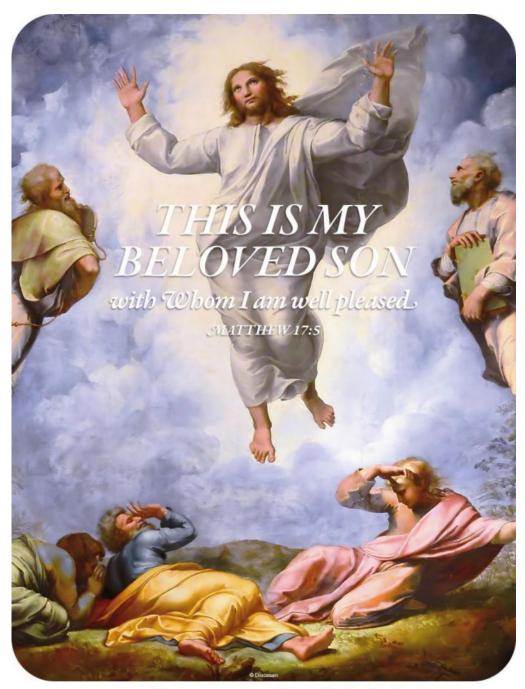
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## August 6, 2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord

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Dear Parishioners,

I'm not sure what it is about the summer months, but it seems like they go a lot quicker than the rest of the year! Here it is, the first



week of August already. It's just a few weeks away from the start of the next school year!

Since it's August, this is just a reminder that our Faith Formation classes start next month! Pre-Registration has already closed. Please contact either George or Casey in our Faith Formation office for additional information.

August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Assumption, will be a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We will have a vigil Mass on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> and a morning Mass and an evening Mass on the 15<sup>th</sup> itself. Please keep this in mind as you plan your schedule for next week.

In the coming weeks, I'll have some additional information about the upcoming Fall activities and programs. Keep watching the bulletin!

Thanks for reading! Fr Mark

### **Giving With eGiving & ACH**

Thank you for your continued support of our church. We ask those who can to continue giving, either via mail or eGiving through Vanco at https://stcatherinesiena.org/give. If you are interested in starting an automatic deposit of offerings, we have an Automated Clearing House (ACH) option you can utilize. Please see more information about this program on our website at https://stcatherinesiena.org/ach-form.When making a donation to El Sitio, Debt Reduction, Mass Intentions, Diocesan Second Collections, etc., please do not combine with your Sunday offertory envelope.

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#### **Mass**

Monday - Saturday: 9:15 am (Trinity Chapel) Saturday: 4:00 pm, Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm

All schedules are subject to change.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays from 11:00 am—12:00 pm, Trinity Chapel/GLP

If this time does not work for you, call our Front Office to schedule an appointment with a priest.

#### **Front Office Hours**

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am—2:00 pm

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### **Calendar of Events**

### Sunday, August 6, 2023

7:30 am Mass, Church 9:00 am Mass, Church 11:00 am Mass, Church 12:00 pm Baptism, Church 5:00 pm Mass, Church

### Monday, August 7, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel11:30 am Primetimers, Offsite

7:00 pm Catholic Men's Fellowship, GLP

### Tuesday, August 8, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel9:30 am Prayer Shawl Knitters, GLP9:45 am Rosary, Trinity Chapel

6:00 pm SVDP Business Meeting, Fellowship

### Wednesday, August 9, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

### **Calendar events subject to change!**

### Thursday, August 10, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
10:00 am Adoration, Trinity Chapel
12:50 pm Benediction, Trinity Chapel

6:30 pm GriefShare: Loss of Spouse, Classrooms 9/11

#### Friday, August 11, 2023

9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel

### Saturday, August 12, 2023

7:30 am Catholic Men's Fellowship, Rooms 9/11
8:30 am SVDP Interviews, Stanley Centre Office
9:15 am Daily Mass, Trinity Chapel
11:00 am Reconciliation, GLP & Trinity Chapel
2:45 pm Siena's Rehearsal, Choir Room
3:30 pm Rosary for Life, Church

4:00 pm Mass, Church

### **Reflection on the Readings**

Today we celebrate the familiar story of the Transfiguration of the Lord. All the readings today deal with God's wondrous glory and his omnipotence. The book of Daniel describes in vivid imagery the "Ancient One", whose clothing was bright as snow and the hair on his head as white as wool. The Ancient One is God and the imagery speaks to His divine status of wisdom and purity. In the second reading, Peter describes his experience as a witness to Jesus' miraculous transfiguration. He reports trembling in fear as God proclaims, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Remember that in Biblical history, the top of a mountain was considered the site of divine revelation. In Matthew's Gospel, the three disciples accompany Jesus to the top of the mountain where they were so astonished at the transfiguration of Jesus that they "fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Jesus is radiant with light and assures them this was not something they should fear. As we reflect on these readings, what can we take away for our life of faith today? While we may never make it to a mountaintop for divine revelation, our Lord Jesus wants to give us too a glimpse of His glory. He wants to assure us, just like the three disciples that He is the Lord, the Son of God. He wants us to ask the Holy Spirit to give us the eyes of faith to 'see' Jesus in His true glory. He wants us to let go of fear and anxiety and the need to be in control, instead trusting Him and resting in His peace. He gives us the most miraculous gift of all when He offers Himself to each of us in the Holy Eucharist at every Mass. As we receive this spiritual nourishment for our daily lives as disciples, may we repeat the words of St Peter, "Lord, it is good that we are here."

