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Services for the week of Feb. 16, 2020

Monday (17) Theodore the Recruit, Great-Martyr

No Services

Tuesday (18) Leo the Great, Pope

No Services

Wednesday (19) Archippus, Apostle

No Services

Thursday (20) Leo of Catania, Bishop

No Services

Friday (21) Timothy, Venerable

No Services

Saturday (22) All Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers

Vespers 5:30

Sunday (23)

Sunday of Cheesefare

Matins 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Intention: Parishioners of St. Mary Parish

Parish Luncheon & Meeting

Forgiveness Vespers @ 12 p.m.

**Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory to Him Forever!**

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Saturday: Vespers, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturday after Vespers,
9 am Sunday, or by appointment

Sacraments:

Contact Parish Office

Served by:

Fr. Andrew Summerson, S.Th.D.,
Administrator
Cell: (216) 212-0295
Deacon Timothy Woods, M.M.

Parish Pastoral Council:

Rose Baranko, Laura Ieraci, Lisa
McEnery, Jeff Seeger, Jennifer
Woods, Christopher Woods

Parish Finance Council:

Peter Baranko, Leslie Flores, Laura
Ieraci, Peter McEnery, Paul Kuss,
Donna Tang, Victoria Cox
McCullough

✠ Upcoming Events ✠

Financial Peace University
Today, 4 p.m. — Week 4

Finance Council Meeting
Friday, February 21, 7 p.m.

Parish Meeting
&

Forgiveness Vespers
Next Sunday February 23, 2020

We will have our annual parish meeting February 23, after our normal Sunday agape. Want to hear how we stand spiritually, practically, and financially and where we are hoping to go? Don't miss it. Forgiveness Vespers follows to start Lent right.

An Introduction to the Byzantine Gospel

On Sunday, March 29 from 1-5 p.m., join Mike Aquilina at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Valparaiso, IN for a lecture on the Byzantine gospel. Aquilina, the Executive Vice President and Trustee of The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, is a widely recognized best-selling Catholic author and lecturer. He has co-hosted several popular series on airing on EWTN and his reviews, essays and journalism have appeared in First Things, Touchstone, Crisis, National Catholic Register, and beyond.

Lent 2020: "Return to Me"
Christ spent 40 days in the desert. Lent is the 40-day desert experience to bring us in union with Him. During the Great Fast of 2020, learn the Byzantine tradition of the Jesus Prayer, the prayer of the heart. St. Mary's will offer the office of the Jesus Prayer during the week and before all services. Register for weekly online classes on prayer at STMARYWHITING.ORG/RETURNTOME. Learn how to pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5:16)! Classes start Feb. 27.

February 29, 12-4 p.m.
Defeating Assisted Suicide in IN

Alex Schadenberg, Exec Director Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, will present strategies for creating an effective social barrier against euthanasia and assisted suicide. The presentation includes a screening of the film *Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death*. Luncheon begins at Noon. Vespers will follow at 4 p.m.

Register for the luncheon (\$10) by Feb. 25 at www.stmarywhiting.org/saturdayseries

The Byzantine Catholic Church is one of the 23 Churches of the Catholic Communion. We are Eastern Orthodox in our faith, theology, spirituality, and liturgical expression, but enjoy the fullness of communion with the Pope of Rome. We welcome Catholics in good standing and Orthodox—with permission from their pastor—to participate in the Holy Eucharist.

✠ Prayer List ✠

Please pray for:

PARISH FAMILY

Rose Arendas, Paul Bednar, John Beno, Arlene Bartko, John Bartko, Helen Brown, Ann Rose Chicvara, Robert Clark, Lori Davis, Mary Guiden, Luke Jarman, Katherine Jorkon, Barbara Jupin, Joyce Kane, James Kuss, Ann Mantich, Marlene Mantich, Irene Mateja, Janet Mateyko, Jeanette Stolarz, Lisa Sulich, John Yurkanin, Michael Yurkanin, Stacia Yurkanin.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Joy Armstrong, Blythe Baranko, Stephanie Baranko, Dillon Buenrostro, Greg Canner, Fr. Michael Evanick, Patsy Hale, Jon Kalena, Rose Kovach, Joan McEnery, Margaret Myers, Millie Myers, Mary Ochs, Wanda Onesko, Sophie Peterson, Rose Rodish, Ruth Sandidge, Jack Strisko, Margaret Sutcliffe, Betty Woods, Milton Woods.

✠ Tithes & Offerings ✠

Collection (2/9)

Offerings.....	\$1210.00
Votives.....	\$425.00
Remodeling.....	\$135.00
Hall Roof.....	\$40.00
Loose.....	42.00
TOTAL.....	\$1852.00

✠ Byzantine Traditions ✠

Forgiveness Vespers

Great Lent is a season of forgiveness and reconciliation. This season of fasting and prayer is an opportunity to enter more deeply into the mystery of being forgiven by our heavenly Father, who seeks us out and invites us to draw ever nearer to Him. In turning our minds and hearts away from the things of this world and toward an ever deepening encounter with our Lord, we grow to love more profoundly that which our Lord loves, and the *people* whom He has made our brothers and sisters in Him.

This season of reconciliation begins with the Vespers of Forgiveness Sunday. We are invited to ask forgiveness from each other and to renew our love for one another. We are asked to turn from individualism and indifference. We discover that Christ, Himself, makes reconciliation possible because He loves both me and the one whom He makes my brother in His love.

Our Lenten fast is meant to be more than "not eating". Our fast is a means of changing the way we relate to God, ourselves, and the people who are loved and forgiven by God as we are. As we encounter our own weakness and need in fasting, and turn our hearts to God, we discover the longing we have to be reconciled to Him and to those He loves. We encounter the *joy* of forgiveness.

