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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: AUGUST 06, 2023

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Reconciliation Room)
Wednesday's 6:30 -7:30 p.m.; Saturday 5 – 5:45 p.m. or by appointment

PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE:

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK: (August 07 - 13)

Monday: 12:10 PM +Dennis Marek by Sacred Heart Choir
Tuesday: No Service
Wednesday: **6:00 PM** +Glenda Hertel by Sacred Heart Choir
Thursday: 12:10 PM +Yvonne Boone by Sacred Heart Choir
Friday: 12:10 PM **No service**
Saturday: 8:00 AM +Bob Vacker by Cathy Hostas
6:00 PM Special Birthday Intentions for Nancy Bauer by Mike & Kay Flippin
Sunday: 8:00 AM +Alan Bewley by Zachary Schertz (St. Mary)
10:00 AM +Bart Martinez by Terry & Belinda Bench

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES: (August 07 - 12)

Mon.: Numbers 11:4b-15	Matthew 14:13-21
Tues.: Numbers 12:1-13	Matthew 14:22-36
Wed.: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35	Matthew 15:21-28
Thurs.: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10	John 12:24-26
Fri.: Deuteronomy 4:32-40	Matthew 16:24-28
Sat.: Deuteronomy 6:4-13	Matthew 17:14-20

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: (August 13)

Please prepare for worship by prayerfully reading the Scriptures for next weekend Masses:

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 06: (Mission Collection – Heralds of Good News)

8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Mass (Preceded by Holy Rosary)
9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by Mass
All Weekend Liturgies: The Transfiguration of the Lord
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

Monday, August 07: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Wednesday, August 09:

6:00 PM, Sacred Heart/Mass followed by Holy Hour Adoration until 7:30 p.m. Benediction

Thursday, August 10: 12:10 PM, Sacred Heart/Daily Mass

Friday, August 11: No Service

Saturday, August 12:

8 AM, Sacred Heart/Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
5:45 PM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by 6 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, August 13:

8:00 AM, St. Mary of the Assumption/Mass (Preceded by Holy Rosary)
9:40 AM, Sacred Heart/Rosary followed by Mass
All Weekend Liturgies: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Weekend Liturgies: Presider for Mass – Fr. Bose

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: MATTHEW 17:1-9

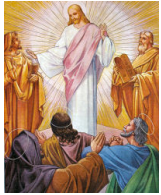
Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, 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." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

ADULTS: In what ways has the Lord revealed himself to you?

CHILDREN: What can you say or do to show others the glory of the Lord this week?

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – Sunday August 6th



In the Transfiguration Christ enjoyed for a short while that glorified state which was to be permanently His after His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The splendor of His inward Divinity and of the Beatific Vision of His soul overflowed on His body, and permeated His garments so that Christ stood before Peter, James, and John in a snow-white brightness. The purpose of the Transfiguration was to encourage and strengthen the Apostles who were depressed by their Master's prediction of His own Passion and Death. The Apostles were made to understand that His redeeming work has two phases: The Cross, and glory—that we shall be glorified with Him only if we first suffer with Him.

ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR, FEAST DAY - AUGUST 10TH

St. Lawrence was one among the seven deacons who served the Roman church; this was a charge of great trust, to which was annexed the care of the goods of the church, and the distribution of its alms among the poor. There are few martyrs in the Church whose names are as famous as that of St. Lawrence, in whose praises the most illustrious among the Latin fathers have written, and whose triumph, to use the words of St. Maximus, the whole Church joins in a body to honor with universal joy and devotion.

The Emperor Valerian in 257 published his edicts against Christians and Pope St. Sixtus, the second of that name, was apprehended the year following and put to death. As they took the Pope away for execution (to chop off his head), Lawrence followed him weeping. "Father, where are you going without your deacon?" The Pope answered, "I am not leaving you, my son, in three days you will follow me." Full of joy, Lawrence gave to the poor the rest of the money he had with him. He even sold expensive church vessels so he would have more money to give away. The Emperor Valerian of Rome, a greedy man, thought the Church had a great fortune hidden away. He ordered Lawrence to bring the Church's treasure to him. The saint said he would, in three days. Then he went through the city and gathered together all the poor and sick people supported by the Church. He showed them to the Emperor and said: "These people are the Church's treasure." The Emperor was furious. In his anger he asked them to kill Lawrence slowly so he would suffer more. The saint was tied on top of an iron grill over a slow fire that roasted him. God gave him so much strength and joy that Lawrence jested with his executioners and the cruel tyrant, "Now you may turn me over, my body is roasted enough on this side." Shortly after this had been done, he cried again: "At last I am finished; you may now take from me and eat." Before he died, he prayed that the city of Rome might be converted to Jesus. He prayed that the Catholic faith would spread all over the world.

