

August 6, 2023 — Transfiguration of the Lord

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" -- Matthew 17:5



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MASS SCHEDULE

Church

Saturday Vigil.....4:30pm

Sunday.....8:30am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday....9:00am
(Chapel)

Wednesday 6:30pm (Church)

Confessions

Saturday..... 3:30-4:00pm

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Roman Catholic family centered in the Eucharist, rooted in our immigrant traditions since the 1800s and devoted to our Blessed Mother. Humbly guided by the Holy Spirit, and with the warmth and hospitality that springs from a small community, we seek to share our faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, devotion, education, stewardship, and service to others.

PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Sunday, August 6, 2023 - Transfiguration of the Lord



Masses For The Week

Monday, August 7 (Chapel)

9:00am - Catherine Buckland

Tuesday, August 8 (Chapel)

9:00am - All Parishioners

Wednesday, August 9 (Church)

6:30pm - ALL Souls

Thursday, August 10 (Chapel)

9:00am - ALL Parishioners

Friday, August 11 (Chapel)

9:00am - For those seeking unemployment - Ernie Walker

Saturday, August 12

4:30pm - Katherine Stillwell - Family

Sunday, August 13

8:30am - Living & Deceased members of the Holy Name Society

11:00am - Catherine & Henry Kantosky - Bill Kantosky

Pray for the Sick: Tina Abshire, Nanci Arnold, Kathy Borowy, Lou Burrows, Richard & Deborah Cormier, Cathy Cornish, Jennifer DuPont, Ethel Faber, Karen Faulkner, Walter Fowler, Dennis Frabotta, Alyassa Frost, Don Gates, Michael Gilkeson, Marilyn Hamm, Dorothy Hannes, Richard Heath, Joan Henschel-Blake, Gloria Janosko, James Kwiatek, Debbie Listwak, Ron Listwak, Toni Long, Jose' Magiste, Neil Maier, Elise Martin, Hannah Haas Martin, Michele Miller, Becca Mullins, George & Margaret Murray, John O'Connor, Ron O'Hearn, Mark Petricevic, Jane Peyton, Donald Plas, Adam Postelwait, Colleen Ray, Gladys Rising, Adam Rone, Mary Ross, Cristina Safille, George Schaefer, Monica Schaefer, Paul Smith, Rhonna Smith, Thomas Southam, Al Traxler, Ted Turner, Rick Tylicki, Dick & Nancy Webber, Daniel White, Amy Woodburn, Pat Wracker & Bernadette Zielinski.

Please call the Parish Office on (440) 926-2364 or email us at info@olqpgraston.org to have a name of a friend or relative included in this list.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Monday

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

Nm 13:1-2, 25 - 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Friday

Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14;

just to let you know

WELCOME! If you are interested in joining OLQP, please call the parish office at 440.926.2364 or go to our website at www.olqpgraston.org. Registration forms are on our website and by the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

BULLETIN DEADLINES:

For inclusion in a weekly bulletin, please submit all announcements to Joanna at jblaz@olqpgraston.org by the following dates:

Sunday August 13 by 5:00pm Monday August 7
Sunday August 20 by 5:00pm Monday August 14

FATHER JOHN'S CORNER:

As I write this article on the Monday leading up to the festival the grounds are a flurry of activity as volunteers are busy setting up for the festival. There is a lot of work that goes into making it possible to provide this great event for the parish and larger community. I am grateful for all those who are setting it up. None of this would be possible without all the work that the office staff and maintenance staff have been doing leading up to the festival. And going into this past weekend there was anxiety that there would not be enough volunteers to run the events on the evening itself, but people came through as you always do to help out the community. As I look at all the items that people have donated from the post-it notes I am amazed. The generosity of people in the parish, whether in time, talent or treasure is what makes this parish great. And a big thank you to the planning committee who orchestrated the entire event.

The Feast of the Transfiguration is on August 6th, which this year falls on a Sunday. As a feast it takes precedence over the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, so we have a break from the continuous reading from the Gospel of Matthew and jump to the account of the Transfiguration in Matthew's gospel. We hear in the gospel (Mt 17:1-9) the voice from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." What efforts do you make to listen to Jesus? And what are you hearing and how do you plan to respond? We are called to transform the world by shining the Light of Christ on others. How are you being called to shine the Light and transform the world.

Remember that this Tuesday is election day. Repeating what was printed last week:

This is what the diocese released regarding Issue 1, which is the proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that is on the ballot on August 8th. If passed Issue 1 would make it more difficult for Ohioans to change the state constitution. Currently, it takes a simple majority vote of voters to pass a change to the constitution. The amendment proposes to change the constitution to require a vote of 60% of voters to amend the constitution going forward.

