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St John the Evangelist Parish / St. Mary Parish

Bellaire - Neffs - Shadyside - Powhatan Point

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Mission Statement : Inspired by the Holy Spirit and our Lord Jesus Christ,
we strive to grow in faith, love and service to God and our neighbors.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 2ND, 2026

St John Church (SJ) - 415 37th St, Bellaire, OH 43906
St. Mary Church (SM) - 240 E 40th St, Shadyside, OH 43947

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM - SM Saturday 5:30 PM - SJ
Sunday 11:00 AM - SM Sunday 9:30 AM - SJ

WEEKDAY MASS

5:15 p.m. (Mon.) SJ 8:00 a.m. (Wed. & Fri.) - SJ 8:00 a.m. (Tues. & Thurs.) - SM 8:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - SM
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - SJ
Monday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00p.m. - SJ
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:30 -7:45a.m. - SM
Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45a.m. - SJ

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He said the blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them
to the crowds. They all ate
and were satisfied.
- Mt 14:19c-20

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Collect of The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question Isaiah speaks of the Lord's invitation to all to join in His feast of rich food and drink without cost. *To whom can you show generosity to this week?*

2nd Reading Question Paul is convinced that nothing in this life can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *When do you feel closest to God?*

Gospel Question Moved with pity for the crowds, Jesus healed the sick among them and fed thousands with only five loaves and two fish. *Can you think of a time when someone showed compassion toward you?*

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR AUGUST 8/9

St. John's

August 8th

August 9th

EM: C. Bladen **Lector:** S. Stewart

EM: T. Young **Lector:** A. Snedeker

St. Mary's

August 8th

August 9th

EM: L. Gates **Lector:** J. Amato

EM: L. Kernik **Lector:** S. Ferrelli

Fr. Dan's Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 1st, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + John & Helen Kish Jr. Wedding

Anniversary deceased (Scott & Linda Kish)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + For the People of St. John's & St. Mary's

Sunday, August 2nd, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Robert & Dorothy Fahey (Family)

11:00 a.m. (SM) + Theresa Comer (Janey Ruskowski)

Monday, August 3rd

*12:05p.m. (SJ) + Russ Vasey (John & Wanda Vasey)

Tuesday, August 4th, St. John Vianney

*5:30p.m. (SM) + William Kittle (John, Linda & Dawn)

Wednesday, August 5th, The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Paul Paolucci (Dave & Susan Stewart)

Thursday, August 6th, The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00a.m. (SM) + Anna Marie Davis (Sally "Keys" Blizzard)

Friday, August 7th, St. Sixtus II/St. Cajetan

8:00a.m. (SJ) + Tessa Zanke (Dave & Jana Bumgardner)

Saturday, August 8th, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m. (SM) + Larry Phillips (Wife ~ Paula & Sons)

5:30p.m. (SJ) + Jolene Hodorowski (Bob & Marie Berher)

Sunday, August 9th, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30a.m. (SJ) + Jane Vasey (John & Wanda Vasey)

11:00a.m.(SM) + For the People of St. Mary's & St. John's

***Please note Mass times for Monday and Tuesday**



Lord, bless and protect those serving our country, especially: Lt. Col. Brian Zeno,

Airmen 1st Class Curtis McElfresh, Sgt.

Christopher Wetzell, Lance Corporal Zachary

Knowlton, SSG Kayne Melko, HTF Kory Melko,

Sgt. Joshua Hall, SSG Aaron Loeffler, Tech Sgt. Craig

DeBeni, Lt. Col. Trey Vasey, Capt. SSG Josh Pempek,

Mitchell Rataiczak, MSG Chris Dipold, Sgt. Ryan James,

Sgt. Dylan Frizzi, Sgt. Jake Foster, Pvt William Clegg , Petty

Officer Alex Rader, SFC Shawn Selmon, SSG Colton

Selmon, Seaman Brooke Selmon, 1st Lt. DJ Olexa, SSG

Kelsey (Ryncarz) Turner, Senior Airman Cameron Opic, PFC

D'eondre Burney, Petty Officer Brody P. Halenar, Major

Alex Beveridge, Lance Cpl. Keenan Cook, Petty Officer 1st

Class Meleah (Tiber) Hernik, Seaman Joshya D. Nelson, E -

4 Specialist Luke G. Bell, SSG John Workman, Corporal

Dane Miscovich, E-4 Specialist Wyatt L. Robertson



IT'S ST MARY'S FESTIVAL TIME!

