



TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Lord, how good it is that we are here."

August 17, 2025

Rev. Msgr. James L. LeBlanc
Pastor

Deacon John Tempesco

Deacon David Shinn

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Sunday Mass:

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at
6:00 p.m. & Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays

5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Saturdays

3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m. & by Appointment

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**Infant Baptism, RCIA, Funerals,
Weddings:**

Call the Office—(803) 735-0512

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The Sanctuary is located at the corner of Wilson Boulevard and
North Pines Road.

Our Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We are located in the white farmhouse at 9720 Wilson Blvd.

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"**

- Lk 12:50

Parish Activities

Sunday, August 17	11:45 a.m. O.C.I.A. (Large Classroom—PLC) 12:00 p.m. Marriage Prep Classes with Dcn. John (Small Classroom—PLC) 12:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Exemption (Sanctuary—PLC)
Monday, August 18	6:30 p.m. Foss Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC)
Tuesday, August 19	5:00 p.m. Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) 5:30 p.m. Underwood Cursillo Grouping (Large Classroom—PLC) 6:30 p.m. Care Team (Large Classroom—PLC)
Wednesday, August 20	5:30 p.m. Columbiettes Officers' Meeting (Large Classroom—PLC) 6:30 p.m. Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus (Sanctuary—PLC) 7:00 p.m. Parish Social hosted by the Knights of Columbus (PLC)
Thursday, August 21	6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study—Fulfilled, Part 2 (Large Classroom—PLC)
Friday, August 22	6:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group (Kitchen Conference Room —PLC)
Saturday, August 23	10:00 a.m. Teen Core Team Training (Red Brick Building) 3:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)
Sunday, August 24	12:00 p.m. Parish Picnic & Ministry Fair (Outside the Red Brick Building) 3:00 p.m. Marriage Preparation Class (Kitchen Conference Rm—PLC)

Parish Directory

Adult Faith Formation	<i>Karen Hanson</i>	(803) 318-6452	Religious Education (K4-5th)	<i>Patty Evans, DRE</i>	(803) 729-4625
Altar Society	<i>Cheri Shinn</i>	(803) 272-5357	Respect for Life	<i>Karen Hanson</i>	(803) 318-6452
Altar Servers	<i>Deacon Dave Shinn</i>	(803) 446-4196	Sacristans	<i>Mike Mozdzierz</i>	(803) 741-8871
Art & Environment	<i>Susan Wallick</i>	(803) 479-6030	Safe Environment Coordinator	<i>Jane Richter</i>	(803) 606-1391
Building Committee	<i>Dan Medina</i>	(803) 622-3953	Service Committee	<i>Sam McDonald</i>	(803) 429-2643
Bulletin Editor	<i>Valerie Shealy</i>	(803) 735-0512	Ushers	<i>Kevin Cunningham</i>	(847) 691-5897
Catholic Care Team	<i>Catholiccare-team@gmail.com</i>	(803) 953-0667	Youth Ministry (6th-12th)	<i>Michelle Powell</i>	(803) 240-6383
Columbiettes	<i>Blanche Ellis</i>	(803) 902-7904	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="text-align: left; padding-left: 10px;"> <p>Do you want an easy way to make a contribution to Transfiguration's Operational Fund? Well, here you go! Scan this QR Code with your phone. It's that easy!</p> </div> </div>		
Disaster Prep & Response	<i>Greg Scheuer</i>	(803) 210-7272			
Eucharistic Ministers	<i>Dcn Dave Shinn</i> <i>Ed Hogue (Home)</i>	(803) 446-4196 (803) 348-1260	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="text-align: left; padding-left: 10px;"> <p>Desiring the Sacrament of Baptism for yourself or your child? Are you a registered member of the parish? Then call the office to set up an appointment with Father Jim (803) 735-0512. He's here to help!</p> <p><i>Registration forms may be found in the Gathering Space. Ask an Usher!</i></p> </div> </div>		
Evangelization	<i>Karen Hanson</i>	(803) 318-6452			
Finance Council	<i>Valerie Shealy</i>	(803) 735-0512			
Hospitality	<i>Suzanne Fulmer & Pat Brunette</i>	Suzanne: (803) 240-4062			
Kitchen	<i>Doug Phillips</i>	(803) 315-0512			
Knights of Columbus	<i>Richard LaVecchia</i>	(773) 255-1683			
Lectors	<i>Sharon McNatt</i>	(803) 338-0419			
Library	<i>Katherine Wollpert</i>	(803) 360-5979			
Marriage Prep	<i>Dcn John Tempesco</i>	(803) 351-8161			
Music	<i>Dr. Denise Rudell</i>	(803) 735-0512			

There's still time—Explore the Catholic Faith!

