

Weekly Scripture

2 Cor 11:31-12:9

The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Ar'etas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Lk 8:5-15

"A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.



ST. NICHOLAS

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Oct 4 - Oct 11, 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 Office Hours:

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

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

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Holy Services

**Oct. 4: 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Midwest Marian Pilgrimage**

Akathist (W) 9:45 a.m.

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

Oct. 10

ECF & Bible Study (W) 3:30 p.m.

Vespers & Confessions (W) 5 p.m.

Oct. 11: Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

Divine Liturgy (M) 8 a.m.

For Connie Beno's 90th birthday

Festal Matins (W) 9 a.m.

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

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

October 11: Bake Sale Following Liturgy

It's that time again! Be sure to stock up on delicious treats and support our parish and the Ladies Guild!

Midwest Marian Pilgrimage: Oct. 2-4

Thank you all for joining us in prayer and fellowship. May the Protection of the Mother of God be over you and your loved ones, and may the Mother of God, Searcher for the Lost, continually lead all of us closer to her son!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory to Him Forever!

Upcoming events:

Midwest Marian Pilgrimage

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Bishop Robert has asked St. Mary's to host a Midwest Marian Pilgrimage Oct. 2-4. The theme was: "For those who are burdened, come take rest under the veil of the Protection of the Mother of God."

The program included compline and a campfire with storytelling with Bishop Robert. On Oct. 3, pilgrims listened to teachings on the Protection of the Mother of God and the Mother of God Searcher for the Lost by Fr. Michael Lee and Nathan Eubank. A separate children's program with catechetical activities and prizes took place. Bishop Robert will celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Oct. 4, along with a special blessing for our ECF children and the commissioning of catechists, followed by brunch.

• Pilgrimage Planning Committee

Gratitude to this committee for their exceptional planning and organization of this event!

Oct 25: St. Michael's Fall Fest

St. Michael is hosting a fall fest Sunday, Oct 25 at 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. John Pruzin & His Tamburitians band will be playing live music & delicious meals will be available to purchase!

Starting Oct. 10: ECF Begins

Classes will be held on the following days at 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 2002 Davidson Place, Whiting; winter/spring dates TBA. This schedule allows families to fully engage in worship by attending Vespers immediately afterward. Additionally, an adult Bible study will occur concurrently in the church.

- October 10
- November 7
- December 5
- December 12



Scan the QR code to register:

If you have a child younger than Pre-K and wish to join the Adult Bible Study, please let us know so we can arrange child care.

Bishop Robert will confer a special blessing on our ECF children and commission our catechists after the Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's on Oct. 4.

Oct. 19-22: Eparchial Assembly

Bishop Robert has announced an Eparchial Assembly, gathering some of the faithful of our eparchy by invitation Oct. 19-22. However, all are welcome to the Pre-Assembly Oct. 17-19 in Columbus, Ohio.

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



Parish Council News

- Parish Council meeting at 1 p.m. , Saturday, October 10

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

parish@stnicholasmunster.com or frasummerson@parma.org

Prayer Requests

Please pray for parish family:

Tom Guiden, Andrew Kucek, Pauline Kucek, Dennis Kucer, Tim Maksymczak, Michael Metrick, Helen Michel, Monica Obuch, Marge Osborne, Tracy Pender, 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.

Tithes & Offerings

**Sept. 27:
Attendance: 61
Offerings: \$1,437.08**

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!

Oct. 10: Carol Slampyak
Oct. 11: Helen Hershman

*Add your birthday by scanning this QR code!



Additional Announcements:

Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church is having a raffle with a total of \$15,000 of prizes paid out! Tickets are \$100 each with a chance to win multiple times with one ticket! Sharing cost of ticket by family, friend, etc., is encouraged. Buy your ticket by Sept. 27. Drawings will take place 10/11, 11/15, 12/12, & 12/13.

Save The Date!

Oct. 12-16, 6:30 p.m.: Moleben's to John the Forerunner-10/12 (M), Mary-10/13 (W), St. Nicholas-10/14 (M), Our Lady of Guadalupe-10/15 (W), Bl. Theodore Romzha-10/16 (M)

Enrich Your Spiritual Life

Reading

Read Bishop Robert's new pastoral letter, available on the eparchy website and in print in the narthex.

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.