St. Mary's Festival will be held August 14-

16th. There will be live entertainment, Rotisserie

Chicken Dinners, Beer & Wine Garden, Chinese

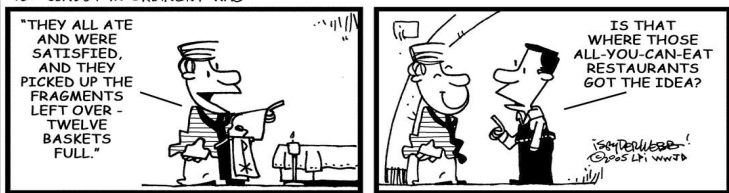
Auction, 50/50 drawing, Texas Poker, Kids

Zone and much more! **We need donations of pop, water,**

baked goods, gift cards, Chinese Auction items, and, ... your

Time!

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Offertory Collection

For the Weekend of July 25/26

St. John's: Adult (80env) \$3,715, Loose \$308, Holy Father (1env) \$ 5, St. Vincent de Paul (1env)\$20, Grade School (1env)\$5, Building Fund (5env)\$100

St. Mary's: Adult (44env) \$1,795, Loose \$140, Loose \$140, Assumption (2env) \$60, Grade School (2env) \$38, Building Fund (9env) \$305. Food Pantry (1env) \$20, Candles \$57



Please Note: *This prayer list is an important part of our love for our brothers and sisters in need. Names will be included on this list for four weeks at a time. After four weeks a person's name will be removed but can be added again the next week simply by calling the office. Please*

pray for the following: Lindy & Don Freed, Jax McCort, Jeremy Chirpas, Tyce Hughes, Dominic Alexander, Lou Ann Kinder, Mgrs. Gene Mullett, Fr. Tom Petronek, Quentin Scott Coyne, Baby Everett Sommers, Joe Boston Jr., Bob, & Tom, Mary Kay Hanasky, John Hanasky, Beverly Kolenich , Sandy Bass , Anthony De Genova ,Magan Nichole Sechrest, Monroe DeLuca, Albert DeBlasis, Mary Jo Garner, Camden Thomas, Ainsley Oliniski, Beth Baker Phillips, Tom Kucera, Brian B., Joanne Dantrassy, Rita Kovalov, Susan Gray, Danielle Watt, Paula St. John, Mary Stegman, John, Mary & Heidi Patt, Raisa Rodsky, Tom Waligura, Shari Taylor, Gerald Paolucci, Mark Barker, Ernest Kiss, Rose Reeher, Lou "Weegee" Bennington, Jean Morgan , Bill Shepherd, Peggy Byles, Janet (Rose) Green, Carol Zemba, Donna Richards, Jack Selmon, Jamie Ellis, Tom & Margie Merryman, Beau Boston, Emily LeMasters, Dalisay Donato, Adrianne Forbes, Stacey Gilli, Max Townsend, Julie, Brian, Patricia, Diana McCulley, Janet Green, Darla Schau, Ella Karst, Richard Gates, Liz Gates, Peggy Gress, Kyle Beaver, Eileen Penyak, JoAnn Rankin, Sandina Leonard, Dick Johnson , Connor Hanasky, Brode Brown, Xander Wilson, James (Cracker) Graham, Gary DeVendra, Liz M., David Arnold ,Tom Lengyel, Joe Munjas, Fr. Tim Shannon, Bill West, Johnny Rushman , Linda Tylka, Patty Smith, Martha Rollandini, Marty Strussion , Waneta Janosik, Jarrett Burga, Joseph Weyrick, Cathy Cilles, Henry Boston , Bubba Kapral, Jan West, Joe Weyrick