For those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and coming into the Church, O.C.I.A.—the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults—meets after the 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday. It's not too late to start your journey. Reach out to Deacon David Shinn at (803) 446-4196 or dshinn@charlestdiocese.org.

Also open to Adult Catholics seeking the sacrament of Confirmation.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

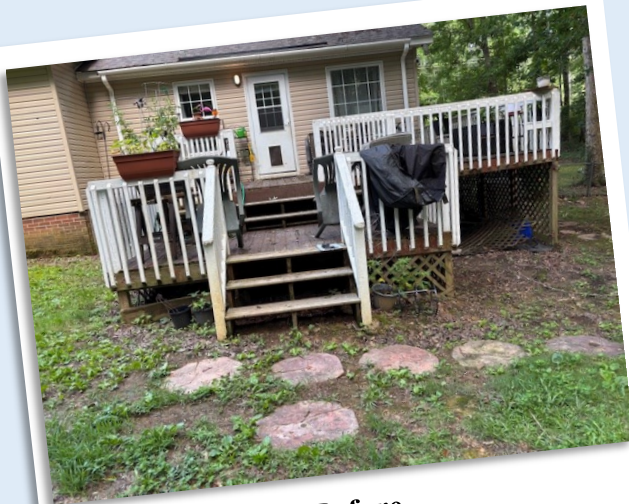
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Sunday Collection for August 10	\$8,438.55
Weekly Budget Needs	\$9,494.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total	\$53,917.63
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$56,964.00
Surplus/Deficit-to-Date	\$3,046.37
Additional Collections	
Capital Campaign	\$1,478.14
Next Week's Second Collection: The Catholic Miscellany Magazine	

Another Care Team Project Completed!

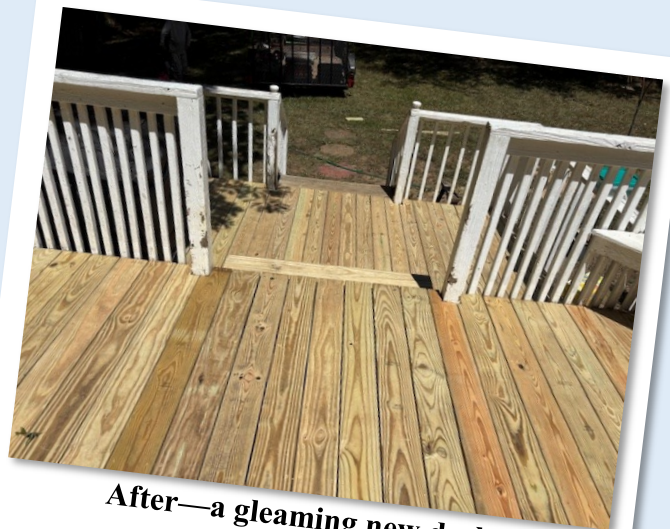
Clarence and Sue Mundy were in need of help to replace the deck on the back of their house. John Paxton, Care Team Project Manager, got busy creating a supply list and work schedule. Supplies were purchased, and the team went to work on Friday, July 25 dismantling the old deck. On Saturday, July 26, the new deck was installed. (See before and after photos)

These parishioners and family members made it happen: Jason Peters, John Paxton, Clarence & Sue Mundy, Gene Steward, Andy Steward, Paxton, Shane and Harry S., Evan Ruffing, Anthony Szwast, Ken Sabol, Joe and Pierce Mulero, John Gardiner, Mat, Ethan, Tony and Zac Lasky. Joyce and Tom Weber provided refreshments. Thank you to everyone who assisted in this project.

If you need assistance with physical needs, don't hesitate to contact the Catholic Care Team at CatholicCare-Team@gmail.com or call (803) 953-0667 and leave a message. Someone will return your call within 24 hours.



Before



**After—a gleaming new deck.
Safe & Secure!**

What's been happening lately?



The Service Committee meets with our Indian Guests.

