



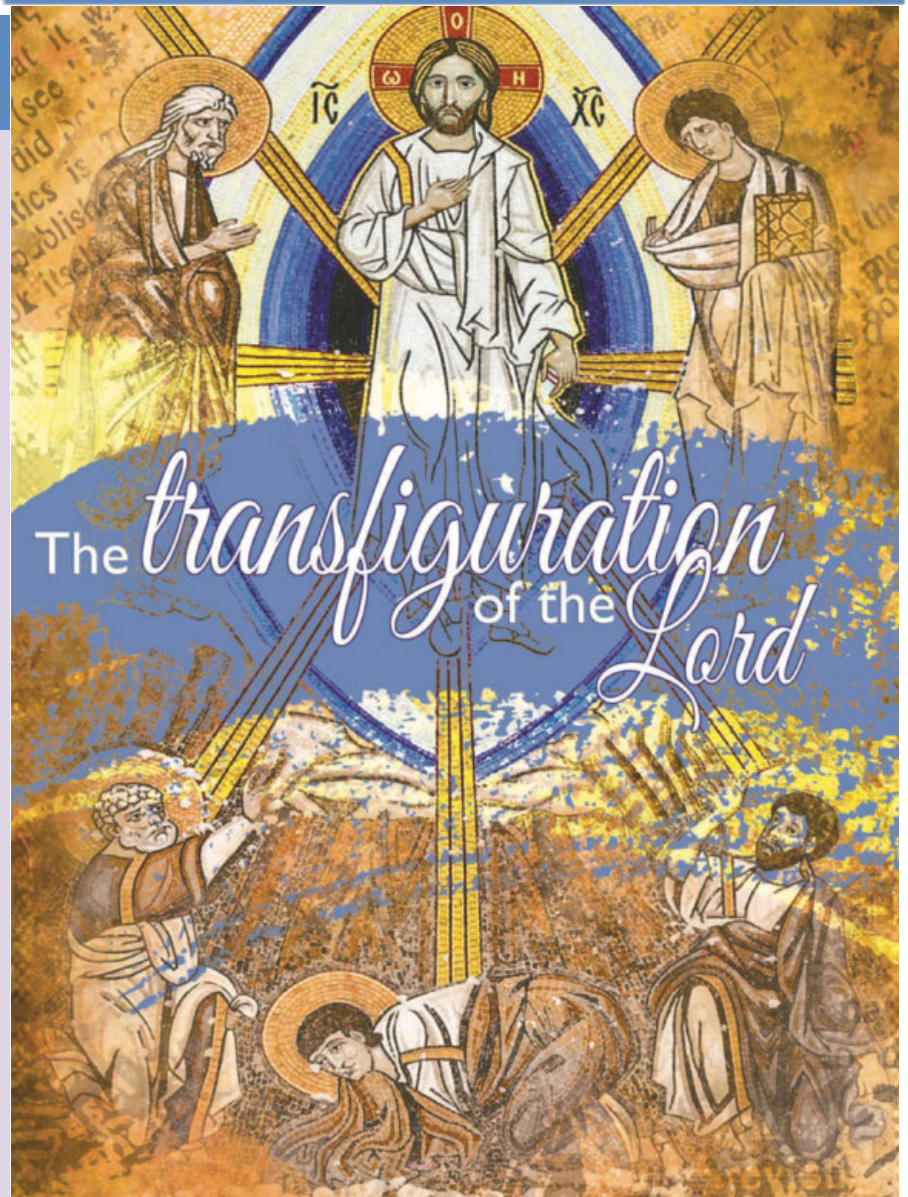
SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm
7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
in the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open: (Summer Hours)
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 4:00pm
Friday: 8:30am—12:00pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

OCIA: Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



Cruisin' with Mom (Part Two): In last week's edition of TALLer Tales, I shared that I accompanied my mom on a Great Lakes Cruise on board the Viking

Octantis. Doing a Great Lakes cruise was at the top of my mom's bucket list of things to do in her senior years! I've never been on a cruise or heard of Viking Cruises before, but I was super impressed by the whole experience.

As I mentioned last week, when I boarded the bus from the airport to the ship, I noted I was among the youngest. That trend indeed continued once I got on board the Octantis. We were lucky if there were 15-20 people under 60 of the 378 passengers. I felt young ... until I had to pop some Tylenol because my knee and/or feet were asking for some relief!