LABOR DAY CAR SHOW



This Labor Day, Monday September 7th, St John's Church will be hosting our 2nd annual cruise-in-style car show. It will be from 10am -4pm and free to spectators. There is a \$10

entry fee. Thanks to your generosity last year our profit was \$7,500 that we were able to divide between the Salvation Army Emergency Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Bellaire Local Schools Weekend Food Program, the Living Bread Pantry & the Coat Closet at the Bellaire Presbyterian Church!

We are in need of Gift Cards for the Car Show. Please drop them off at the parish office by Wednesday Aug. 30th. Thank You! Any questions please call Dom at 740-579-6867



MASS SCHEDULE

There will be a *change in our Mass Schedule on Saturday, August 15*, due to the St. Mary's Church Festival. **There will be no 5:30pm Mass at St. John's on Saturday, August 15.** The only Saturday evening mass on that day will be the 4:00pm Mass at St. Mary's! Please plan on joining us for Mass and then enjoying the St. Mary's Church Festival.

Parish Picnic



PARISH PICNIC—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

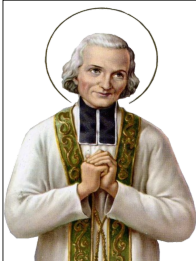
We've scheduled our annual Parish Picnic for **Sunday, September, 13**, 12:45-3:00pm at the shelter at the Park in Powhatan Point. The Parish will provide the hamburgers/hotdogs and drinks, you'll be asked to sign up to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. More details to come!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit & Beverages
A Pancake breakfast is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Peace Council #4243 to benefit the Miracle of Life. **DATE:** Sunday, August 9th, 2026 **TIME:** 10:00a.m.—2:00p.m.

PLACE: St. Mary's Church Marian Hall, St. Clairsville
COST: \$7.00 (Adult) \$5.00 (Children) 3 and under Free. For more information, please call Will Perry at (740)391-8883.



Triduum in Honor of St. John Vianney
Please join us in celebrating St. John Vianney with three special events *coming up soon!*

Monday, August 3, 12:05pm : Mass for Vocations, St. John's Church. *Please note—there will be no Holy Hour from 6-7pm as advertised in last week's bulletin and the monthly calendar!*

Tuesday, August 4, 5:30pm: Mass for St John Vianney followed by an Ice Cream Social, at St. Mary's Church

Wednesday, August 5, 9:15am: Rosary at St. John Vianney statue in Powhatan Cemetery for the deceased (bring lawn chair if you need to sit). St. John Vianney, heavenly patron for St. Mary and St. John parishes, patron of parish priests and priestly vocations, pray for us!



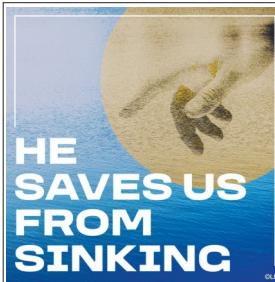
REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Janice Whorton** We offer our prayers also for the comfort of her loved ones. *If you have a family member that dies but was not buried from our parishes please call the parish office, we would like to include them here in this space.*



Congratulations To Our Newly Married!

Matt & Cheyenne (Westlake) Krupa
St. John's Church ~ 7/25/26



GOSPEL MEDITATION

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **"When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life. This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir

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The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** would like to thank our fellow parishioners from both St. John's & St. Mary's who donated school supplies to help fill backpacks for families who need assistance this year. We can always count on your exceptional generosity and compassion for our friends and neighbors. Than You Again!!



