Beyond Medical Knowledge

Even without anyone to instruct us we are quite able, on the basis of what we see, live and feel, to understand how our body is formed. Its own nature teaches us. It may be useful, nonetheless, to consult experts to have a clearer idea. The science of anatomy has allowed us to know the positions of the individual parts of the human body. Other sciences help us to grasp their uses.

In a detailed study we must examine the organs as having three kinds of function: life, enjoyment and conservation.

The organs without which it is impossible to have life are three: the brain, the heart, the liver.

Then there are the gifts that nature gives to the human being to make life pleasant: the senses. The lack, which is not infrequent, of one or other of them does not result in death, but without being able to use them life is less enjoyable.

Finally, we should recall those organs which have no purpose in themselves but are useful to conserve life, for example, the stomach and the lungs.

The true and perfect life, however, is that of the soul. In the soul is found the beauty of the likeness of God, who created humanity with the words: "Let us make human beings in our own image, after our own likeness."

St. Gregory of Nyssa

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Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost



Icon of Cosmas and Damien-- November 1st



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November 1, 2026
23rd Sunday After Pentecost
Schedule of Services

Sunday 1 **23rd Sunday After Pentecost**
9:00 AM Matins
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners

Thursday 5 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy -
Health & Salvation of John Norley by Linda Gaydos

Saturday 7 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy -
+Terry Bala by the Thompson family
5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday 8 **24th Sunday After Pentecost**
Archangel Michael and All Angels
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	Mike Sheedy
Michele Lewis	Kim Hughes	Marilyn Lopez	Jim Greybar
John Norley	Roberta Bieniek	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. Nofood, 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.



Impacting Veterans Lives, Inc.

Midwest Veterans Closet

Where Veterans shop free

Join the GCU for a special Veterans Day fundraiser to support the Midwest Veterans Closet at Impacting Veterans Lives, Inc located in North Chicago, IL. Monetary donations for this fundraiser can be made by using the special envelopes in the business office. Checks can be made out to Annunciation. **The final collection will be on Sunday, November 8th.** *GCU will also match donations up to $500.*

For more information please contact
Ken Krown, GCU Parish Coordinator

GCU

Family Catechesis

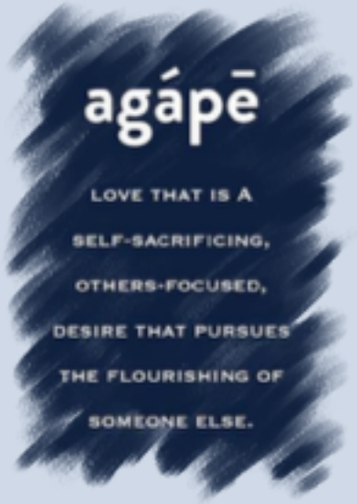
Growing in Faith and Fellowship

Sunday, November 15th

- Enjoy a Potluck Meal following the Divine Liturgy
- Informative lessons for adults, teens/preteens, and children
- Intended for all adults, single, married, with or without children
- Faith Formation & Christian Community Building

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.



We are looking for individuals, families or church groups to sign up to host our weekly Agape Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy

What's involved?

Setting up coffee & juice/water station
Providing light refreshments with parish reimbursement
Cleaning up tables and washing a few dishes afterward

No experience? No problem! We will happily pair you with an experienced host for your first time to show you where everything is kept in the kitchen.

Ready to sign up? Please visit the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Ellen Koskinas via text message at 630-853-3558



The Sixth Annual Men's Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

February 12 - 14, 2027

For Where Your Treasure Is, There Also Will Your Heart Be (Matt. 6:21)

Retreat Master: Fr. Joseph Loya, OSA, PhD

Jesuit Retreat Center - Parma, OH

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

Further details will follow
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The Fourteenth Annual Women's Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

February 26 - 28, 2027

Weaving Together the Strands of our Lives

Retreat Master: Fr. Michael Brunovsky, OSB

Jesuit Retreat Center - Parma, OH

Contact Joan Washburn for further information
stmarymbhdwomensretreat@gmail.com
865-696-7809

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BYZANTINE CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

to the

BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026







DEPART ST. NICHOLAS, MUNSTER, IN
11:00 a.m.

LUNCH & SHOPPING
Arrive at the Milwaukee Public Market at
1:00 p.m.

BASILICA TOUR & DIVINE LITURGY
Tour the Basilica of St. Josaphat, followed by
Divine Liturgy at 6:00 p.m.
with our very own Bishop Robert Pipta.

DEPART MILWAUKEE
for Munster
following Post-Liturgy Social.

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX
Sign-up deadline:
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

QUESTIONS?
Call **219-659-0277**
or email at
stmarywhiting@parma.org

Grand Raffle Update

2nd Early Bird Drawing - Sunday, November 15th

Grand Drawing - Sunday, December 13th

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	(261)	(26,100)	74.57%
Unsold	89	$8,900	**25.43%**

NEED MORE TICKETS?…SEE ROBERT PALASZ

Early Bird

Congratulations to our 1st Early Bird Winners!

Fr. John Honiotes - $250

F. Modelski - $150 / Georgia Smee - $100

"TICKET WARRIORS" - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Kathleen Andrews, James & Stephanie Baran, Catherine Baranko, Steve & Roberta Bieniek, James Brown, David & Anne Bzdill, Mary Cimbalista, Bill & Sandy Davis, Dennis & Gerry Davis, Dennis Dombrowski, Gary & Sharon Dorencz, Audrey Doshi, Steven & Angelica Eichstaedt, Susan Galloy, Linda Gaydos, Anne Gazzolo, Ned & Lynn Grabavoy, Bill Gulas, George & Kim Gulas, Maria Gulas, Mary Ellen Haber, Bill & Mary Horne, Bob & Sheila Horne, Mary Ann Horne, Marianne Horvath, Bill & Susan Izquierdo, Laura Kizior, Shirley Kotek, Ken & Karen Krown, Keith Landovitz, Larry & Debby Lattuca, Jeremy & Michele Lewis, Constance Malinowski, Patrick & Teri Manaher, Thomas Mega, Lisa Melnik, John Meseke, Maria Meseke, Cathy Miller, 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, Joan Senko, John Senko, Daniel Snaidauf, Matthew & Abbie Sheedy, Michael Sheedy, Georgia Smee, Jason & Courtney Smee, Justin & Suzanne Stawychny, Joel & Madeline Super, Catharine Thelen, Dcn Tim & Linda Tkach, Mike Triggs, Larry & Mary Ventrella, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske

Christmas on the Prairie

Saturday, December 12th

Only 43 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!



- 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