

The Transfiguration of the Lord

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am



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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm

Fr. George Darling, Pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parish registration of six months is required.

Preparation session required. Contact the parish office for details.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office a minimum of six months prior to the preferred wedding date.

Marriage preparation sessions are required.

PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome to our Parish. Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in weekend liturgies and full participation in the parish stewardship program. All family members 18 years and older should be individually registered with the parish. Parish membership and participation is required of those desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony.

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son, with whom I am well
pleased...”

Matthew 17:5

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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat, Aug 5	VIGIL: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
4:30 pm	Elvira Dutari
Sun, Aug 6	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
9:00 am	Parish Family
11:00 am	Gladys Huerta, Nisla Dutari
Mon, Aug 7	WEEKDAY
	No Mass
Tues, Aug 8	ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST
	No Mass
Wed, Aug 9	WEEKDAY
8:30 am	
Thurs, Aug 10	ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON
8:30 am	
Fri, Aug 11	ST. CLARE, VIRGIN
	No Mass
Sat, Aug 12	VIGIL: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Dick Greenhoe
Sun, Aug 13	19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am	Parish Family
11:00 am	Michael V. Doyle

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Readings for the Week of August 6, 2023	
Sunday	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 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	St. Dominic, Priest Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26—29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	St. Lawrence, Deacon 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Friday	St. Clare, Virgin Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 212; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-23



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BY GEORGE....

Now that the calendar has turned to the month of August it means that summer is over half done and school will be resuming shortly. Here at All Saints Academy school resumes on Wednesday, August 23, less than three short weeks away. We have the happy problem again this year that we don't have any empty classrooms in either building, i.e., here at the lower campus and at the upper campus at St. Jude. Presently (I am writing this on Tuesday) we have 215 students registered for grades K through 8 which is the most we have had since 2014, and 375 students total including our preschool students and toddlers which is the most we have had since 2010. At this time we have more students enrolled at All Saints Academy than at any other Catholic elementary school in the Diocese. I don't think that there are any kind of bragging rights that we have become the largest school in the Diocese, but I do believe that it means that parents are finding what we are doing to teach their children of benefit to them such that they are willing to entrust their children to our staff here. Of course we need your help in this task -- please remember to keep the students and staff at All Saints Academy in your prayers. Feel free to join us here on Wednesdays for Mass at 10:30 a.m. starting on August 23. The reason that we have the Mass at the later time with the school children is that we have kindergartners through second graders participating at Mass here. The first thing in the morning before they have settled into their daily routine is not the best time for the little ones to be able to participate in Mass. Since as a Catholic School we believe that the Mass is the best part of our Wednesday we have it at a time when we believe it will most benefit the children to participate. So please feel free to join us on any Wednesday with the little ones of All Saints Academy as we pray together in the Mass.

With the end of the month of June we came to the end of another quarter of our Parish fiscal year. That means once again it is time for us to distribute the grants from the Deacon George Social Justice Fund. Remember that recipients of grants have to be organizations involved in the works of social justice, i.e, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, etc. An organization can only receive one grant per fiscal year in the maximum amount of \$5000. Hence if you have nominated an organization in the past and it was prior to July of 2022 then you could request a new grant for that same organization once again. If you wish to nominate a charity you can find the nomination forms in the stewardship tower in the Church narthex, on the Parish web site, or you can contact Lori in the Parish Office and she can send you a nomination form via email or the U.S. Postal Service. Don't forget to include the description of their mission as well as their financial forms for the benefit of the Deacon George Social Justice Fund Board members who will distribute the grants. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Darrell in the Parish Business Office or me. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish which allows us to participate in Jesus' works of charity.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Tue Aug 8: 7:00pm Knights of Columbus Mtg, Conference Room
Wed Aug 9: 1:00pm Game Time MPR
Thurs Aug 10: 6:30pm Ladies Revive Basketball Group, Family Center

HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

We are always looking to keep our database updated. If you have had a change of address, phone number or email address, please let us know by calling the Parish Office, emailing us at church@bsacrament.net, or you can go to our website, under the tab "About Us" and use the form there to get us that info. Thanks for helping us keep our Parish records up-to-date.

REMINDER: If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Marie LeMire at 616-260-4685 to arrange a visit.



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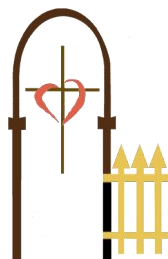
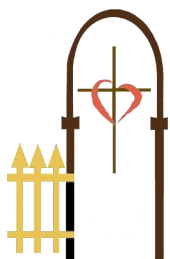
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION?

Many of our parish families struggle to afford Catholic school tuition. Some decide they simply can't afford it, even though they want to provide their children with the blessings that such an education provides. You can help! All Saints Academy's Tuition Angel program makes it possible for you to donate to ASA, and direct your donation to help a youngster learn and grow in God's word. Make a real difference in the life of a child! Please call 616-447-2997, or go to our web page at asagr.org/support to learn how you can make a difference today and for years to come.



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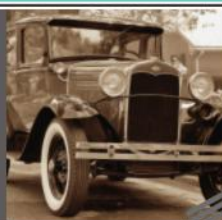


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