

To Be a Disciple

But you, dearly beloved, who are involved in secular matters, since you are familiar with our affairs, call before your mind's eye your own. Do everything for each other freely. Do not seek recompense for your work in this world, which you now see to have declined with such great rapidity, lest you do evil in any way, and do good for the sake of temporal recompense. Seek as witness of your work Him whom you await as judge. Let Him now see your good deeds in secret, that He may show them to all on the day when He grants you your reward. As you daily provide food for your bodies to keep them from failing, so let your good works be the daily nourishment of your hearts. The body is fed with food, the spirit sustained by good works. You should not deny to your soul, which will live forever, what you grant to your body which is going to die. If ever a sudden fire destroys a dwelling,

and its owner seizes what he values and flees, he counts as gain whatever he takes with him out of the flames. You can see that a fire of calamities is burning up the world, and the end, which is now near, is like a fire, laying waste everything in it that appeared delightful. Therefore, my friend, believe it the greatest gain if you carry off anything from it, if you take anything with you as you flee, if, by bestowing it as an everlasting recompense on yourselves, you save what could have perished had it remained. In truth we lose all our earthly possessions if we save them, but we save them by yielding them well. Time is quickly running out. Let us prepare with haste for seeing our Judge soon. Our good deeds are impelling us towards Him with great urgency.

St. Gregory the Great

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Call of the Disciples — Luke 5:1-11



Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

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September 27, 2026 18th Sunday After Pentecost Schedule of Services

Sunday	27	<u>18th Sunday After Pentecost</u> 9:00 AM Matins 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Health & Salvation of Parishioners
Monday	28	10:30 AM Rite of Christian Burial for Dorothy "Dot" Wochok
Thursday	1	<u>Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos</u> 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy - +Fran Zeimetz by Georgia Peceniak
Sunday	4	<u>19th 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
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 - 78 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	(171)	(17,100)	48.86%
Unsold	179	\$17,900	51.14%

NEED MORE TICKETS?...SEE ROBERT PALASZ

"TICKET WARRIORS" - Parishioners who have already SOLD tickets

Kathleen Andrews, Steve & Roberta Bieniek, 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, 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, Justin & Suzanne Stawychny, Mike Triggs, Bill & Nancy Withers, Daryl & Mary Jean Wuske



Sunday, October 4
2:00pm - 3:30pm

Tinley / Orland Park
Our spot is on the North side of 159th St
by Home Depot, west of the stop light

LIFE CHAIN is an annual, nationwide, peaceful, prayerful hour of silence on public sidewalks supporting the dignity of and right to life. Many thousands of churches participate each year in this annual event of prayer and witness to the sanctity of unborn life.



Family Catechesis

What is this and why should I attend?

Family Catechesis is Annunciation's ECF (Eastern Christian Formation) program. Typically this formation was mainly for children and was held every Sunday before the Divine Liturgy. Several years ago, we decided to change the format to incorporate the entire family into the formation program and to hold it only once a month with a potluck lunch following the Divine Liturgy. Family Catechesis is the 3rd Sunday of every month starting in October and ending in May. There are separate tracks for adults, teens/preteens and children.

Our adult program is intended for **all adults**, *single or married, with or without children*. This year, we have a very exciting line-up of urgent and relevant topics for the adult section of Family Catechesis. Our children's program is age appropriate and will cover some basic aspects of our Byzantine faith. Teens/PreTeens will 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.

Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex for this local event

We will have transportation to the Pilgrimage for the Saturday afternoon program. The bus will depart Annunciation at Noon and will return after the enthic dinner.

You can also use the QR code to sign up for the Pilgrimage and to buy food tickets. St Mary's needs to get an estimate of how many are planning to attend for planning and food purposes.



Mosaic and Outdoor Shrine of the
Protection of the Mother of God
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
Whiting, Indiana

**More Info &
Registration Here**



Midwest Marian Pilgrimage ***Oct. 2-4, 2026***

***For those who are burdened, come take rest under
the veil of the Protection of the Mother of God.***

A three-day pilgrimage for the whole family to grow in faith and fellowship with **Bishop Robert Pipta** of Parma, Ohio, at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church.

Come pray at the main shrines of the **Protection of the Mother of God** and **Mother of God Searcher for the Lost**, as well as many smaller shrines dedicated to Mary.

**Admission is free. Meals are \$10 per person.
Children under age 5 eat free. Please register.**

Friday, October 2

6 p.m.-7 p.m.: Candlelight Compline
7 p.m.-9 p.m.: Bonfire chat with Bishop Robert

Saturday, October 3

9 a.m.-10 a.m.: Moleben to the Mother of God
10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Fr. Michael Lee (adult program)
Children's activities (parish hall)
12 p.m.: Lunch

1 p.m.-6:30 p.m.: Confessions
2 p.m.-4 p.m.: Nathan Eubank (adult program)

Children's Activities (parish hall)
4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.: All Night Vigil (Vespers & Matins)
6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.: Family Ethnic Dinner & Dance

Sunday, October 4

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Confessions
9:45 a.m.: Akathist to the Mother of God
10:30 a.m.: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
12:30 p.m.: Brunch

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