From left to right: Cathy Hogue (seated), Sam McDonald, Ed Hogue, Fr. Jim, Russ Foss, Fr. Inna Reddy and Bishop Prakash Sagili



Deacon John, Bishop Prakash, Fr. Inna and Fr. Jim at Daily Mass



Back to School Mass at St. John Neumann

Deacon John Tempesco, Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, Fr. Inna and Fr. Jim

Is there an event your ministry would like to share with the Parish? Please send pictures and a short description to vshealy@charlestdiocese.org by the bulletin deadline (the end of the day Tuesday).

Space permitting, you'll see your smiling face right here!



JOIN US FOR A

PARISH PICNIC



Come to our Back-to-School, Ministry Fair,
Get-to-Know-You Bash!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

On the Parish Grounds
around the Red Brick
Building



HIGHLIGHTS

- **EAT:** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Doug Phillips' Famous Hand-Cut Fries!
- **GREET:** We have a ton of new members. Let's get to know each other!
- **SERVE:** Browse our Ministry Fair to learn how you can serve God and love your neighbor at Transfiguration
- **SIGN UP:** Register for the upcoming 2025-2026 Religious Education classes

LAWN GAMES WELCOME

WHAT TO BRING

We're asking that everyone pitch in and
bring a little something to the picnic.

If Your Last Name
starts with:

Please Bring:

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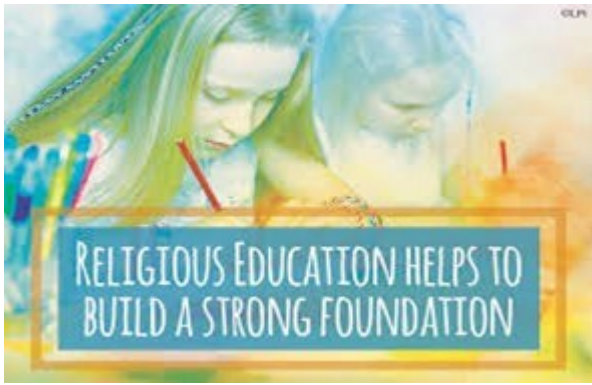
Q - Z

Drinks

Desserts

Sides

BRING
YOUR OWN
LAWN
CHAIRS!



Have you been pondering whether to enroll your child in Religious Education?

All Children Age 4 through 12th grade are welcome.

Transfiguration's Faith Formation has a dedicated and enthusiastic team of volunteer Catechists who are offering their time, creativity, and innovative ways to share their faith with the children. Parents are the primary instruments of their children's faith develop-

ment, and together we are confident we can make the upcoming school year for Religious Education a successful one.

Our catechists serve God by serving the children and creating an environment where they can encounter and build a relationship with Jesus.

Registration forms are available on the Transfiguration Website (PDF fillable and can be downloaded/printed). Forms are also available in the PLC.

Please return the forms ASAP so that teachers can prepare materials, and textbooks can be ordered to ensure that every child has what they need when classes begin in September.

You can return the Registration Form to the Parish Office in person or by mail (9720 Wilson Blvd., Blythewood, SC 29016) or put it in an envelope and drop it in the Collection Basket at Mass.

Any questions/concerns, please contact:

Patty Evans, DRE PreK-5th Grade at pevans@charlestondioocese.org

Michelle Powell, Interim Youth Minister, at powpow1229@gmail.com



Faith Café with the Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA)

*2nd Tuesday of every month
via Zoom*

Be part of a social and spiritual space with world renowned speakers, reflections, and prayers. Hosted by the Catholic Grandparents Association, whose goal is to assist grandparents in passing on the Faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life. Come to nourish your faith to help pass it on. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

Self-registration available monthly
at www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org or
email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org.

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- ☒ Outdoor play
- ☒ Developmentally appropriate curriculum

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**The Columbia Deanery of the
South Carolina Council of Catholic Women**
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“The Reason for My Hope”

