



THE CATHOLIC VOICE ST. SABINA PARISH

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August 6, 2023

**Faith &
Hospitality**



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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Lord Jesus, when you appeared to your disciples, accompanied by Moses and Elijah, in the splendor of your immortality, with the brilliance of your raiment shining with the purity of snow, you revealed to all your Divinity. You are the fulfilment of the law and the prophets of Israel and in you the hopes and fears of all people are met. We thank you Lord, for the precious gift of Salvation. You shed every droplet of your Most Precious Blood to redeem us.

Inspire your church today with a renewed vision of your glory so that we and all your people may walk as children of light and, by your grace, reveal your presence in the world. Give wisdom to those in authority, subdue those who are victims of their passion and addiction, renew those with traumatic and wounded hearts and minds and sustain those who are experiencing bitter trials in their tortured lives. Lord Jesus, in your mercy hear our prayer. Amen



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 5, The Transfiguration of the Lord

- 4:00 p.m. Mass** - +Al Rachfal - by Mary Ciak
 +Robert Burke - by Jo Johnson
 +Fr. Tom Heier CMM - by Kevin & Jennifer Trahey
 +Muriel Borkowski - by Ed, David & Dennis Borkowski

Sunday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord

- 8:30 a.m. Mass** - +Walter Moretti (3rd Anniv.) -
 by St. Sabina Parish Family

- +Jeanette Kowalski - by Tom & Angela Klocek
 +Eddie Zabczynski - by Ed & Shirley Zabczynski
 +Hugh McEwan - by McEwan Family
11:00 a.m. Mass - +Joanne Maletta - by Jo Johnson
 +Felicia Koss - by St. Sabina Adult Choir
 +Virginia Favor - by Rich & Joanne Fronczak

Monday, August 7, Weekday

- 8:30 a.m. Mass** - +Diane Trzcienski - by Nancy Kelley

Tuesday, August 8, St. Dominic, Priest

- 6:30 p.m. Mass** - +Deceased Zywt Family Members - by Family
 +Shirley Wroblewski - by Christine Zywt
 +Robert Burke - by Burke Family

Wednesday, August 9, Weekday

- 8:30 a.m. Mass** - +Alice Bednarczyk - Roy & Nancy Pilot
 For the intentions of Ken Popovich - by Molly Popovich

Thursday, August 10, St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

- 8:30 a.m. Mass** - +Fred Hollis - by Tom Luyckx
 +Norman Adamowicz - by Felicia Adamowicz

Friday, August 11, St. Clare, Virgin

- 8:30 a.m. Mass** - +Dobosz, Najduk, Zajac Families -
 by Mary Ann Owens

Saturday, August 12, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Mass** - +Jacques J. Evers (11th Anniv.) -
 by Jane Evers Family

- +Ted Klamerus - by Sally Klamerus
 +Shirley Wieleba - by Family

Sunday, August 13, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 a.m. Mass** - +Richard Conz - by Jo Johnson
 +Felicia Koss - by Vivian and Rita Foley
 +Mary Ann Siatkowski - by Helen McEwan
11:00 a.m. Mass - +Fr. Tom Heier CMM - by Jo Johnson
 +Ron & Jackie Budzinski - by Richard & Joanne Fronczak



St. Sabina Mission Statement

*We become the Real
Presence of Christ
through prayer,
education, worship and service.
Gathering in Christ's name we share
our time and talents with our
community, and welcome all.*



***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. - Mt 17:1-2***

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***Lord of the mountaintops, your
voice in scripture is a constant
melody of loving and listening.
You create before instructing.
You liberate your people before
commanding them. You come
into the world as one of us so that
even with our limited human
vision, we can truly see you, and
then you call us to listen and
follow. We ask to see ourselves as
you see us, beloved and called for
the work ahead. Amen.***



FROM THE BULLPEN August 6, 2023

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a celebration of what awaits us. Jesus reveals before His friends a face that shines brighter than the sun and clothes that were white as light. They witnessed the Son of God transform before their eyes and they lived. Yet, when God the Father spoke they fell prostrate at the sound of His voice. The significance is that Jesus discloses, not only before His disciples, but to all the faithful that our lives are intended for eternal life with Him in His kingdom.

Yet, though we will have faces that will shine, we will still bow at the sound of God's voice, but, we will live in His presence. For example, Moses could only receive a glimpse of God and the result forced Moses into covering his face because of the radiance shining through God's favorite servant. People were awed while in the meeting tent with Moses; the Apostles were astonished how Jesus was like them in on moment, the vision of resurrection the next, then back to the person who walked with them, ate with them, laughed with them. In both instances, people were impacted by their transformations.