St. John the Evangelist / St. Mary Parishes
Religious Education Program 2026-2027

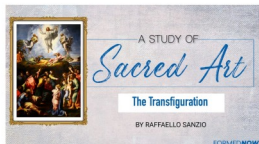
Classes Pre-K through Adult begin Sunday, September 13, 9:30am-10:45am, St. Mary's Church Religious Education Building.

Please return the registration form, found in this bulletin to the parish office by Monday, August 17th. You can place in collection basket, mail it to 3745 Tallman Ave, Bellaire, OH 43906, take a picture of the completed form with your cell phone and text to (740) 298-4158, or Email it to office@bnspcatholic.org. Questions? Call or text (740) 298-4158. To sign up online you can find the a link on our website, [bnspcatholic.org](https://www.osvhub.com/bnspcatholic/forms/2026-2027-religious-education-registration), or enter <https://www.osvhub.com/bnspcatholic/forms/2026-2027-religious-education-registration> in your browser.



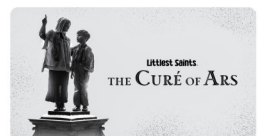
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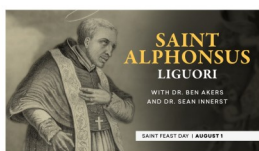
The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

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.



The Curé of Ars: St. John Vianney

The Church investigates the life of the Curé of Ars to see if he should become a saint. Will the evidence of his holiness pass the test?



St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.

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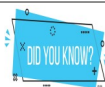
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: In addition to Jesus' mother Mary, which saint is depicted in artwork more than any other?

Answer: St. Nicholas



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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS AND THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time / August 9, 2026

First Reading: Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness. (Rom 9:1)

Gospel: Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Mt 14:31)

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CCC 164: faith experiences testing

CCC 272-274: only faith can follow mysterious ways of providence

CCC 671-672: in difficult times, cultivate trust that all is subject to Christ

CCC 56-64, 121-122, 218-219: history of covenants; God's love for Israel

CCC 839-840: the Church's relationship to the Jewish people



Virtues, Explained!

Respect, Explained!

Respect, as defined in the Oxford Dictionary, means a feeling of admiration for someone's good qualities or achievements.

This is also how we understand respect in terms of Catholic virtue. Let's consider that: the Catechism tells us that "man must...respect the particular goodness of every creature" (CCC 339) in God's world. So what are the admirable qualities shared by each and every creature?

There is only one, and it's quite simple: the Creator himself. Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the "everyday form of reverence."

Respect is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing. Respect for those made in God's image flows from our primary respect for God himself. Because of this, it is particularly important that we, as Christians, show respect for those segments of society that only we will recognize as being sacred: the unborn, the elderly, the poor, the stranger.

If we do not respect them, who will?

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Miracles We Don't See

“Why aren't there miracles anymore?”

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

“His heart was moved with pity,” we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle. ©LPi

**PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY****Blessing of God's Provision**

Dear God,

Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless

our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name. Amen.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

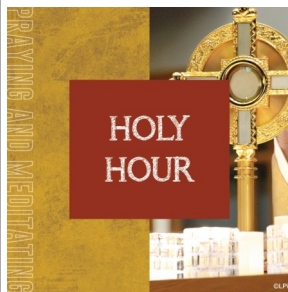
Mary, Mother Of God

Question: *If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?*

Answer: The title of “Mary, Mother of God” can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' *human* nature. But people don't give birth to a “nature.” They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary *Theotokos*. Translating the Greek to English, that means “God-bearer.” Note that this isn't “God-generator” or “God-creator.” Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God.

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**Devotions, Explained!****Holy Hour, Explained!**

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. More broadly, a holy hour can also refer to any 60 minutes set aside in prayer and reflection, whether in church or elsewhere.

The holy hour devotion dates to the late 17th century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus Christ. In these visions, the Lord requested that St. Margaret Mary spend one hour every Thursday evening lying prostrate and meditating upon his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. This practice calls back to the Gospel of Matthew, which tells of Jesus' desire for the disciples to “remain here and keep watch with me” (Matthew 26:38) as he awaited his passion.

