical kinship with Me."

It might be said that inasmuch as He has become man, He has made all human beings His kin, since all are members of the same race; we are all united to Christ in a mystical relationship because of His incarnation. Yet those who do not preserve the likeness of His holiness are alienated from Him. "My sheep follow me," says Christ. By a certain God-given grace, believers follow in the footsteps of Christ. No longer subject to the shadows of the law, they obey the commands of Christ, and guided by His words

rise in grace to His own dignity, for they are called children of God. When Christ ascends into heaven, they also follow Him.

Christ promises His followers as a recompense and reward eternal life, exemption from death and corruption, and from the torments the judge inflicts upon transgressors. By giving life Christ shows that by nature He is life. He does not receive it from another, but supplies it from His own resources. And by eternal life we understand not only length of days which all, both good and bad, shall possess after the resurrection, but also the passing of those days in peace and joy.

We may also see in the word "life" a reference to the Eucharist, by means of which Christ implants in believers His own life through their sharing in His flesh.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of Saints Philip, Theophan, and Zena -- October 11th



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October 11, 2026

Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council Schedule of Services

Sunday	11	<u>Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Thursday	15	7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Fran Zeimetz by Joan Senko & Cheryl Foster
Saturday	17	8:00 AM Divine Liturgy - +Dorothy Wochok by Georgia Peceniak 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday	18	<u>21st 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:

Mary Ann Baran	Mary Ann Horne	Gary Dorencz	Jim Greybar
Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Marilyn Lopez	
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.

Grand Raffle Update

1st Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, October 11th

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 15th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 13th

Countdown - 71 Days

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	(191)	(19,100)	54.57%
Unsold	159	\$15,900	45.43%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ

"TICKET WARRIORS" - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Kathleen Andrews, Steve & Roberta Bieniek, David & Anne Bzdill, Mary Cimbalista, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Steven & Angelica Eichstaedt, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Bill Gulas, George & Kim Gulas, Maria Gulas, Mary Ellen Haber, Bob & Sheila Horne, Mary Ann Horne, Marianne Horvath, Bill & Susan Izquierdo, Laura Kizior, Ken & Karen Krown, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Constance Malinowski, Patrick & Teri Manaher, Thomas Mega, John Meseke, Maria Meseke, Dennis & Cynthia Mrowca, Cecelia Okonski, Johnny & Hazel Oreluk, Mary Oreluk, Gary & Diane Packowski, Richard Palasz, Robert & Jean Palasz, Jack & Jamila Pawchak, Sonny Pawchak, Betty Pawlowski, Georgia Peceniak, Frank & Kathy Reinhardt, Daniel Snidauf, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Smee, Jason & Courtney Smee, Justin & Suzanne Stawychny, Dcn Tim & Linda Tkach, Mike Triggs, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske



Mary's Helpers Prayer Service for the Sick

Wednesday, Oct 14th - 11:00AM

Join Mary's Helpers, under the patronage of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, for another prayer service for the sick. A light lunch will follow the service and anyone is welcome to join in this prayer meeting.

Don't miss out on these other great Mary's Helpers sponsored events. The last day to sign up for both of these is Monday, October 12th. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex or contact Georgia.



Wednesday, Decemer 16th Christmas of Joy Lunch Show

White Fence Farm

Ticket Price - \$52

Tuesday, April 13th Barry Manilow Tribute Show

Manilow Theater, Park Forest, IL

Ticket Price - \$32 (lunch on your own)





Family Catechesis

Growing in Faith and Fellowship

Family Catechesis is the 3rd Sunday of every month starting in October and ending in May. We begin by sharing a **Potluck** meal after the Divine Liturgy, followed by an informative lesson for adults, teens/preteens, and children.

Our adult program is intended for **all adults**, *single or married, with or without children*. Our children's program is age appropriate and will cover some basic aspects of our Byzantine faith. Teens/PreTeens will also have a separate track.

Attending these events not only aids in your faith formation but also contributes to the building up of this christian community. Please set aside the 3rd Sunday of every month for this important parish activity so we can learn and grow together as a parish family.

Below are the topics for the first couple of meetings. Stay tuned for 2027's line up of urgent and relative topics.

October 18th - Byzantine Catholic Spirituality - "Medicine" for Our World

Understanding more deeply what is different, unique and "medicinal" about Byzantine Catholic Spirituality and applying that to our notion of church, the human person, the single life, marriage, family and moral issues.

November 15th - Holidays & Family Conflicts - Handling and Healing

Includes special presentation by Blessed Fulton Sheen to parents on how to handle the pain of adult children who no longer practice the faith.

December 20th - It Takes a "Parish" to Raise a Child

How the liturgical and parish life of Byzantine Catholic churches are vitally formative for children. The importance of the Domestic Church and how a parish works with the autistic child.