Reflection by parishioner, John Ceglarek

### **News Around St. Catherine**

### Loss of a Spouse Program Aug. 10

Loss of a Spouse is a two-hour GriefShare program targeted to anyone who has experienced the death of a spouse. This program will be held on Thursday, August 10, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at St. Catherine in classroom 9/11. Pre-registration is appreciated. To register please visit the GriefShare website at <a href="mailto:GriefShare.org">GriefShare.org</a>, St. Catherine's entries will come up if you enter the zip 49024, or contact Paula White pwhitentc@mac.com. The program costs \$10 which includes the workbook.

### **Back to School Giving Tree Drive Extended Date: August 15**

The annual Back-to-School Giving Tree project, which supports various local organizations, has been extended to August 15. SignUp Genius lists are available on our website at https://stcatherinesiena.org/giving-tree-2 or via the above QR code. Drop off donations (labeled with the name of the recipient organization) to the area under the designated board in the Narthex, except for gift cards, which should be delivered to the office or in the drop box outside the office. Contact Colette with any questions at gushursts@yahoo.com. Thank you!

### St. Catherine of Siena Job Listings:

With the exciting growth of our parish, we are looking to add to our "STELLAR" team! We are looking for two talented and experienced individuals to join us as we grow and strengthen our parish:

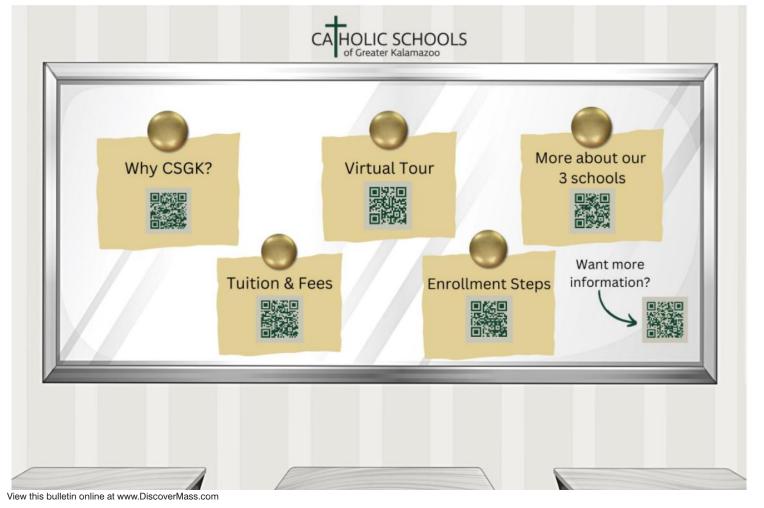
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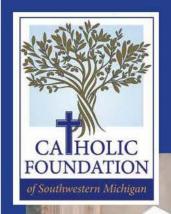
If you or anyone you know are interested in learning more about either of these roles, feel free to contact Al DeMars or Kristi Kelly, or apply today at: <a href="https://www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org/employment">https://www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org/employment</a>.

### **KofC Golf Outing August 26**

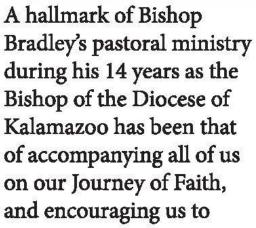
Join the Knights of Columbus for their 12th Annual St. Catherine's Parish Golf Outing on Saturday, August 26, at Pineview Golf Course. Please visit

https://stcatherinesiena.org/news/koc-golf-outing-2023 to fill out the sheet and return to the front office. Payments will be taken no later than August 21. Contact Mark Castillo at 269.599.4560 with any questions.





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live our lives following Jesus' command to Love God and to Love one another as Jesus loves us. What has always been close to Bishop Bradley's heart is supporting all those ministries and organizations which are dedicated to serving those most in need.

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### **Mass Intentions**

SATURDAY: August 5, Vigil of the Transfiguration of the

Lord

4:00 pm Robert Andrus †

**SUNDAY: August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord** 

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

7:30 am People of the Parish 9:00 am Norma Dacoba † 11:00 am Mary Uramkin † 5:00 pm Anna Ptacek †

MONDAY: August 7, Weekday; Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and

Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21 Mk 6:53-56

9:15 am Steven Whitehead †

**TUESDAY: August 8, Saint Dominic, Priest** 

Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

9:15 am Deacon Ed Feltes †

WEDNESDAY: August 9, Weekday; Saint Teresa Benedicta

of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28

9:15 am Bill O'Shaughnessey †

THURSDAY: August 10, Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 9:15 am Steven Whitehead † FRIDAY: August 11, Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

9:15 am Steven Whitehead †

SATURDAY: August 12, Weekday; Saint Jane Frances de

Chantal, Religious; BVM
Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
9:15 am Anthony Kovach †

SATURDAY: August 12, Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in

**Ordinary Time** 

4:00 pm Joseph & Anna Jankura †

SUNDAY: August 13, The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

7:30 am Konstantins Sventeckis †
9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Souls in Purgatory †
5:00 pm Rocio Cedano †

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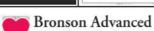
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