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Nov. 15 – Nov. 22, 2026

Weekend Services:

Saturdays:
Vespers, 5 p.m. (W)

Sundays:
Liturgy, 8 a.m. (M)
Matins, 9. a.m.; Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. (W)

Confession:
Saturdays, after Vespers
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
or by appointment

Sacraments:
Contact parish office

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Holy Services

Nov. 15: 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Liturgy (M) 8 a.m.
Festal Matins (W) 9 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (W) 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 20:
Vespers with Litija and Confessions (M) 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 21: Entrance of the Theotokos
Festal Matins 7:30 a.m. (W)
Divine Liturgy 9 a.m. (W)
Vespers & Confessions 5 p.m. (W)

Nov. 22: 26th Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Liturgy (M) 8 a.m.
Festal Matins (W) 9 a.m.
Divine Liturgy (W) 10:30 a.m.

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

Reminders:

Nov. 21: Adult Bible Study
Nov. 21: Baking Day at 10 a.m.; Bake Sale at 2-4 p.m.
SAVE THE DATE! April 24: St. Mary Annual Gala

Eparchy Newsletter

Scan the QR code to subscribe to the Eparchy's weekly newsletter, which includes information on events, retreats, pilgrimages, messages from Bishop Robert, and spiritual resources.

Dear Parishioners, in an effort to keep our worship space tidy, please clean the area around your pew after Divine Liturgy. Return your prayer aids to the baskets and book holders by the church doors. It is especially important to tuck in the ribbons of the green liturgy books and set them in the pew book holders upright. Thank you.

News from Bishop Robert:

I have been following with care the local discernment of our parishes in northwestern Indiana, especially since a gathering was held for them at St. Michael Church in Merrillville on 11 January 2026. What has been developing is a particular long-term vision of the Eparchy of Parma in the greater Chicago area with parishes in Homer Glen, Whiting, and a new area to the east and/or south of Munster and Merrillville. My teachings have made clear the need for nearby parishes to discern prayerfully under the guidance of their parish priests possibilities for the renewal of our parishes by means of the best stewarding of human and material resources and with a whole-hearted embrace of an evangelizing Eparchy. With this laity-involved discernment in its early stages, I had assigned a single priest to our parishes in Whiting and Munster and have been pleased to follow the needed conversations, meetings, and prayers related to such renewal. In support of my Gospel-motivated commitment to missionary discipleship, authentic worship, and sacrificial stewardship, I am sharing that current discernment indicates to me that that needed renewal will best progress by partnering our parishes in Merrillville and Munster. While details are still being worked out, the faithful of the greater Chicago area can expect to have their parish priests assigned to conform to this new partnering no later than 1 July 2027. I ask that the communities of Munster and Merrillville not wait until the summer, but rather begin in the near future a time of shared discernment, planning, and collaboration as we explore a long-term vision for ministry and a future parish presence in the southeast region of northwest Indiana.

+Robert M. Pipta
Eparchial Bishop of Parma

***Fellowship Committee Item of the Month:** Kid beverages

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 22: Key Fundraiser Begins

Our annual key sales will begin Nov. 22 after Liturgy! Keys are $20 each for a chance to win $1,000! Winner will be announced at St. Mary's annual gala on April 24.

Nov. 28: Wreath Workshop

Join Annunciation for a 3-hour class to create fresh Christmas wreaths. The cost covers all materials for an 18" wreath. Please scan the QR code for more information.

Dec. 4: Holiday Market

St. Mary will participate in Whiting Public Library's Holiday Market! We need volunteers to run the table. Please sign up in the narthex.

Dec. 5-6: St. Nicholas Feast Day

St. Nicholas will host an interparochial celebration of the feast of St. Nicholas Dec. 6. The seminarians from Mundelein Seminary will join us for Divine Liturgy, followed by lunch. More info to come.

Dec. 12: Christmas on the Prairie

Come for another chance to gather at Annunciation for their tradition of celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas! Scan the QR code for more details!

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Arlene Bartko, Robert Clark, Susan Hlebasko, Laura Ieraci, Luke Jarman, Paul Kuss, Joanne Kuss, Marlene Mantich, Janet Mateyko, Patti O'Connor, Oleksander Pushkarovich, Jeanette Stolarz, Lisa Sulich, Michael Yurkanin

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR 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 for inclusion to the parish office.

Tithes & Offerings

Nov. 8 - $727.50
Please practice sacrificial stewardship.

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

Happy Birthday!

Nov. 17: Dr. Torie Cox McCullough
Nov. 18: George Timko, Jr.

Happy Anniversary!

Nov. 21: Joseph & Barbara Yurkanin

Meetings in November:

Nov. 15: Stewardship meeting after Liturgy
Nov. 21: Baking Day, as of 10 a.m.
Nov. 22: Key raffle begins
Nov. 29: Fellowship meeting after Liturgy

Enrich Your Spiritual Life

ECF Underway

Classes will take place on the following days at 3:30 p.m.; winter/spring dates TBA. An adult Bible study is held in church at the same time. Vespers follows.

- December 5
- December 12

Scan the QR code to register:

Spiritual Reading

Check out the new Christian book titles in the children's room off the narthex for the taking.

Weekly Scripture

Eph. 4:1-6
There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Lk 10:25-37
"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."