Since Issue 1 is, essentially, a vote about procedural matter (i.e. the procedure by which Ohioans amend the state constitution) and not directly dealing with substantive matters of moral concern, the Bishops of Ohio have decided not to take a stance one way or the other as to this initiative. That said, Issue 1 is being proposed in order to make it harder to pass the pro-abortion amendment that will be on the ballot in November and which the Bishops of Ohio are strongly opposing (see <http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/office-for-human-life/protect-them-both>).

Please continue to pray the prayer "Protect Them Both, Prayer to Defeat Ohio's Abortion Amendment." And to educate yourself about the Church's stand against abortion and to vote accordingly to defeat the amendment in November legalizing abortion in Ohio.

The Catholic Council of Ohio (Bishops of Ohio) have released resources and instructions for each week beginning August 12 through November 5. Please watch for these important resources and get the word out to defeat the abortion amendment in November.

As schools prepare for the upcoming school year, we too have been preparing. At this point we are still in need of teachers/catechists for our PSR. Please contact Elizabeth or me if you are interested.

--Fr John

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15 is quickly approaching. There will be a 9:00am Mass and 7:00pm Mass in the church that day with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning after the 9:00am Mass until the evening Mass. As part of the Eucharistic Revival there will be a Mass at the Crushers Stadium on Monday, August 14, the vigil of the Assumption. Please check the bulletin announcement regarding this Mass in today's bulletin.



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There will be training for any youth 4th grade or older as well as adults who wish to become a server at Mass. The training class will begin **Saturday, September 9 at 10:00am** and continue for 3 weeks. Please contact Fr John or the parish office if interested.



BALLPARK MASS **August 14 - Crushers Stadium**

Take me out to see Jesus! Take me out to the Mass!

Join us in our public witness of faith at a Ballpark Mass. The Mass at Mercy Health Stadium on Monday, August 14 will be the third of four Masses at outdoor venues to offer an encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and His Eucharistic people! A Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Martin Amos, preceded by a living Rosary on the field of Crushers Stadium. Eucharistic Adoration with praise & worship music by Fr. Menkhous and family will follow. Doors will open at 5:30pm, as well as the concession stands and Kids Zone.

Register today at: dioceseofcleveland.org/ballpark-masses



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Legion of Mary of the Diocese of Cleveland invites you to a traditional Eucharistic Procession on **Saturday, September 2, 2023** beginning with Holy Mass at 11am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. The event consists of Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Kevin Estabrook, Legion of Mary Spiritual Director, a procession through the streets of downtown Cleveland while singing hymns in honor of our Eucharistic Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a return to the Cathedral for the recitation of the Rosary and closing prayers. RSVP is not required and all are welcome to attend. Worship Aid is provided. For more information please email contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org or <https://www.facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio/>

The Feast of the Transfiguration **God's Divine Attributes**

Today's Feast of the Transfiguration is rather mind boggling. Imagine being one of Jesus' closest disciples. One day he says to you, "Come on, let's go for a hike up the mountain. We shouldn't be long." Perhaps you are tired from your latest fishing trek or your legs are cramped from a bad night's sleep, but you decide to go along anyway. And once you reach the top, you are glad you didn't let any superficial excuses prevent you from coming, for this journey was one you would never forget...

And the disciples wouldn't either. Instead of grabbing a canteen or looking for a snack in their knapsack, they fell to their knees in awe, for "he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light... a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'" And their lives were never the same because they had been shown without a shadow of doubt that Jesus was the true God.

As His disciples today, the Church helps us unravel this divine appointment by explaining God's attributes. God is Infinite: He is not confined by time or space. God is Unity: He is the one, true God and there is no other. God is Simple: He is not composed of any physical or metaphysical parts; He simply is. God is Divine: He is the creator and sustainer of all being. God is Eternal: He always was, always is, and always will be. God is Omnipresent: He is not confined by any temporal limitations; He is everywhere. God is Immutable: He is incapable of any type of change; Since he is perfection itself, He cannot change. God possesses Divine Knowledge, Intellect and Will: He knows all things, understands all things and orchestrates all things according to his divine plan.

After being reminded of Who and What God is, how can we do anything but respond in awe and wonder? As our second reading admonishes: "[W]e possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." Let us listen to that message today, allow ourselves to be moved by it, and respond in faith to our great and loving God.

DIGNITY OF LIFE

Dignity of Life is threatened in Ohio. A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of life. Decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot. Pray, Learn, and Volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect

Copies of the prayer "Protect Them Both; Prayer to Defeat Ohio's Abortion Amendment" are in the Gathering Area. Please take one and pray it daily.



DO I WANT TO PRAY?

Do I want to pray or only think about my human problems? Do I want to pray or simply kneel there contemplating my sorrow? Do I want to direct my prayer toward God or let it direct itself towards me?