I need to give you a little backstory for today's article. Several weeks before our trip, my mom went on the hunt for a combination walker/wheelchair-type device. We wanted something portable that could serve as a walker when she needed it but then could turn into something I could push her around (like a transport chair or a smaller wheelchair). She came across something on Amazon that fit the bill to a tee. It was a rollator/walker by Vocic, and it came in handy. When she was too tired to walk, attaching the "feet" and turning it into a transporter-type chair was simple.

Because our family often travels together, I'm accustomed to listening to my mom and sisters chat with other women about their hair, shoes, clothes, etc. It could be a random person passing by, and suddenly, a conversation ensues about shoes or whatever. I often roll my eyes, hoping the conversation will come to a close so we can go on with the journey.

Things were different on the Octantis. As I wandered the ship with my mom, there wasn't any talk about shoes, clothes, or hair. The talk of the town was about my mom's rollator. Whether walking to a meal or just meandering around the ship, we had many looks, comments, and questions about the rollator. Several times, I gave a demo to the curious onlooker. We even had one wife catch me after her husband looked at my mom's rollator and told us she could use some help to convince her husband to buy one. I gave it the college

try anytime I ran into them. Suddenly I felt like the official Vocic Rollator Salesperson on board! There was NO DOUBT I had the right clientele on board to show off this fancy rollator.

Our Great Lakes cruise started in Toronto. I'm not sure I would have ever found the dock had we not been driven there. One thing I learned about our Great Lakes Cruise is that many of the ports are still trying to play catch up with how to deal with a cruise ship ... even a small one. The Octantis and its twin sister ship, the Polaris, are relatively small. They both were built in 2022. They hold 378 guests and 256 crew. Their length is 665 feet, with a beam of 77 feet. They are listed as a Polar Class 6 vessel (meaning they can operate in summer/autumn in medium first-year ice up to 4 ft). These expedition vessels go down to Antarctica and are well equipped to deal with ice and polar temperatures!

But back to the docks. The only first-class dock was in Detroit, where we docked in front of the Ren Cen on the Riverwalk. That was fascinating. The other docks in Toronto and Milwaukee were old freighter docks in the middle of nowhere! We anchored in a bay or just outside the port of all our other destinations and used one of the four onboard tenders to be shuttled to port (more on the tenders later ... they were fascinating).

After setting sail from Toronto on day one, we spent that evening and most of the night traversing the Welland Canal Locks. That was a fascinating experience all in itself! But I was certainly settling in with my new role as one of the "younger kids" on board the mighty Octantis.

To be continued.

Sacrament of the Sick – Part Two: I began this series on the Sacrament of the Sick last week by looking at how Extreme Unction gave way to our current understanding of the Sacrament of the Sick. The change in the theological understanding of the sacrament (namely that it's not only for the dying) was the work of the Second Vatican Council and Pope Saint Paul VI. Every time I write about this topic, I recall with a smile some of my hospital visits where perplexed patients worried I was giving them their "last rites." I remember one such visit in particular. After I said the prayers and anointed this one person who was in the hospital for a relatively minor situation, they had a worried look on their face.

Noticing the anxious look, I asked what was wrong. With a crunch of the forehead and eyes locked on my eyes, my worried patient asked, "Did you just give me LAST rites?"

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers some great insights into the sacrament's foundation in the economy of salvation. It states that illness and suffering have always been great problems confronting human life. We experience powerlessness, limitation, and finitude in our illness and sufferings. Illness can lead to anguish, despair, and sometimes anger toward God.

Amazingly though, an illness can provoke a search for God (as one tries to figure out why God would bring about an illness) and ultimately a return to him (as one turns to him for strength and consolation in the midst of the illness). In the Old Testament, illness often becomes a way to conversion. The Old Testament person often laments the illness before God but also turns to God for healing. The prophet Isaiah suggests (and this becomes important for the New Testament's understanding of illness) that suffering can have a redemptive value.

Christ had enormous compassion for the sick. Christ's many healings were not only a sign that God had visited his people but were a sign of the very nearness of the Kingdom of God. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us (CCC 1503-1505): "Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins (cf. Mk. 2:5-12); he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of (cf. Mk 2:17). His compassion toward all who suffer goes so far that he identifies himself with them: 'I was sick and you visited me (Mt. 25:36).' His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul. It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them."