St. Lawrence died on August 10, 258 He has been one of the most venerated martyrs of the Roman church since the fourth century, and he is named in the canon of the Mass (Eucharistic Prayer I). He was buried in the cemetery of Cyriaca in agro Verano on the Via Tiburtina, where Constantine built the first chapel on the site of what is now the church of St. Lawrence-outside-the-Walls, which is the fifth patriarchal basilica of the city of Rome.

Prayer to St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

O Generous patron of the Church's poor, St. Lawrence, pray to the One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that all the poor of the Church in need in every corner of the world may feel the effect of the love of their brothers and sisters who seek to help them. Deliver the Church from the greed and envy of the powerful and protect her rights and property so that she may serve the needy in freedom, giving them good things for soul and body. May we come some day with all those whom we helped on earth to the bright mansions of heaven where we will enjoy the riches of God's house and the company of the Savior who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Transfiguration of Our Lord: In our readings of this Sunday, King Belshazzar of Babylon receives an eschatological vision. Daniel explains and interprets the dream of the king. The vision was about God the Father sitting on the Judgment seat and destroying the evil one and Jesus beside Him. The three functions of Jesus viz. priestly, kingly and prophetic are mentioned here. In the Gospel, Jesus leads Peter, James and John to a new revelation about Himself through transfiguration. On the seventh day, Jesus enters into spiritual rest and becomes a being of light, luminous and transparent. In the transfiguration event, Moses represents the Law, and Elijah represents the prophets, but here is the perfect master and Lord of both. Peter expresses his desire to make three dwellings like a normal human, whereas God asks Him to listen to His Son, Jesus. How much are we dedicating ourselves to listening to the word of God? As Paul says in his letters, we need to have Jesus in whom we should have our existence. Only by knowing Jesus do we come to know God and our true nature. We need to acknowledge Jesus as our Lord, just like the father of the epileptic boy who kneels before Him in total surrender. Our task is to introspect how deep our faith is and whether we acknowledge Jesus as our Lord. **Pray and Practice:** *Lord, open our eyes so that we may see Your revelation in and around us and bear witness to You daily.* Have a blessed week, love and prayers Fr. Bose

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord - Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and in today's Gospel reading we hear it proclaimed that on Mount Tabor, Peter, James, and John caught a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. The event took place shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. In today's second reading from Peter, we hear his personal testimony. This comes from a man who spent more than three years with Jesus. Peter witnessed his humanity. He saw Jesus hungry, tired, and finally, rejected and crucified. But he also saw Jesus feed the 5,000, walk on water, heal the sick, and raise the dead. He saw Jesus in his glory when he was transfigured. He saw Jesus risen from the dead and ascend into heaven with the promise that he is coming again in power and glory. How strong is the stewardship of our own faith? Do we accept Peter's apostolic witness to Jesus as Christ? Does this testimony help us acknowledge and trust Christ Jesus as our Lord and savior?

HERALDS OF GOOD NEWS - MISSION COLLECTION

AUGUST 5/6: Rev. Fr. Kappumkal Thomas (Roy), Provincial Superior will be celebrating Mass Sunday, August 6 at Sacred Heart. Heralds of Good News is a Missionary Society of Apostolic Life, started in Eluru diocese, India on 14 October 1984; it became an Institute of Pontifical Right on May 5, 1999. The specific aim of the Society is the promotion of vocations to priesthood, the training of seminarians and the supply of zealous and hardworking missionaries to the dioceses in India and abroad which experience a shortage of priests due to the lack of local vocations. **This weekend we will be taken up a Mission Collection at all Masses, Please be generous!**

Contact Information for Seminarian Trent Barton: You can email him at: Trent.barton@fwdioc.org. Please continue to keep him in your daily prayers.



SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Whenever you are ill or have been hospitalized, please call for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick immediately.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: LAY LEADERS, PRIESTS, DEACONS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP: July 30, 2023

SACRED HEART:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 3,655.00

Youth: \$ 10.00 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 20.00

TOTAL: \$ 3,685.00

Envelope Use: 44 Regular; 1 Youth; 0 Special; 1 Holy Day

ST. MARY:

Amount in Checks/Envelopes & Loose: \$ 1,069.00

Youth: \$ 0 Special: \$ 0 Holy Day: \$ 0

TOTAL: \$ 1,069.00

Envelope Use: 9 Regular; 0 Youth; 0 Special; 0 Holy Day

Attendance: Sacred Heart – Sat. 76 & Sun. 110 St. Mary – 71

SEVEN DAY LIGHTS:

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: For the Alvin & Glenna Jungman Family by Shannon & Barbie Donnell Family, For the Henry & Lillie Mae Novak Family, For the George & Margaret Holub Family, For the Jim & Janice Knezek Family, For Michael Wright & Family, For Jackson Moline & His Family by Cathy Hostas, For the Ricky Wright Family.

FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS BY: Kay Flippin, Terry & Belinda Bench, Ricky & Charlotte Wright, Marilyn McGough, Donna Carver. If you would like to contribute to the Seven Day Lights, the cost is \$1 per week. Thank You.

OFFICE HOURS & BULLETIN NOTICES:

This week office Hours are Thursday 10am – 3pm. All bulletin notices must be in by **12 noon on Wed.!**

BAPTIZED INTO THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Let us pray for Ronnie Lyn Garcia who became a co-heir with Christ and a member of his Church through the celebration of baptism at the liturgy on Sunday, July 30th at St. Mary of the Assumption. May God bless her, her parents and godparents as they grow into the fullness of the Christian life!

BAPTIZED INTO THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Let us pray for Blakely Dawn Garcia who became a co-heir with Christ and a member of his Church through the celebration of baptism at the liturgy on Sunday, July 30th at St. Mary of the Assumption. May God bless her, her parents and godparents as they grow into the fullness of the Christian life!

BAPTIZED INTO THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Let us pray for Palmer Kay Garcia who became a co-heir with Christ and a member of his Church through the celebration of baptism at the liturgy on Sunday, July 30th at St. Mary of the Assumption. May God bless her, her parents and godparents as they grow into the fullness of the Christian life!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Perhaps you wonder at times why we do what we do as Catholics. Or perhaps you have considered becoming a Catholic but just don't know how. Or you know someone that might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. In any case, we invite you to enrich yourself or invite others to learn more by asking questions. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (the RCIA) is for people who either want to learn about Catholics or to become Catholic. If you are in an interfaith marriage and are already actively involved in a church of a different denomination, you may want to understand your family's Catholic faith better. If you are not connected to any faith community, you are most welcome to inquire with us. If after preparation you decide to become Catholic, you will normally be formally accepted at Easter or at Pentecost. **We will be starting in the fall.** If you know someone who may be interested and need a personal invitation, please contact Fr. Bose, Dcn. Jim or Johnny Holub, our Director, with their name.

AUGUST 2023 MINISTERS LIST

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/HOMEBOUND—Sandy Lane

Saturday	Sunday
Jim Castagna	Ronnie Hostas
Michael Lane	Greg Knezek
Johnny Holub	???

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS—3rd & 5th SUNDAYS

Kyle Barton

MONEY COUNTERS—Dcn Jim Novak

Dee Dee Peters, Shellye Kuehler, Jeanette Holub & Cathy Lohman

LECTORS—Janice Vita Thornhill

Saturday	Sunday
Kay Flippin	Greg Knezek

USHERS—Terry Bench

Saturday	Sunday
Terry Bench	Gary Wright
John Anderson	Cody Wright
Hagan Anderson	Harris Wright
Keaton Anderson	Michael Wright

FLOWERS—Donna Carver

05/06—Suzanne Sturgeon & Tanna Dockins

12/13—Jeanette Holub & Monica Culver

19/20—Connie Boone & Ashleigh Nichols

26/27—Stacy Holub & Cindy Cockerell

ALTAR SERVERS—Cathy Hostas

Saturday	Sunday
05—Madeline, Knox & Madalyn	06—Easton, Sebastian & Case
12—Slayton & Cooper	13—Angelina & Braelyn
19—Jackson & Graceyn	20—Stevi & Harleigh
26—Knox & Cooper	27—Bryson & Ean

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr – Feast

Day – August 9th: *“O my God, fill my soul with holy joy, courage and strength to serve You. Enkindle Your love in me and then walk with me along the next stretch of road before me. I do not see very far ahead, but when I have arrived where the horizon now closes down, a new prospect will open before me and I shall meet with peace.”* - Edith Stein was born October 12, 1891 (the Feast of Atonement) to a Jewish family in Breslau, Germany. Though she became agnostic in her teen years, through her passionate study of philosophy as an adult she searched after truth and found it in reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Jesus. In 1922, she was baptized a Catholic, and in 1933 entered the Discalced Carmel of Cologne where she took the name of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. During the Nazi occupation she was sent to the Carmel in Echt, Netherlands. When the Nazis occupied the Netherlands all Jews and Jewish converts were arrested. Sr. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa were arrested at this time. She said to Rosa, “Come. Let us go and die for our people.”

