

Weekly Scripture

1 Cor 4:9-16

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Mt 17:14-23

And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.



ST. NICHOLAS

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Services

August 2 – August 8, 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

Parish Phone Hours:

Mon.-Thurs: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fri: 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

*for pastoral emergencies,
call Fr. Andrew's cell*

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August 2:

Divine Liturgy (M) 8 a.m.

+Joseph Kiraly by The Kochan Family

Festal Matins (W) 9 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (W) 10:30 a.m.

August 3:

Confessions or counsel 5:30 p.m. (M)

Paraklesis of the Mother of God 6:30 p.m. (M)

August 4:

Confessions or counsel 5:30 p.m.

Paraklesis of the Mother of God 6:30 p.m. (W)

August 5:

Confessions or counsel 5:30 p.m.

Gr.Vespers with Litija 6:30 p.m. (M)

Blessing of fruit

August 6: Transfiguration

Festal Matins 8:30 a.m. (W)

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. (W)

Blessing of Fruit

August 7:

Confessions or counsel 5:30 p.m.

Paraklesis of the Mother of God 6:30 p.m. (W)

August 8:

Vespers & Confessions (W) 5 p.m.

August 9: 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Liturgy (M) 8 a.m.

+Lorriane Beno by the Beno Family

Festal Matins (W) 9 a.m.

Divine Liturgy (W) 10:30 a.m.

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

August 2: Bake Sale

A bake sale is scheduled to take place following Liturgy on August 2. Be sure to indulge in our delectable treats!

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory to Him Forever!

Dormition Fast

August 1-14 is the Spasovka or Dormition Fast. We prepare for the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God with fasting and up our game with prayer and good works. A couple of ways to do this is to celebrate the Paraklesis of the Mother of God, a service of supplication and healing and go to confession. Fr. Andrew is available also to just listen before those services.

Hospice Care

The Care Team Hospice Care is seeking volunteers for their office, bereavement program, and patient companionship. These opportunities are flexible. There is no-cost training, and volunteers may serve within their own communities.

“Hospice volunteers provide comfort, companionship, and support to patients & families... Sometimes this looks like simply sitting with a patient, offering conversation, reading, praying, writing cards, and supporting caregivers... These small acts of kindness make a lasting impact.” - The Care Team

Contact Ailisha Scartozzi for info:
219-661-3100
ailisha.scartozzi@tct-cares.com

Pilgrimage Host Families

For the upcoming Midwest Pilgrimage, we are seeking host families to welcome pilgrims from across the eparchy. If your family is open to this experience, contact Pani Laura at 216-470-3287.

Upcoming events:

August 2: Bake Sale

Hosted by Martha Brunson, Emily Damitz, Michele Hamm & Mary Jo Wyche. Anna & Ava Damitz will be hosting a lemonade stand as well!

Aug. 8 Prosphora Baking

In the spirit of the Dormition Fast, we have some extra opportunities for learning. We will host a baking workshop for prosphora and a demonstration of the proskomedion or prothesis rite. Learn how the priest prepares for liturgy and how we might do the same.

Aug. 15: Adult Bible Study

St. Mary’s is hosting an adult Bible study every other Saturday at 4 p.m. before Vespers. All are welcome.

August 22: Annual Parish Picnic & Ice Cream Social

Join us to enjoy hot dogs, beverages & ice cream, and bring your pets! Any donation of side dishes are greatly appreciated. Please look out for the sign up sheet.

Oct. 3-4: Eparchial Midwest Pilgrimage

We had another great meeting for the Midwest pilgrimage. All are welcome to join the committee. Nex meeting: Aug. 6, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 19-22: Eparchial Assembly

Bishop Robert has announced an Eparchial Assembly, bringing together the faithful of our eparchy this October. The Pre-Assembly is Oct. 17-19. All are welcome. The Assembly itself is by invitation, and will be Oct. 19-22.

If you would like to join the pre-assembly, please scan QR code to purchase tickets.



Parish Council News

Should you have any announcements or events that you wish to include in the bulletin, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via email.

parish@stnicholasmunster.com or frasummerson@parma.org

Prayer Requests

PARISH FAMILY

Please pray for:

Tom Guiden, Andrew Kucek, Pauline Kucek, Dennis Kucer, Tim Maksymczak, Michael Metrick, Helen Michel, Monica Obuch, Marge Osborne, Tracy Pender, Mary Skratsky, Maureen Solan, Irene Walsko, Diane Walsko, Eugene Walsko, Anne Weber, Annemarie Zima

“May our Lord, Physician of souls and bodies, extend his healing hand to ease their every pain and suffering. May he grant them healing, strength, and spiritual comfort.”

Send prayer requests to the office.

From Fr. Andrew:

The Dormition Fast is upon us and is a time to prepare for Mary’s falling asleep and assumption into heaven. We call this in the Byzantine tradition a “summer pascha.” In the spirit of the fast, we should be decreasing distractions and increasing prayer. There are opportunities to pray every evening of the week and we will be discussing Bishop Robert’s document: “Eucharistic Communion and the Parochial Community.”

Thursday, August 13, at St. Michael Merrillville at 10:30 a.m., Bishop Robert will celebrate Divine Liturgy with the participants of our Family, Liturgy, and Life Camp. We had a record breaking year of sign-ups. Come celebrate liturgy with the Eparchy, our bishop, and our camp families.

Tithes & Offerings

July 26, 2026 - \$631

7/5/26 Sunday Attendance: 48

Practice sacrificial stewardship. We need to live from the collection basket. Please consider adjusting your tithe to 10% of your weekly take-home pay. Your offering also helps the many charities that appeal to us for help.

Happy Birthday!

*Add your birthday by scanning this QR code!



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.

Give a Listen!

Did you know that God With Us, the publisher of many books on Eastern spirituality, also has weekly and daily podcasts? Get your fill of positive, Christ-centered discussion!

Online Catechism for Adults

All adults are highly encouraged to continue growing in their spiritual life. To this end, God With Us Online is hosting a series of free webinars on various facets of our faith! You can find out more and register on their website.