Holy hours can be made privately or in community, and the USCCB has created a variety of different holy hour formats that can be found at usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

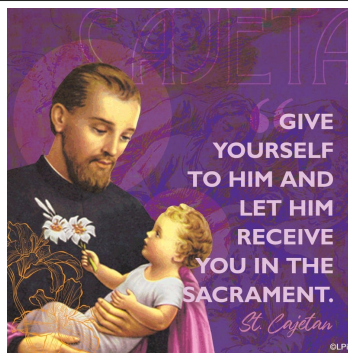
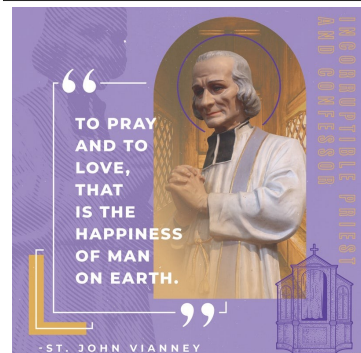
— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



The Caring Crafters sponsored a 9 year old boy from Shadyside and a 9 year old girl from Bellaire through **Heart of Belmont County**. You can find the site on Facebook. We purchased coats, shoes, pants shirts and other items.

Family's have wish lists on the FB site through Amazon. Items are shipped directly to their

homes. This is due to Belmont County doing away with the clothing vouchers. Anyone wanting to help please visit the FB page. We also donated school supplies to the Presbyterian Church, in Bellaire and the supplies will be given out to students in need on August 11th.



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

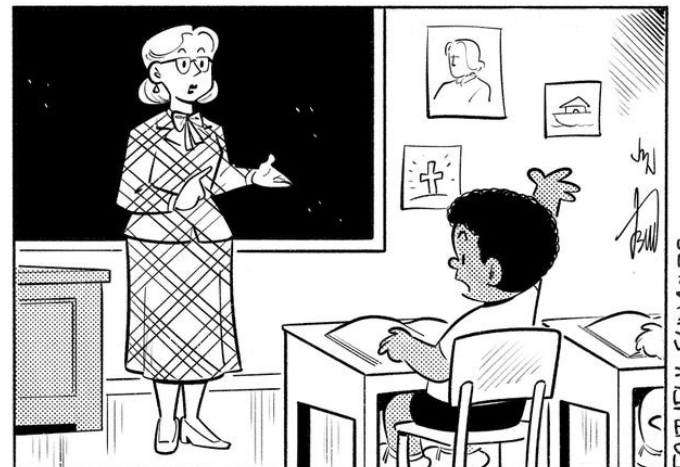
A woman who is pregnant is not "expecting" a child. She already has one. The child exists and is living and growing in her womb. She is not about to bring the child "into the world." The child is already in the

world. The mother's womb is as much in the world as the mother herself. We all use these expressions from force of habit, and using them has no reflection on the strength of our pro-life convictions. If our language reflects this reality, we will help the world to understand that children in the womb are indeed members of the human family—right here and now!
— *Correct Language About Pregnancy and Abortion*, Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life



LIVE THE LITURGY—INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share. ©LPi



"Why is St. Dominic's feast day in August?"
"Because those are the **Dog Days** of summer?"



In iconography, St. Dominic is often pictured with a dog because, while expecting, his mother dreamed of a dog carrying a torch in its mouth, running about the world, setting it on fire! St. Dominic went on to found the Order of Preachers, the Dominicans.

THE FAITHFUL FUNNIES

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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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.

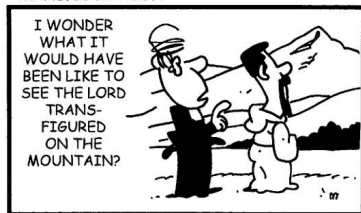
Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is pulled away, and our hearts cry out: "Lord, it is good we are here."

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.