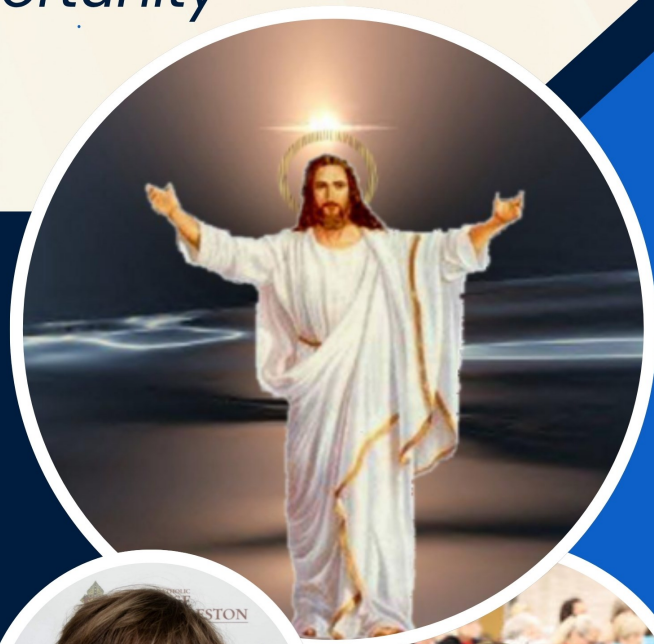
A Women’s Retreat and Pilgrimage

- *Scripture Reflection – Titus 1:1-2*
- *Contemplative Listening*
- *Tour of Basilica with opportunity
for Plenary Indulgence*
- *Adoration in the Basilica*

September 13, 2025

The Basilica of St. Peter, Negila Hall
Columbia South Carolina
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Key Note Speaker:
Kathy Schmugge, Director of Family Life,
Diocese of Charleston



For more information and to register:

<https://forms.gle/D35QTZuPyfBYdLxx9>

Additional questions: gvenskip@bellsouth.net

The Columbiettes Corner

News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713

The Columbiettes website: <https://columbiettes13713.org/>

Bishop Jacques Hosts Ministry & Apostolate Leaders Meeting

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, invited all apostolates and ministries serving within our parishes and across the diocese to a meeting on Aug. 9, 2025, at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Chapin. At the beginning of Advent last year, Bishop Fabre-Jeune said that we started our journey together as a diocese on a five-year process called Via Fidelis, or the “faithful way.” This journey is one of deepening our faith and embracing our common call to mission. This initiative is meant for our entire diocesan family, uniting all in a shared path of discipleship.

The Diocese of Charleston is blessed to have many apostolates and ministries sharing the Gospel throughout the state, and many continuously work hard to bring others to Christ. It is no surprise that many of the Transfiguration women participating belong to our Columbiette organization. Bishop Fabre-Jeune is deeply grateful. He met with many of the leaders of these groups over the last few years, but this was an opportunity to bring them all together. It was a time to connect, share ideas and suggestions as to how apostolates or ministries can best serve the Via Fidelis mission.

During this meeting, SC State Columbiette President Kathy Cunningham, past president of Transfiguration Columbiettes, shared the Columbiette mission of, “to promote the spiritual, social, and charitable welfare of its members and to instill a steadfast conviction in the role of Catholic women in safeguarding religious, civil, and economic rights. We also aim to assist the Knights of Columbus in their activities upon request.” Several Transfiguration ladies also attended—pictured L to R: Valerie Shealy, Cheri Shinn, Patty Evans, Blanche Ellis, Transfiguration Columbiette President, Rene Scheuer, Kathy Cunningham, State Columbiette President, and Arlene Bakutes, Transfiguration Columbiette Past President.





YOUNG ADULT FALL RETREAT

Face to Face
Questions that search the heart

October 17-19, 2025
Diakonia Retreat Center

Open to all young adults ages 18-35. This retreat is not about lectures or easy answers. It's about looking at the One who sees you first. Come away for a time of rest, silence, and personal encounter with Christ through Scripture, prayer, and community. You won't be asked to be perfect—just to be present.

- Reflect.
- Be still.
- Be known.

Are you willing to let Him ask you the deeper questions?

Cost

\$90 per person for a shared room
\$170 for a single private room or married couple

Scholarships are available if this is a hardship! Contact Ella Haas:
eghaas@charlestdiocese.org



