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February 23–March 1, 2026

**Weekend Services:**

**Saturdays (M):** Vespers Liturgy  
4 p.m.

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

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**Confession:**  
Sundays 9:15 a.m.  
or by appointment

**Sacraments:**  
Contact Parish office

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**Parish Secretary:**  
Marae Moore

**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday: 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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**Served by:**  
Fr. Andrew Summerson, S.Th.D.  
Cell: (216) 212-0295

**Holy Services**

**Feb 25:**  
Presanctified Liturgy (W) 6:30 p.m.  
For +Nancy Hlebasko by Mary Horvat

**Feb 27:**  
Presanctified Liturgy (M) 6:30 p.m.

**Feb 28: 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Saturday**  
Parastas (W) 8:30 a.m.  
Vespers Liturgy (M) 4:00 p.m.

**March 1:**  
Gregory Palamas  
Festal Matins (W) 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (W) 10 a.m.  
Lenten Vespers featuring Claire Rosario "Finding  
Prayer in a Hectic Life" (W) 4 p.m.

M=St. Nicholas, Munster W=St. Mary, Whiting

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**Lenten Challenge 2026:**  
Lent is about sacrifice that can change us. As we embrace  
this new partnered reality at St. Nicholas, Father Andrew is  
asking us to commit to deepening our discipleship and  
fellowship TOGETHER with the communities of St. Nicholas  
and St. Mary's Parish. For this reason, he is asking us to  
commit to daily prayer to St. Nicholas and St. Mary provided  
on sheets to take home. Also, to participate in services at  
both St. Nicholas & St. Mary once a week.

**Opportunities for Almsgiving:**  
Living the Gospel  
Drive a Friend to Church  
Gala auction-items donations or sponsorship  
\*See inside bulletin for more info

## Upcoming events:

### Ongoing: All Souls Saturday

The next All Souls Saturday will be February 28 with Parastas at 8:30 a.m.

### Living the Gospel

The recent Gospel invites us to love Jesus by loving those in need. Please join in living today's Gospel by donating cash or gift cards for Strack's, Walmart, Luke, and Speedway marked for our local St. Vincent DePaul Society. Donations can be placed in the box at the front of the church and will be distributed to our Whiting area neighbors in need by the society. Now until March 11.

### ECF Continues!

The next ECF dates are March 7, 21, & 29, April 3, & 12 at 3 p.m. St. Nicholas in Munster. Our hope is to continue to the end of May. A Bible study for adults will be held at the same time. **Please block off these dates!**

### Lenten Vespers

Come join us Sundays at 4 p.m. for Lenten Vespers and to hear fellow parishioners speak. The first is TODAY. March 1, Claire Rosario will talk about using the Psalms to pray throughout a busy day. Tony McCullough, Caitlin McEnery, and a special guest will speak on other Sundays.

## Parish Committee News

### Fellowship:

**Agape:** Our Agape in the narthex has become lean on sign-ups. Please help support this essential moment of communion after liturgy. Donations of supplies (paper goods/coffee etc.) for our Sunday Agape are welcome.

### Gala:

Have you received some lovely baskets for Christmas you don't know what to do with now that they're empty? Bring them to church before March 1. We can use them for auction baskets at our gala. Please give baskets to Laura.

### Mar 1: Monthly Parish Potluck

The first Sunday of every month, the Fellowship Committee hosts a potluck for our parishioners and friends. Join us in the hall after Divine Liturgy for lunch and conversation! Be sure to sign up if you would like to bring anything.

### Feb. 28 Nut Roll Baking Day

It's all hands on deck for our first nut roll baking day of the year! Fr. Andrew has been in touch with a schedule for those who said they could help, based on their skills and availability. Aside from our gala, nut roll is our biggest fundraiser, so please sign up to help if you haven't yet. **New Bakers Welcomed!**

### Mar 7 Lenten Cantor Retreat

Participants will be led through the service of Resurrection Matins by Dr. Brian Butcher, Ph.D. during this daylong retreat at St. Nicholas.

Scan QR code for more info:



### Mar 23 Last day for Gala RSVP

Our annual gala is April 11. The invites are out, so be sure to RSVP ASAP. Invite a local business to sponsor, take an ad, or give an auction basket. Letters are available.

### Discipleship:

**Drive a Friend to Church:** We need volunteers to drive parishioners with lack of transportation to and from church. If you are able, speak with Melissa Noyola or Tony McCullough. Thank you for helping those in need.

### Committee Meetings

**Feb 26:** Gala Committee, 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

\*Parishioners can join a committee at any time.\*

## 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 Chicvara, Jerry Chicvara, Maria Diaz, Fr. Michael Evanick, Flaviano Fogli, Patsy Hale, Jon Kalena, Rose Kovach, Joan McEnery, Margaret Myers, Mary Ochs, Wanda Onesko, Sophie Peterson, Palma Pozzebon, Marisol Rocha, Rose Rodish, Ruth Sandidge, Anthony Slinker, Sr. Audrey Rash, John Sadlowski, Margaret Sutcliffe, Fr. Ian Williams.

Send prayer requests to the office.

## Tithes & Offerings

Feb. 15, 2026 - \$1,315.00

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 many charities that appeal to us for help.

## Farewell Marie!

Marie, We are sad to see you go, but are incredibly happy for you as you take this next step in your vocation. It has been a blessing having you as a part of our parish! You will be missed and kept in prayer!

## Save the Dates:

**Mar 19:** Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete at Annunciation

**Mar 20-22:** The gift of the Church & the Magisterium with Tim Staples at the Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center in Bloomington, IN

**April 5:** Next Parish Potluck!

**April 11:** Open house, Vespers and Gala. Keep an eye out for invitations!

## Concert Series

St. John the Baptist Church is hosting a Lenten reflection concert series Sundays during lent. Head over after our lenten Vespers!

## Enrich Your Spiritual Life

### Reading

Make sure to visit our eparchial website *Parma.org* for great readings and other resources to enrich your reading of our faith.

### Parishioner Recommendations:

- "Wounded by Love, the Life and Wisdom of Saint Porphyrios"
- "For the Life of the World" by Alexander Schmemmann

### Weekly Scripture

**Heb 1:10 - 2:3**

And, You, Lord, founded the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the works of your hands: they will perish, but you remain.

**Mk 2:1 - 12**

"But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he said to the paralytic "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home."