I'll share more about the redemptive value of human illness next week.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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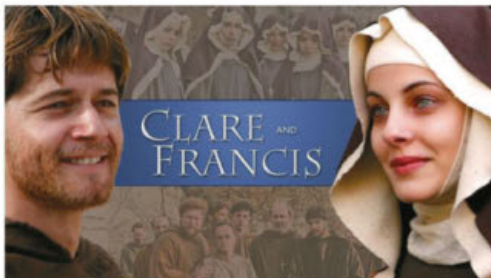
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

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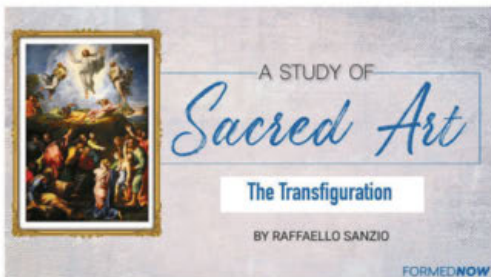
Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.



Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.



The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, "The Transfiguration," to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.

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Along the Way



Do you remember the first time you ever left the country? And yes, going over the bridge to Canada does count! But what about the first time you traveled outside of North America, if you have been blessed enough to be able to do so?

For me, it was with a group of youth and young adults as we traveled to World Youth Day (WYD) in Madrid, Spain in 2011. We began our experience, however, with a pre-trip to Rome. We spent three days in Rome before traveling to Toledo (Spain) and then to Madrid. I will admit, I was a little nervous traveling that far for the first time. But I guarantee that I was not nearly as nervous as my mother must have been! Nonetheless, it was an exhausting *and* life-changing experience. I had just finished my sophomore year of college at the University of Detroit Mercy and had an inkling that God was calling me to be a priest. Seeing so many young people gathered together, and so many young, enthusiastic priests, made me feel like our faith is “cool.”

There were sisters and brothers and priests and young people all over the city. There were participants from all across the world, including many groups of young people from countries where Christians are often persecuted for their beliefs. Yes, the excitement was palpable. Each day we gathered in common language groups for Catechesis.

But the entire experience culminated with an evening vigil, followed by Mass with Pope Benedict XVI. The overnight vigil of Eucharistic adoration was at an airfield. (All of those little dots in the picture are people!) It was summer, in Spain – temperatures reached well over 100 degrees. It was so hot and so many people were passing out that the airport brought out their firetrucks and sprayed the crowd to cool us down. While the temporary relief was wonderful, you can imagine what a mess it also made!



Because, ... Then the storms came. It

poured down rain. Thunder echoed throughout the airfield. Two million people watched the lightening fly through the sky. Supposedly Pope Benedict was advised to leave three times due to the storm, but he refused because of his desire to be with us, the youth. His zucchetto (little white skull cap) flew away; his notes, nowhere to be found. But how did he reassure the group of pilgrims? “Our faith is greater than the rain.” It was a moving experience, to say the least, and it was pivotal in increasing my desire to become a priest.

At this moment, there are several million young people gathered in Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day 2023. And my prayer for them is that they have had an even more powerful encounter with the Lord than I previously experienced. World Youth Day was the invention of Pope John Paul II. In 1984, the Pope decided to organize a gathering on Palm Sunday, in Rome, to celebrate the Youth Jubilee of the Holy Year of Redemption 1983-1984. Sixty thousand pilgrims were expected, however 250 thousand young people from different countries around the world attended the event.

The experience was so meaningful for the entire Church that the Holy Father decided to repeat the celebration the next year. In this gathering, 300 thousand young pilgrims were distributed among the churches of the city for moments of prayer and catechesis, followed by a gathering in Saint Peter’s Square to participate in the celebration with the Pope. This same year, 1985, John Paul II announced the institution of World Youth Day. Addressing the College of Cardinals and the Roman Curia, the Pope explained the creation of WYD as follows: “All young people must feel accompanied by the Church: that is why the whole Church, in union with the Successor of Peter, feels more committed, at a worldwide level, to the youth of today, their concerns and requests, their openness and hopes, to respond to their aspirations, passing on the certainty that is Christ, the Truth that is Christ, the love that is Christ, through an appropriate development process.” Since then, World Youth Day has been held all over the world: Rome, Manila, Toronto, Madrid, Denver, Santiago de Compostela, Krakow, Sydney, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Paris, Panama City, Cologne, and Czestochowa.

Every WYD has a theme for the young people to reflect upon throughout their pilgrimage. “Mary arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39) is the bible quote chosen

by Pope Francis as the motto of the World Youth Day that will be held for the first time in the capital city of Lisbon, Portugal. The biblical phrase (a quote from the Gospel of St. Luke) opens the account of the Visitation (Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth), a biblical episode following the Annunciation (the angel’s announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of the Son of God, and the theme of the last WYD, in Panama).