--Hubert Van Zeller

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	Saints Sixtus II, Pope & Martyr and Companions and Saint Cajetan, Priest
Tuesday	Saint Dominic, Priest
Wednesday	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
Thursday	Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
Friday	Saint Clare, Virgin
Saturday	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

HOMEBOUND? If you or someone you know would like to receive communion please contact the parish office 440-926-2364. Also, if you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to take communion to the homebound and those in local facilities and/or the hospital, please contact the office as well.


CALENDAR CLUB

Congratulations to our July winner **Kathy Roig!**
Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer!

CONGRATULATIONS to **James Wilmoth and Emily Linnebur** who were married this past weekend.

May they continue to grow and reflect the love of God for us.



Order of 
Christian Initiation

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic? If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr John or Elizabeth Miketo for information on the RCIA process. The Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults is a process of growing in awareness of God's call in one's life and the teachings of the Catholic Church which form one in responding to God's call.

25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Calling all couples celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in 2023. You are invited to bring family and friends to **celebrate your silver anniversary on Sunday, August 20th at the 11:00am Mass**. If you will be attending, we ask that you contact the parish office and to also submit a wedding photo that will be part of the display on that weekend. And for those celebrating their 50th anniversary this year there will be a celebration at the 11:00am Mass on September 10th.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION

O faithful God, as your people, we cherish our memories and our history as a sacred gift. We also ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom that we might be receptive to change, conversion and growth. We need your grace to redirect our hearts that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your spirit, nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit. Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel. Give us courage and renewed hope that we may meet the challenge of being the Church in our time. Amen

TOGETHER -  LET US PRAY ...

**PROTECT THEM BOTH
PRAYER TO DEFEAT OHIO'S ABORTION AMENDMENT**

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Ohio from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. Father, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life, preserving parental rights, and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

**GROWING TOGETHER IN CHRIST -
CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY**

Additional pledges came in last week to put us over the \$2million mark. YEA! How blessed this parish is to have so many generous parishioners that have contributed to the campaign. This campaign is so close to reaching the goal. We are reaching out to those who have yet to contribute - please hear our call! Maybe you are still thinking about what to do and don't know what life will be like in three years. Find what works for you in the present time. Make a donation - big or small - and be a part of this growing journey!

This Saturday at our Parish Festival, visit us at the main tent to answer any questions you may still have. Pledge cards will be there along with a donation box.

At this time, we are at 80% of our goal. Thank-you to all that have contributed to the campaign and continued prayers for those who have yet to give.

--Colleen Dawson - Campaign Communications





COMFORT AND HEALING MINISTRY

On **Sunday, August 27th at 2:00pm**, the Ministry of Comfort and Healing will lead a butterfly release, “On the Wings of Hope,” in memory of loved ones who have died . If you would like to designate a butterfly in honor of a loved one, you may complete a simple form at our table in the Gathering Area or stop by and see us at the Festival Donations are welcome!

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

September 1, 2023
Sr. Mary McCormack

Would you like to join Father John for lunch once a month in addition to hearing a quality presentation to renew your faith? The First Friday Forum meets at the Spitzer Conference Center at Lorain County Community College on the 1st Friday of the month for lunch at 11:30am followed by a speaker at 12:00noon. We are finished and out the door at 1:00pm. We have reserved a table of 8 for our parish. Cost is \$23 per person and it would show our support to the Forum. Please call the office if you would like to reserve a place at the parish table. Reservations are due Monday, August 28th at 12:00noon.



THANK-YOU for your generous support of OLQP and your help with the needs of the community through your ongoing participation in our various ministries.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sunday, Jul 29/30:	\$7,742.90		
E-Giving:	\$3,620.95		
Total:	\$11,363.85		
YTD:	\$59,641.40		

A goal for 2023/2024 has not yet been finalized
Mortgage: \$161,024.16



The Week Ahead

- Sunday, August 6**
- Monday, August 7**
- Tuesday, August 8**
VOTING
- Wednesday, August 9**
- Thursday, August 10**
9:30am - Divine Mercy Chaplet (Chapel)
- Friday, August 11**
- Saturday, August 12**
10:00am - Gospel Reflection
- Sunday, August 13**
7:00pm - Grafton Midview Hotstove

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- August 14 - Ballpark Mass @ Crushers Stadium
- August 15 - Adoration
- August 20 - 25th Wedding Anniversary Mass
- September 1 - First Friday

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULES
(Sep/Oct/Nov)

All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, Mass Coordinators, Servers & Usher Team Leaders are asked to submit requests for the September/October/November Mass schedule. Forms are available in the St. Joseph’s room and on our website. **Requests need to be submitted by this Sunday, August 6.**

IN SYMPATHY

SYMPATHY to the family of **Mary Pick** who passed away recently.
May she rest in the peace of Christ.

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