Sister Teresa Benedicta was gassed and cremated at Auschwitz on August 9, 1942 and died a martyr for the Christian faith after having offered herself as a holocaust for the people of Israel. A woman of singular intelligence and learning, she left behind a body of writing notable for its doctrinal richness and profound spirituality. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II at Cologne, Germany on May 1, 1987 and canonized on October 11, 1998.

<https://www.carmelitedcj.org/carmel/saints-of-carmel/162-st-teresa-benedicta-of-the-cross>

**PRAY FOR RAIN FOR OUR FIELDS, CROPS,
RANGELANDS AND RESERVOIRS!**

REMINDER: Tuesday, August 15th is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary— **A Holy Day of Obligation**. In the Catholic Church, **Holy Days of Obligation** or **Holidays of Obligation**, less commonly called **Feasts of Precept**, are the days on which, as canon 1247 of the Code of Canon Law states; *the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body.* **Holy Day Masses - August 15th:** 12:10 PM and 7 PM at Sacred Heart in Seymour.

5:30 PM at St. Mary of the Assumption in Megargel

DIVORCED CATHOLICS—NOT REMARRIED?

Although the state has the authority to render a civil decree of divorce, it does not have the authority to dissolve the Sacrament of Marriage. Consequently, after a civil decree of divorce, while the contract of marriage is no longer binding by the state, the valid Sacrament of that same Marriage is still binding in the Catholic Church. Therefore, the Catholic who is divorced, but not remarried, is still honoring his/her Sacramental bond of Marriage by not remarrying. Such a Catholic, though divorced, is free to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Rick Kieschnick, Briley Hostas, Melvin Kuhler, Cindy Cuba Boone, Carolyn Bertschy, Bessie Casillas, Joe Saitta, Jr., Donna Hampton, Cathy McElroy, Cora Shelton, Mary Myers, Olivia Wright, Keaton Hehl, Troy & Stella Glass, Bernie Thomas, Josiah Decker, Sheila Helton, Ofelia Garcia, Johnny Joe Pechacek, Michael Rodriguez, Bryker Fontenot, Adaline Urbanczyk, Kayley Lowder, Ralph Veitenheimer, Cheryl Hopkins, Genevieve Hmcirik, Hailey Glass, Debbie Turner, Teagan Matthews, Hannah Green, Jim Cuba, Sharon Wright, Arleen Kuhler, Abigail Novak, Braxton Pierce, Andrew Amador, Billie McGough, Jason Gilley, Margie Psencik, Andrea Sanchez, Ellen Schaefer Bruggeman, Machele Hass, Jeanie Evans, John Helton, Charlene Gajdos, Margarita Martinez, Donovan Muharib, Blaise Decker, Rosario Cruz, Dorothy Matus, Karla Parker, Jeanelle Howell, Trina Hostas, Richard Latham, Coy Jakubicek, Arya Myers, Keely Willden, Larry Ballard, Michelle Martin, Donna Anders, Michael Wright, Ricky Wright, Judy Horn, Bill Harmel, Nick Bryant, Linda Willis, Sandra & Ricky Moorhouse, Korbett Loftin, June Hmcirik, Cori Bohanon, Bobby Bohanon, Earl Carver, Tony Leal, Connie Rodriguez, Helen Rodriguez, Marilyn McGough, Mary Ann Redder, Mike Sullivan, Chris Christian, Charles Wright, Patsy Sosolik, Justin Walker, Scott Christian, Judy Wheeler, Tamara Gann, Dale Peterson, Anne Marie Vita, Billy Mac Howe, Deven Hall, Kim Novak, Lizzie Smith, Henrietta & James Styles, Deacon Jim Novak, Barbara Coltharp, Gary Coltharp, Jerry Kuhler, Vivian Steinbach, Ashley Felty, Deidra Groves, Melvin & Shirlee Motl, Jaime & Jim McLarty, Justin Elliott, Lana Studer, Robert Torrez, Waylan Wyatt, Cindy Coltharp, Levi Bourland, Chris Scott, Rayden Denman, Ashley Wright-Burke & Family, Phyllis Molina, Betty Hernandez, Larry(Pero) Elliott, Ruby Robertson, Lane Hmcirik, Logan Hmcirik, Jaime Hmcirik, Mike Flippin, Pinky Pedapudi, Patsy Groves, Karen Bruggeman & Shawn Latham.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN: Ryan Holman, John George, Kyle Matus, Andrew Gelb, Tai Bandy, James Crawford, Sam Atwood, Josh Wright, Chance Freeman, Wayne Howard, Korey Bailes, Mitchell Lee, Zachary Hamilton, Trey Matus, Julien M. Wright, Donovan Palacios, Carson Pope, Isaak Estraca, Sebastian Mabry, Tyrel Hart & Tylor Don Chism. *Please call the office to update the prayer list for those to be added or removed.*