During their conversation of the Annunciation, the angel also tells Mary that her older cousin, thought to be sterile, is pregnant. After affirming to the angel “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word” (Lk 1:38), it is then that Mary sets out for Ain Karim, a village near Jerusalem where Elizabeth lived and was awaiting the birth of John, who would become Saint John the Baptist. Mary of Nazareth is the great figure of the Christian journey. She teaches us to say yes to God. She was the protagonist of the last edition of WYD and will be so once again in Lisbon.

In the biblical episode of the Visitation, the action of standing up presents Mary as both a woman of charity and a missionary woman. Leaving in haste represents the attitude depicted in Pope Francis’ indications for WYD Lisbon 2023: “May young people’s evangelization be active and missionary, for this is how they will recognize and witness the presence of the living Christ.”

Addressing young people in particular, and challenging them to be courageous missionaries, the following was written by the Pope in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: “Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us everywhere. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some” (CV 177). Let us pray for our young people here in our parish and across the world, that they may encounter Jesus and give their lives to Him.

Blessings, Fr. Adam

August 6, 2023

Feast of the Transfiguration
of the Lord

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

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

According to the dictionary definition, to be transfigured is to “transform into something more beautiful or elevated.” This is what we see happening in Matthew’s Gospel today: Jesus takes his closest disciples up the mountain and there he is transformed – he is *transfigured* – before them: “His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” He is also joined by Moses and Elijah as a sign that he is the fulfillment of God’s promises of old. Jesus completes the old covenant that God made with his people and brings us the new covenant of salvation. The Transfiguration parallels the Baptism of the Lord in that we once again hear God speaking from the heavens to say, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” But during the Transfiguration, God adds the words, “Listen to him.” That’s a command not just for his disciples there on the mountain but for us today as well.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In elementary school, we were often reminded to listen. I remember one teacher who made a point to impress upon our class that listening is different from hearing. It is easy to hear, but to listen, you need to take the time to understand what is being said. In his letter today, Peter is urging us to listen to the prophetic message of Jesus. He says, “You will do well to be attentive to it” and then compares doing so to being “a lamp shining in a dark place.” The world today can be a very dark place, but we don’t have to be content to live in the shadows. By following Jesus’ example and commands, we can bring light – along with hope and joy – to our corner of the world. Sometimes that takes courage, though. It might involve making uncomfortable or unpopular choices, but Peter promises that the “day will dawn.” When that happens, we will undoubtedly see the fruits of our good works in our efforts to build God’s kingdom.

PRAY This week, let us pray in both words and actions as Jesus taught us. If the Lord’s Prayer is not already part of your daily prayer routine, try incorporating it this week. Then, look for ways to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by reaching out to someone who may appreciate a phone call or a visit.



Transfiguration of Jesus by Carl Bloch, CCO

Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 13 A

Reading One – 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial – Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Reading Two – Rom 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Alleluia – Cf. Ps 130:5

Alleluia, alleluia.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mt 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S GALA

- Once again, the gala is at the **GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB** in **Grosse Pointe Shores!**
- The Gala is our largest fundraiser to benefit the school. **Attend or buy raffle tickets** to support this event.
- **We need your donations.** Contact the School or Parish Center to learn how to donate Silent and Live Auction items.
- **There's a spot for you.** Join the Gala Planning Committee or volunteer to help the night of the Gala.

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We ENCOURAGE everyone to dress in the red and white in honor of our SJA Chargers for this year's Gala!

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OCTOBER 21, 2023 @ GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB





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and materials fees.**

**Our Family Formation Sunday School starts
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registration rates.**

**Our monthly Sunday School is for all
parish families with children in grades
K-6. See the website for the schedule of
Monday night classes for students
preparing for Confirmation.**



 **St. Joan^{of} Arc**
FAITH & FAMILY FORMATION



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or 586-772-1282

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, August 7th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 PM Baptism of Darren M. Dalton
& Kamryn L. Dalton

Tuesday, August 8th

City Election Precinct - Emmaus Hall

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, August 9th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, August 10th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, August 11th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

8:30 - 12:00 PM Parish Center Summer Hours

Saturday, August 12th

11:00 AM Reconciliation

11:00 AM Baptism of Elliott Mae Humbach

1:00 PM Manaois/Livingston Wedding

4:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

Sunday, August 13th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Baptism of Isabella M. Biernat

Words on the Word

Aug. 6, 2023 – Setting Sail

For those who participate in yacht racing, winning the annual Port Huron to Mackinac race must be a pinnacle achievement.