Retreat Leader

Mike Sylvester



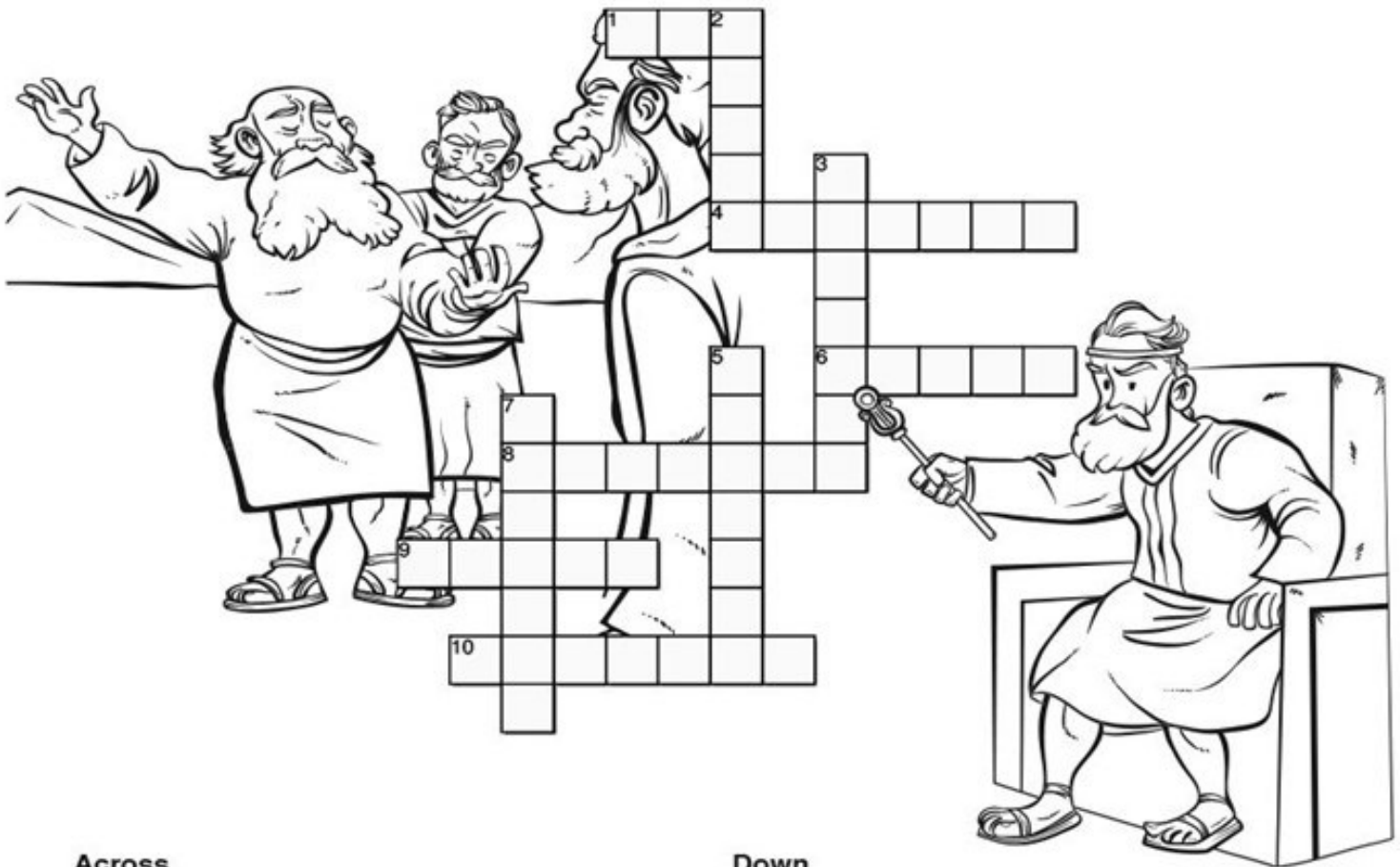
register now!

Registration closes
September 26, 2025



JEREMIAH & THE CISTERN

Jeremiah 38



Across

1. Jeremiah did not trust the king, but he did trust ____.
4. Ebed-melech was a _____ to the king.
6. When the king asked Jeremiah to get an answer for him from God concerning the situation with Babylon, Jeremiah knew the king did not really want the ____.
8. The king's advisors _____ the prophecy of Jeremiah.
9. The men pulled Jeremiah out of the cistern using _____ and rags.
10. Jeremiah is also referred to as the _____ Prophet because he shed many tears over the sin and unrepentance of the people.

Down

2. "But be _____ of the Word, not just hearers" (James 1:22).
3. God rewarded Ebed-melech for his act of bravery, because in it he showed that he _____ God.
5. The king's officials threw Jeremiah into an empty and muddy _____ and left him to die.
7. Before Jeremiah was even born, God called him to be a _____.