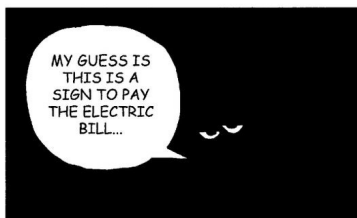
But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

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

TRANSFIGURATION



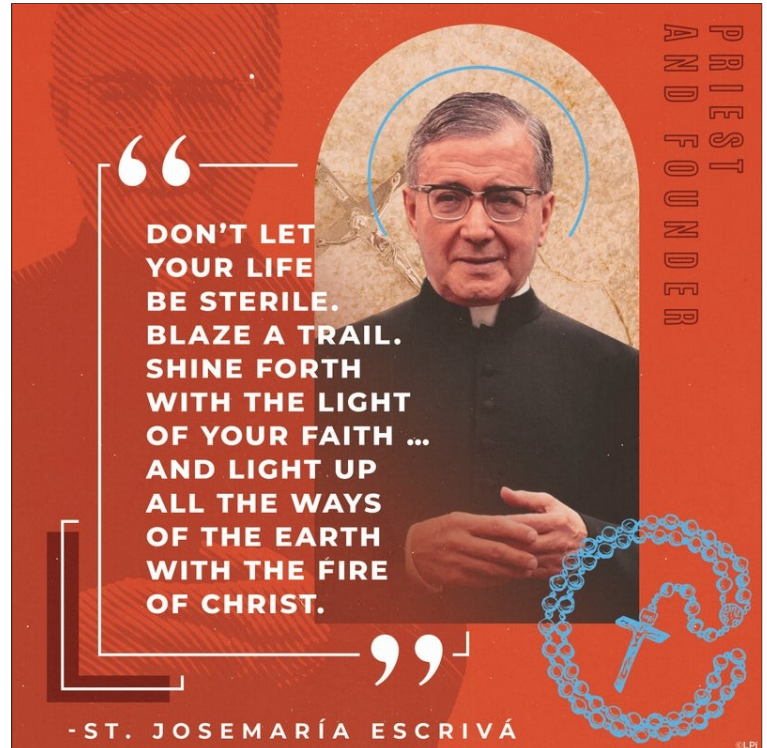
TRANSFIGURATION



Prayer for the Transfiguration

Dear Lord,
The heavens and earth declare your glory!
Fill our hearts with songs of praise for you,
today and always! Come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

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Feast of the TRANSFIGURATION

August 6



Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, 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. — Mt 17:1-3

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Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/
Mt 14:13-21
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22
-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29,
22
-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mt 17:1-9
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

THIS WEEK

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: 12:05pm Mass for Vocations (SJ)
5:00p.m. BBA Mtg.
7:00p.m. K of C Mtg.
Tuesday: 9: 00a.m.— 5:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
5:30p.m. Mass (SM)
Ice Cream Social following Mass!
Wednesday: 9:15a.m. Rosary (Powhatan Cemetery)
5:30p.m. Caring Crafters (SJH)
Thursday: 5:30p.m.—6:30p.m. Holy Hour of Reparation
Friday: 5:30p.m. Runyan/D' Aquila Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday: 8:15a.m.— 9:00a.m. Men's Book Study (SM)
1:00p.m. Runyan/D' Aquila Wedding
Ice Cream Social following the 5:30p.m. Mass
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Loving Memory of The
Westlake, Gress & Novy Families
By Terry & Linda

In Loving Memory Of
The Sharpe & Cerasoli Families
By Anita & Jeannine

In Loving Memory Of
John, Rose & Cathy Magistro
By Bruce & Mary Ann

In Loving Memory of
The Masciarelli & Smigill Families
By Sunny & Anita Smigill

In Loving Memory of the
Kuchinka, Teasdale & Stolz Families
by Marion & Jeff

In Loving Memory Of
The Boston & Donahue Families
By Cheryl Boston

In Loving Memory of
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Padyjasek ~ Peter &
Frances (Pronishun)
Stemkowski ~ Andrew & Helen
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