Media reported a few weeks ago on the outcome of this year's event, some even including pictures of the winners' celebrations on the island once things had wrapped up. Indeed, the satisfaction of a job well done, and the accolades that go along with it, must be electrifying.

But as a story in the *Detroit Free Press* indicated, it was not entirely smooth sailing along the way for the winners.

A middle-of-the-night emergency involving damaged sails created a significant challenge for the crew of the vessel that would ultimately go on to win.

The story explained the harrowing situation, what the crew was up against, and what they ultimately did to make things right.

It's a metaphor, perhaps, for the journey all of us face, spiritually speaking, as we make our way toward our own finish line of our lives.

The sailing won't always be smooth, and the challenges can be significant.

To be sure, Jesus experienced resistance, literally of biblical proportions, as he set – and kept – the course of his mission. Because he is God and transcends time, today's gospel account of the transfiguration was a foreshadowing for his trusted apostles, and for us, of his timeless glory.

“Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves,” we hear in the gospel. “And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.”

There is, of course, no such grand foreshadowing for us. But by the time we cross the finish line – please, God – we'll be able to stand on that mountaintop with Jesus, having successfully navigated the depths and stayed the course.



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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

- Monday August 7, 2023 Weekday; Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions and Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest (Green/Red/White)**
- 7:00 a.m. Carmella & Emilio Fazi
- Tuesday August 8, 2023 Saint Dominic, Priest (White)**
- 7:00 a.m. Suzanne Roland and Don C. Ancypa
- Wednesday August 9, 2023 Weekday Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr (Green/Red)**
- 7:00 a.m. Agnes & Jack Hubbard
- 6:00 p.m. Special Intention for Alison Reslow
- Thursday August 10, 2023 Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr (Red)**
- 7:00 a.m. Jesse F. Champine
- Friday August 11, 2023 Saint Clare, Virgin (White)**
- 7:00 a.m. Mary Ann Ryntz
- Saturday, August 12, 2023 Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green/White/White)**
- 4:00 p.m. John G. Champine, the deceased members of the Kiwak Family, Bonnie Batche, Susan Federoff, Helen Blind, the deceased members of the VandenBoom Family, Patricia Dimavicius, Joe DiTrapini, Grace and Sam Valenti, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder and Eddie Zatyraz.
- 6:00 p.m. Michael and James Forrester
- Sunday August 13, 2023 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)**
- 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
- 10:00 a.m. George Petroff and for Mary and Bob Fortunate on their 52nd Wedding Anniversary
- 12:00 p.m. Marie Shaheen, Joseph Paluzzi Jr., Joan Hardy, Felician King, Mikie T. Artley, and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, and for Isabella M. Biernat on her Baptism.

Daily Readings

Monday, August 7

Numbers 11:4b-15
Matthew 14:13-21

Friday, August 11

Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Matthew 16:24-28

Tuesday, August 8

Numbers 12:1-13
Matthew 14:22-36

Saturday, August 12

Deuteronomy 6:4-13
Matthew 17:14-20

Wednesday, August 9

Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35
Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday, August 13

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Thursday, August 10

2 Corinthians 9:6-10
John 12:24-26



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“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

Beverly Koch



“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

Minnie Louise Haskins



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Do I have to commit to becoming Catholic if I enter the OCIA process?

No, the RCIA process is marked by opportunities for discernment along the way, and ultimately it is about one's readiness and desire to be received into the Church.

A new OCIA group at SJA is starting soon!

Fill out the contact form for our OCIA coordinator, Patty Chase, at sjascs.org/ocia or call the Parish Center at 586-777-3671

A prayer for conversions

O blessed apostle, St. Paul, greatest of all converts, who labored unceasingly for the conversion of other souls, inspire me with the ardor of your zeal that I may pray and work for the conversion of my brethren, redeemed in the blood of Christ but not as yet blessed with the full light of his truth.

Mindful of the loving concern of the Divine Shepherd for the salvation of the "other sheep that are not of this fold," I now beg your intercession to obtain the grace of conversion for those who do not know you and your church.