Feast of the TRANSFIGURATION

The Lord's Transfiguration is supposed to impact us as well. Our words, actions, and prayers should reflect our profession that Jesus is our Savior and we believe in life everlasting. We will shine like Jesus in the resurrection, but bow humbly in the presence of God the Father. It is why our faith and works during our earthly pilgrimage are important because it paves our way into the kingdom of everlasting life.

As I write my article, I am reflecting on the impact Fr. James Martinez had on our community. The light of Christ shines so brightly through him. The people of Tanzania need his light to lead, to baptize, to love. Please include Fr. James and missionaries throughout the world in being the lights in this earthly pilgrimage so that those they baptize will one day experience the kingdom of heaven.

Have a blessed week, Fr. Jim

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead," Jesus told his disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn't ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the glory only makes sense after the trials.



ST. DOMINIC
PREACHER

St. Dominic was born in 1170 in Spain. His parents were related to the country's ruling family. His mother, now known as Blessed Joan of Aza, was a very holy woman.

At about age twenty-five, Dominic joined the Benedictine religious order. He became superior of his chapter just seven years after he entered.

Dominic saw the need for a religious order devoted to preaching and education, so that the faithful would not be easily led astray by heresies. He officially founded the Dominican order in 1215. Pope Honorius III called this new order the "Order of Preachers."

Though it is not conclusively recorded as fact, legend has it that St. Dominic is also the first propagator of the Rosary. Legend says that Mary appeared to him while he was in prayer and gave him the Rosary with instructions on how he should pray it.

The Rosary, in the form we're familiar with today, started to become popular around the time he allegedly received it in 1214.

St. Dominic's Feast Day: August 8th

**ST. DOMINIC: "ARMED WITH A
PRAYER, NOT A SWORD."**



Local Primary Elections are Tuesday, August 8

Although 2023 is not a Federal or Statewide election year, many municipalities will elect mayors, city councils, city officials and School Boards. Where applicable, primary elections take place this Tuesday, August 8. While life issues do not take center stage, educate yourself and do your best to select leaders who are supportive of human life in all its stages. This is particularly relevant when electing School Board members who will be responsible for the indoctrination of public school students in your district. Become a LIFESPAN member by visiting <http://milifespan.org> or calling our Livonia office at 734-422-6230.



**MAY THE BLESSED MOTHER
TEACH US TO VALUE
AND RESPECT THE
GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE.**

ALTAR CARE SCHEDULE AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2023

Aug. 4	M. Popovich, M. Vincent
Aug. 11	M. Vincent, F. Lucier
Aug. 18	B. Lowe, M. Lynch
Aug. 25	N. Frederickson, C. Lipa
Sept. 1	C. Hancox, A. Maccani, M. Prew
Sept. 8	M. Popovich, N. Kelley
Sept. 15	M.A. Owens, M. Vincent
Sept. 22	B. Lowe, M. Lynch
Sept. 29	M. Popovich, M. Vincent

We thank each of you for so faithfully fulfilling these necessary tasks so that our worship areas are always neat, clean and welcoming. You are truly appreciated.

If your team ever needs any help, please call Marlene, 734-459-9353. We'll be most happy to assist!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Glorious Lord!

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain on which He is transfigured in their presence. Jesus allows these three apostles to see Him as He truly is, at least to the extent that they are able to take Him in with their limited human capacity. They hear the voice of God the Father acknowledging Jesus as His Son and telling them to follow Jesus. Jesus allows them to see Him in His glorified state to prepare them for His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Jesus is GOD. Our Lord and Savior is the Second Person of God in the Holy Trinity. Too often we may be tempted to think of Him in only human terms. While He was indeed fully human, He always was, is, and will be, God the Son. We must remember both His infinite majesty and power, as well as His Divine Love and Mercy. He is perfect Love. By His transfiguration, mankind was given a glimpse of the total and pure majesty of God which we hope to share for all eternity! When we are tempted to feel down or hopeless, we should focus on the fact that God loves each one of us enough to come down from heaven for our salvation. He wants nothing more than to share His eternal life with us. May we always express our gratitude and love for Him in prayer!

SAVE THE DATE: BLOOD DRIVE: Our next Blood Drive will take place on Sunday August 20th from 7:30am to 1:30pm at St. Linus Parish in the school Activities Room. Please donate if you are able and help save a life!

If you are an adult Catholic male that would like to join the Knights of Columbus Father Veryser Council at St. Linus and St. Sabina's, please reach out to any of us that you see around the Parish. We look forward to counting you as a brother!

God Bless You and your families and we pray that you continue to grow in Faith and Love!



Worship & Meditation

Liturgical Life



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Transfigured

We have all had moments when we seem to get a glimpse of Heaven.

For me, they come with the sacraments: in the pew following my First Communion, kneeling before the bishop as he sealed my forehead with oil at my Confirmation, standing opposite my husband on our wedding day, cradling my newborns as the priest poured holy water over their little foreheads, claiming them for Christ.

Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is pulled away, and our hearts cry out: "Lord, it is good we are here."

Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we desperately wish the feeling would last forever. We want to hang onto the certainty, the confidence and the joy that radiates from our souls. We want to spend forever looking upon the transfigured face of Christ.

But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed." — Daniel 7:14

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -

INVITING YOU TO REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

In a vision, the prophet Daniel sees the heavenly throne of God and the coming kingdom of God represented by a human figure, a "son of man." The vision speaks to God's everlasting love and ultimate control of the world. Why do you think God reveals Himself in visions?

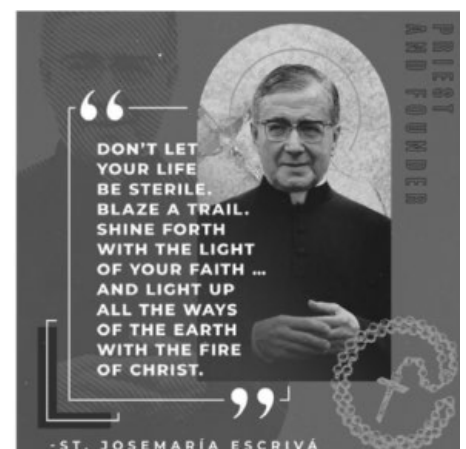
Second Reading:

Peter speaks of his eyewitness to the majesty of Jesus Christ. How might you witness to family or friends this week your beliefs about Jesus?

Gospel:

The transfiguration reveals Jesus's divinity to Peter, James, and John, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." What would you say is the most important lesson from Jesus that we should listen to?

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From the desk
of Fr. Don

GOD LOOKED DOWN AND WAS SURPRISED

..... that people get bored with childhood, and then they rush to grow up, and then they struggle to look young again!
 that people lose their health to make money, and then they lose their money trying to restore their health!
 that by thinking anxiously about the future, people miss out on the present, and then end up living in neither the present nor the future.
 that people live as if they will never die, and die without ever having really lived.



Give Them Light and Peace

God, who gives life to all who believe, you dwell in unapproachable light, yet your mercy leads those who hope in you to a place in your presence before your throne. Grant light and peace to our brothers and sisters who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and who have trusted in your never-ending love. Bring the faithful departed into your kingdom of light, happiness, and peace. Give them a secure dwelling place in the mansion of your holiness, and let them shine with the light of your glory. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

In remembrance of our loved ones buried from St. Sabina Parish January—July 2023

Baukys, Tadas	Koss, Felicia
Baukys, Vytautas	Kubeck, Joan
Bollinger, Constance	Majewski, Heath
Bonell, Dolores	Noonan, Michelle
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Colombo, Mildred	Randazzo, Joseph
Curran, Mary Ann	Renner, Joan
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DeuPree, Jay	Temesan, Louis
Heier, Fr. Tom CMM	Trzeciński, Diane
Kolpacki, Celine	Tyszkiewicz, Stanley
Kolpacki, Raymond	

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

Answer:

Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

St. Sabina Catholic Church

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Weekend Lector Schedule

August 13, 2023

4:00 pm Mass S. Wojnarowski

8:30 am Mass M. Huynh

11:00 am Mass M. Janiga

Weekend Eucharistic Minister Schedule

August 13, 2023

4:00 pm Mass K. Riley, J. Terski, M. Owens

8:30 am Mass M. Koss, K. Laczkowski, R. Sandel

11:00 am Mass D. Janson, E. Ortopan, S. Walmsley

St. Sabina Offertory Collection

Weekend of July 30, 2023

Number of Envelopes Mailed for June/July 381

Number of Envelopes Returned Today - 131

Offertory Collection \$3,796.00

Loose Change/Loose Checks \$413.00

Mission Appeal \$1,057.00

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Thank you for supporting St. Sabina Parish

Keep all the sick, those in the hospital, the homebound, and those awaiting surgery in your thoughts and prayers. "Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain, calm their fears, and surround them with Your peace.

In Jesus' name, Amen!



Cathy Aiello, Sr. M.A. Ankoviak, Dennis Basharrh, Lawrence DiVizio, Nella Engle, Owen Gibbons, Michael Granger, Ida Green, Katherine Kitty Green, Barbara Holota, Donna Jakubcin, Linda Cislo-Jones, Wes Klem, Bernadette Lachine, Larry Leja, Stanislaw Maslach, Charles Oldani, Therese Oziemski, Eileen Pasciolla, Leigh Pierson, Ron Prowse, Eileen Sajdak, Josephine Stobierski, Ronald Shemet, Dennis Sokol, John Stawasz, Izzy Stothers, Joan Turchin, Sister Ursula CSSF, Tom Wiggles, Bernice Wojnar, Loren Yaros, Stanley Zubel





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