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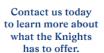


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| | DECEMBER 21-28 | |
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| (M=ST. N | NICHOLAS, MUNSTER; W=St. MARY, | WHITING) |
| Dec. 21 | SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS | |
| | Family Catechesis (W) | 9 a.m. |
| | Divine Liturgy (W) | 10 a.m. |
| | Christmas Decorating After Church | |
| Dec. 22 | Emmanuel Moleben (W) | 7 p.m. |
| | Confessions to follow with extra confe | essor |
| Dec. 23 | Divine Liturgy (M) | 9:30 a.m. |
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| Dec. 24 | CHRISTMAS EVE | |
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Royal Hours, (W) 6 & 9 a.m., 12 & 3 p.m. Confessions after each hour Vigil Liturgy & Compline (M) 10 p.m.

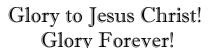
| Jec. 25 | CHRISTMAS DAY | |
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| | Festal Matins (W) | 9 a.m |
| | Divine Liturgy (W) | 10 a.m |

| Dec. 26 | Synaxis of the Mother of God | |
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| | Divine Liturgy (M) | 9 a.m. |
| | Munster Council Formation day to foll | ow |
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| Dec. 27 | STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR | |
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| | Divine Liturgy (W) | 9 a.m. |
| | Vesperal Liturgy (M) | 4 p.m. |
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| Dec. 28 | Matins (W) | 8:30 a.m |
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Divine Liturgy (W) 10 a.m.



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Weekend Services:

Saturday: Vesperal 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 before 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





Christmas Confession



Canon law requires yearly confession prior to Pascha and basic Christian life assumes more than that—if not monthly, then during penitential seasons such as the Philip's fast. Last chance for confession will be at St. Mary, Monday, 7 p.m. during and after the Emmanuel Moleben, a candlelit service (45 minutes) that prepares us for the Nativity. An extra confessor will be available throughout and after the moleben if you prefer anonymity. Christmas Eve, I will be available for confession after each of the Royal Hours at St. Mary. Each royal hour runs 25 minutes and will stay in confession as long as there is a line.



Let's Set Sail!: Regional Gathering



All 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 Byzantine Catholics in northern Indiana can be a vital part of this new vision and strategic plan. The luncheon will begin following the 10:00am Liturgy at St. Michael's.

Presentations will be given by Fr. Thomas Loya, Protopresbyter of the Midwest region, Fr. Andrew Summerson, parish priest of St. Mary's in Whiting and St. Nicholas and Fr. Michal Bucko, parish priest of St. Michael's Merrillville The day will conclude by 3:00pm. Sign-ups are needed for the luncheon.

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



Tithes & Offerings



Dec. 14, 2025 \$877.00

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.

We need just over \$5,000 to meet our match for the end of the year match campaign. Please be generous!



New Parish Committees



Discipleship Committee

Eric Brooks, Torie Cox. Laura Ieraci, Marine Klochan, Tony McCullough *Co-Chair, Antonio Mota, Melissa Novola *Co-Chair, Denise Seeger, Ben Yates, Delana Yurkanin

Fellowship Committee

Diana Abbott, Torie Cox, Murad Haddad Tony McCullough, Tom O'Connor, Claire Rosario, Ben Yates, Delana Yurkanin

Gala Committee

Diana Abbott, Torie Cox, Leslie Flores *Chair Laura Ieraci, Caitlin McEnery, Tom O'Connor, Delana Yurkanin

Stewardship Committee

Mike Abbott, Tom Abbott, Laura Ieraci, Jeff Seeger

Worship Committee

Garrett Ashlock, Marie Beccaloni, Caitlin McEnery, Aidan Valente, Ben Yates



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.



Anniversaries & Birthdays



Committee Meetings



Discipleship Committee: Dec. 14 in the Rectory

December Anniversaries

| Fr. Andrew (Ordination) | 12/12/2015 |
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| Marie Beccaloni | |
| (Consecration) | 12/28/2013 |

December Birthdays

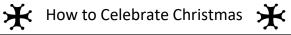
| Samuel Magallanes | 12/4/2002 |
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| Anselm Brooks | 12/5/2016 |
| Kevin Yurkus | 12/6/1968 |
| Silvia Pushkarovich | 12/7/1983 |
| ennon Esquivia | 12/10/2008 |
| Mike Abbott | 12/13/1964 |
| Maria Roman | 12/15/1981 |
| Angela Cruz | 12/17/1998 |
| Delana Yurkanin | 12/18/1976 |
| Mason Paxton | 12/22/2005 |
| Patricia O'Connor | 12/22/1956 |
| /ictor Muniz | 12/23/1937 |
| Kathy Plemons | 12/31/1953 |
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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





Joy takes work! Pascha is the principal Christian feast and demands our time and attention to celebrate Christ's resurrection and the possibility that he opens to us mere mortals. Christmas and Theophany are considered "Paschal Feasts" and are celebrated with the same solemnity. For this reason, they have the same cycle of services: A Vesperal Liturgy on the eve, and Matins and Liturgy on the Day. To celebrate properly, these liturgies are not "either/or" options but "both/and." Try and celebrate both services. Also, it wasn't too long ago in Byzantine Catholic history where we treated the Dec. 26 and Dec. 27 as a kind of "triduum," attending the liturgies on those days too. Make room for more prayer. It will turn your and our life around.