Worship, Intentions & Prayers



The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 17

8:00 a.m.	<i>Lord's Day Mass</i>	Intentions of the Parish	
10:30 a.m.	<i>Lord's Day Mass</i>	Ruth Lammers+	by the Columbiettes

Monday, August 18

5:00 p.m.	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		
6:00 p.m.	<i>Daily Mass</i>	Poor & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory	by the Cotter Family

Tuesday, August 19—*St. John Eudes, Priest*

5:00 p.m.	<i>Reconciliation</i>		
5:00 p.m.	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		
6:00 p.m.	<i>Daily Mass</i>	Int. of Kathy Cunningham	by Arlene Bakutes

Wednesday, August 20—*St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*

4:00 p.m.	<i>Daily Mass</i>	Int. of Georgia Tempesco	by Arlene Bakutes
5:30 p.m.	<i>Daily Mass at St. Theresa's</i>		

Thursday, August 21—*St. Pius X, Pope*

4:00 p.m.	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		
6:00 p.m.	<i>Daily Mass</i>	Mel Samson+	by Veena Dsa

Friday, August 22—*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

5:00 p.m.	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		
6:00 p.m.	<i>Daily Mass</i>	Ruth Lofurno+	by the Lofurno Family

Saturday, August 23

3:00 p.m.	<i>Reconciliation</i>		
3:00 p.m.	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>		
4:00 p.m.	<i>Vigil Mass</i>	Nancy Furgal+	by Patty Evans
6:00 p.m.	<i>Vigil Mass at St. Theresa's</i>		

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-13; Lk 13:22-30

Sunday, August 24

8:00 a.m.	<i>Lord's Day Mass</i>	Maryann Buzzetti+	by the Buzzetti Family
10:30 a.m.	<i>Lord's Day Mass</i>	Intentions of the Parish	

Please Pray for the Healing & Safety of Our Loved Ones

Prayer Line Ministry—Jessica Sisco Moore - (803) 477-6255 or jesskah.moore@gmail.com

Prayer for Service & Safety

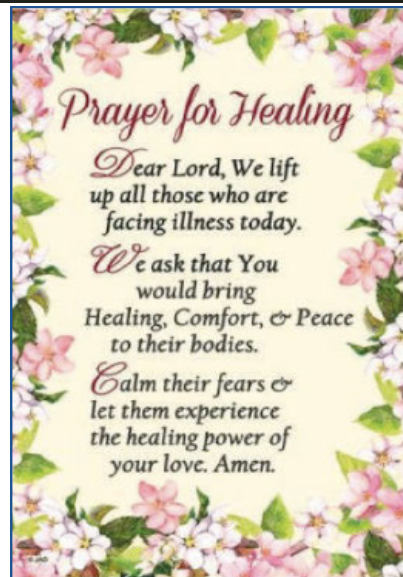
Lord, we thank You for those who serve daily whether here or abroad and ask that You protect them from harm, give them courage to persevere, and bring them home safely.

Amen



For the healing of... Tom Aiken, Dave Anderson, Fred Branham, Molly Branham, Alex Bringle, Amy Brown, Enrique Caballero, Jr., Mary Cammisa, Bill Campbell, Mr. Clark, David Coble, Frank Daresta, Jr., Janice Dillon, Jack Eson, Maggie Gardiner, Jack, Wendi & Morgan Griffith, Sherry Haggerty, Kristyne Hall, Janet Hargrove, Wanda Heron, Kenny Jackson, Kristi Jarvis, Becky Jones, Zachary Komen, Noah Langan, Dr. Melanie Ledo Barone, Amy Leonard, Boyd Marivittori, Kenny Martin, Ava Claire Mates, Patrick McLeod, George Mori, Lib & Ernie Neumeister, Sherri Nichols, Joe Ondracek, Therese Parthania, Jimmy Phillips, Travis Spires, Dave Strominger, Dick Strominger, Rex & Beth Taylor, Deborah Thomas, Bob Underwood, and the Wallick Family.

For the safety of.... Kayla Francisco, Robert Furgal, Drew Gatzke, Rachel Graham, Mark Greenwood, Jr., Dominick Laibly, Reuben Paul, Alex Piccuiolo, Will Smarr, Gavin Zamora, all first responders, law enforcement, missionaries, military personnel and their families.





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