May God, the Holy Spirit from whom alone this gift can come, hear my humble prayer and thus enable me to share with others the riches of my heritage of faith through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Date Night

for married couples

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***Learn more and RSVP at
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A suggested free-will offering per couple is \$40



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Prayers Needed

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Bringing Home the Word

The Transfiguration of the Lord (A)
August 6, 2023

Resurrection Eyes

Paige Byrne Shortal

Who really changed? Jesus the Christ, the Messiah, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, the One who was at the beginning of time and who will be at the end? Or was the change in Peter, James, and John?

I can imagine Jesus walking along the dusty roads of Palestine, shining like the sun, maybe conversing with a long-dead prophet or two. Folks didn't notice. He looked ordinary, just the carpenter's son.

I figure what could have happened up on that mountain is that the eyes of

the disciples were opened to the way Jesus was all the time. They were given a glimpse of a deeper reality. For just a moment they were given Resurrection Eyes.

I think it could have happened like that, because...well, it's happened to me. Sometimes it's when my choir sings. We ordinary, lumpy people begin to glow; our eyes full of light, our faces bright with the joy of harmony.

I've watched people process to holy Communion and they become softer and vulnerable. And the faces of those who come forward to venerate the cross on Good Friday...those faces could break your heart.

Transfiguration is what happens when a baby is brought into the room. It's like falling in love; the arguing couple who kiss and make up; or feuding neighbors who forgive each other; or enemies who finally shake hands in peace.

We need Resurrection Eyes. We need to see others and ourselves as God sees us—shining like the sun and full of light. Perhaps it will happen if we heed the voice from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son...listen to him." †



A Word from Pope Francis

Prayer in Christ and in the Holy Spirit transforms the person from the inside and can illuminate others and the surrounding world. How often have we found people who illuminate, who exude light from their eyes, who have that luminous gaze! They pray, and prayer does this: *it makes us luminous with the light of the Holy Spirit.*

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 17, 2019



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Can you imagine seeing yourself and other people as God sees?
- What looks different?

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 7:9–10, 13–14

Know, then, that the LORD, your God, is God: the faithful God who keeps covenant mercy to the thousandth generation toward those who love him and keep his commandments.

2 Peter 1:16–19

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain.

Matthew 17:1–9

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Would I Have Known Him?

Daniel P. Horan, OFM

I have been surprised to encounter a number of people over the years who share that they've stopped going to Mass or participating in the sacramental life of the Church because they felt unworthy to do so. For some reason they came to believe that the sacraments were only for the righteous, the sinless in the eyes of God, the saints. Whether by their own accord or on account of what another person said to them, these individuals announced with no sense of false humility that they were not worthy for the Lord to enter into their lives, so they would save Christ the trouble of rejecting them by, in practice if not by intention, rejecting him first.

No one is worthy to receive the gifts God has given to us...yet the generosity of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness exceeds our imagining. The barrier we face in inviting Jesus into our lives isn't that he would never come, it's that we are too often afraid or ashamed to ask.



I wonder whether I would have really recognized Jesus for who he was if I were around during his earthly ministry. Likewise, even as a Franciscan friar today, I have my doubts about whether I would have joined St. Francis of Assisi in the thirteenth century or whether I would have—like many of his peers—simply thought he was crazy and kept my distance from him.

I find these thoughts both comforting and unsettling. They're comforting in that I know there were many people at both times who had this experience of doubt or outright lacked the ability to recognize how God was at work before them. We see that implied in Jesus' words to his disciples in Luke's Gospel. Their eyes are blessed because they are seeing what has long been expected, that for which so many people longed to see. And still they so often didn't get it. Even the disciples deny, betray, and abandon him. They sometimes mistake Jesus for a civil or military leader. They seek positions of influence or power. They exclude others from drawing near.

These thoughts are also unsettling because we know so much more than those early followers....We should know better. I should know better. And I should follow Jesus without reservations. How slow I can be to trust God. †

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A Revelation:

From a Commemorative Marker in Louisville, Kentucky

"In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers.... There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun."

From Thomas Merton's Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander



*For the grace of open eyes,
that we may see the face of God
in each person we meet this day
and God's will in each task set
before us. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 7-13

Monday, Weekday:

Nm 11:4b-15 / Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, St. Dominic: Nm 12:1-13 /

Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, Weekday: Nm 13:1-2,

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

Thursday, St. Lawrence:

2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

Friday, St. Clare:

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

Saturday, Weekday:

Dt 6:4-13 / Mt 17:14-20

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August 6, 2023

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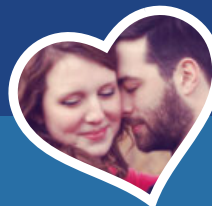
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