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DECEMBER 14-21

(M=ST. NICHOLAS, MUNSTER; W=ST. MARY, WHITING)

- Dec. 14 SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS  
Family Catechesis (W) 9 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy (W) 10 a.m.  
Mysteries of Initiation for Magdalena Mota
- Dec. 16 Emmanuel Moleben (M) 9:30 a.m.  
Confessions to follow
- Dec. 18 Emmanuel Moleben (M) 9:30 a.m.  
Confessions to follow
- Dec. 19 Emmanuel Moleben (W) 8:30 a.m.  
Confessions to follow
- Dec. 20 Vespers Divine Liturgy (M) 4 p.m.
- Dec. 21 SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS  
Family Catechesis (W) 9 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy (W) 10 a.m.  
For our Parish Family

Christmas Eve: Vespers Liturgy 10 p.m. at St. Nicholas

Christmas Day: Matins & Liturgy 9 a.m. at St. Mary



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Weekend Services:

Saturday: Vespers Liturgy 4 p.m. (M)

Sunday: Matins, 8:30 a.m., Liturgy, 10 a.m. (W)

Parish Office Hours:

Monday 12 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Confession:

Saturday after Vespers

Sunday 9:15 a.m., or by appointment

Sacraments:

Contact Parish Office

Served by:

Fr. Andrew Summerson, S.Th.D.

Cell: (216) 212-0295

Parish Secretary:

Marae Moore

Parish Pastoral Council:

Garrett Ashlock, Marina Klochan, Tony McCullough, Caitlin McEnery, Tony Mota, Denise Seeger, Donna Tang, Ben Yates

Parish Finance Council:

Tommy Abbott, Peter Baranko, Torie Cox, Leslie Flores, Paul Kuss, Peter McEnery, Melissa Noyola, Delana Yurkanin

 Schedule 

**Saturday:**

Vigil Divine Liturgy 4 p.m. (Munster)

**Sunday:**

Matins 8:30 /Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. (Whiting)

This schedules follow Bishop Robert’s teaching, “Christ God, Our Hope.” Parishioners from both parishes are encouraged to attend services at either parish. Donation envelopes can be given at both and will be returned to the proper parish.

**Confession:**

Please avail yourself to Confession before Christmas. There are ample times listed in the monthly calendar.

**Christmas Schedule:**

*Christmas Eve:*

Royal Hours: 6 a.m., 9 a.m. 12 p.m. 3 p.m.

Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil + Compline 10 p.m. (M)

*Christmas Day:*

Festal Matins w/ Divine Liturgy 9 a.m. (W)

 Cookie Walk 

Saturday, December 20, 2025, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Descent of the Holy Spirit Church Hall

545 E 77th Ave. Schererville, Indiana

Includes homemade cabbage rolls, halushki, and pierogies.

 Tithes & Offerings 

Dec. 7, 2025

\$2,288.00

We need to live from the collection basket. Please consider adjusting your tithe to 10% of your weekly take-home pay. Donations can be made online through Tithe.ly. Your offering also helps the charities that appeal to us for help.

**Have you remembered St. Mary’s in your will or trust? Leave a legacy of beauty and prayer to St. Mary’s.** Ask Fr. Andrew about planned giving opportunities in your will or trust.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

 Regional Byzantine Gathering 

The "Ships" have set sail in the Eparchy of Parma—DiscipleSHIP, FellowSHIP, WorSHIP and StewardSHIP. These "ships" are taking the Eparchy of Parma to new vision and strategic plan.

Our Byzantine Catholic parishes in northern Indiana are asked to attend a luncheon and presentation **on Sunday, January 11th at St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church in Merrillville, Indiana** to learn how we can be a vital part of this new vision and strategic plan. The luncheon follow the 10:00am Liturgy at St. Michael's.

**There will be no services at St. Mary or St. Nicholas that weekend to facilitate maximum participation in this important event.**

 Prayer Requests 

*Please pray for:*

**PARISH FAMILY**

John Beno, Arlene Bartko, Robert Clark, Susan Hlebasko, Laura Ieraci, Luke Jarman, Joanne Kuss, Marlene Mantich, Janet Mateyko, Oleksander Pushkarovich, Jeanette Stolarz, Lisa Sulich, Michael Yurkanin

**RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

Aaron Bauer, Helen Brown, Dillon Buenrostro, Greg Canner, Ann Rose Chicvara, Jerry Chicvara, Maria Diaz, Fr. Michael Evanick, Flaviano Fogli, Patsy Hale, Jon Kalena, Rose Kovach, Joan McEnery, Margaret Myers, Millie Myers, Mary Ochs, Wanda Onesko, Sophie Peterson, Palma Pozzebon, Marisol Rocha, Rose Rodish, Monique Saliga, Ruth Sandidge, Anthony Slinker, Sr. Audrey Rash, Christine Sadlowski, John Sadlowski, Jack Strisko, Margaret Sutcliffe, Fr. Ian Williams.

*Send prayer requests to the office.*

 New Parish Committees 

In line with Bishop Robert Pipta’s pastoral vision, parish has formed several new committees. Parishioners are invited to join at least one committee of their choosing. Each committee will develop activities to further the various objectives of the mission of a parish.

**Discipleship Committee** will develop and support Fr. Andrew in the faith formation, evangelization and outreach activities of our parish.

**Worship Committee** will support Fr. Andrew in the liturgical worship, including preparations for feast days, music ministry, care for the sacristy.

**Fellowship Committee** will support Fr. Andrew in organizing opportunities for parishioners to gather socially, including events and activities open to the wider community.

**Stewardship Committee** will support Fr. Andrew with collections (as ushers) and with fundraising.

We will also have a **Gala Committee**.

 Committee Meetings 

**Discipleship Committee:** Dec. 14 in the Rectory

**Fellowship Committee:** Dec. 27 after St. Stephen Liturgy (9 a.m. liturgy; 10 a.m. Meeting)

**Stewardship Committee:** Dec. 28 after Sunday Liturgy

**Gala Committee:** Jan. 4 after Liturgy

 A Verse for the Week 

He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”... And the master said to the servant, “Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.” (Lk 14:12-14, 23-24)