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**Masses:** Saturday at 4:00pm & Sunday at 7:30(Memorial -Labor Day)& 9:00am  
**Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m.**

**Holy Days:** check bulletin

**Adoration:** 1st Friday of the Month Following 8am Mass

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 pm, Anytime by request

**Parish Office Hours** Wed 10:30-4:00 pm

**REFLECTIONS...from Father Daniel**

The transfiguration apparently is a one-time event in the life of Jesus- so unique that three Gospels speak of it and St. Peter refers to it in one of his letters - which is the second reading for today. What is so unique about it? Jesus' special and unique nature revealed itself on other occasions, but the transfiguration seems especially unique because it is a miracle that comes out of his very self-not to be repeated-again until his resurrection.

Tradition identifies Mt. Tabor as the mountain of the Transfiguration. It's quite a climb to get to the top. There is a chapel on top of the mountain commemorating the occasion of the Transfiguration. I have always believed that the transfiguration happened to boost the Apostles' faith as well as to strengthen Jesus' faithfulness to the mission of his suffering which was rapidly approaching.

Today's Gospel gives us a hint of the glory that could not be seen in Jesus, except on this one occasion. Of course, his glory did shine more brightly after his resurrection. So, what can we take with us from today's feast? The first thing is the word of God regarding Jesus: "This is my beloved son: Listen to him." Listening to him presupposes that we take time to reflect on his teachings. If we never stop to listen, we will never learn the way he wants us to live. Second: Occasionally, while you are praying, you may find yourself having what could be called a spiritual high. This usually happens during prayer and surely these high moments happen at various times in people's lives. In those moments we experience God's love and care in an especially powerful way. Like St. Peter, we would like to hold on to that feeling forever. It may help our faith be stronger, or it may come to us to help us deal with what might be a very difficult time we've been having or that we are about to have. Treasure those moments. Thank God for

them. Pope Francis said, "The whole journey of life is a journey of preparation...to see, to feel, to understand the beauty of what lies ahead, of the homeland towards which we all walk." No wonder St. Peter said, "It is good that we are here. Let us make three tents here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." It was such an awesome experience.

**Homes:** please contact the Parish Office.

**Homebound:** Wishing to receive Communion? Please contact the parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick** is available anytime, please contact the parish office.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated as needed.

One parent must be a practicing Catholic. One godparent must be a Catholic at least 15 years of age. Contact the Parish Office for more info and to schedule.

**Marriage:** Anyone contemplating marriage in the Catholic Church must be a practicing Catholic. Father must be contacted six months prior to the wedding. Prenuptial requirements must be completed prior to the wedding. Contact the Parish Office.

**In the Event of Death:** Please notify the parish office

**Those interested in being put on a prayer list:** Please contact the parish office. There is also a form on the website.

**Register w/the Parish:** Can do so on the website or by requesting a form from the parish office.

**Last Week's Collection:**

Loose: \$552

Envelopes: \$1,027

**Readings for Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord:**

**Reading 1** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

**Palm** Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

**Reading 2** 2 Pt 1:16-19

**Gospel** Mt 17:1-9

**Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:**

Saturday, August 5, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 +Fr. Charles Hernan

Following Mass Summer CookOut

Sunday, August 6, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 *Our Parish Family*

9:00 + *Robert Matczak*

*Following Mass Donuts & coffee*

Monday, August 7, *No Mass Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21*

Tuesday, August 8, 8:00 + *Marjorie Fortman*

Wednesday, August 9, 8:00 + *Mario Martinez*

Thursday, August 10, 8:00 + *Loretta Dahm*

Friday, August 11, 8:00 + *Joe Smyjnas Sr.*

Saturday, August 12, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 + *Beverly Meinert*

Sunday, August 13, 19th Sunday of Ordinary Times

7:30 *Our Parish Family*

9:00 *Living & Deceased Members of the Tenney Family*

**Upcoming Events:**

Saturday, August 5 K of C Cook out

Following Mass

Sunday, August 6	Donuts & coffee	Following Mass
Monday, August 14	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	6pm
Tuesday, August 15	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass	8am
Sunday, September 3	Last 7:30 am Mass of Summer Season	7:30am
Sunday, September 10	Religious Education Starts	Following Mass
Sunday, September 17	Parish Branch	Following Mass
Monday, September 18	Right to Life Banquet	6pm

#### **Ministers Schedule:**

*Saturday, August 12, 4:00pm*

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** *Sharon DeLong*

**Lector:** *Chris Lennon*

*Sunday, August 13, 9:00am*

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Fred DeLaCruz

**Lector:** *Pat Landrigan*

#### **Volunteering and ways to get involved:**

Religious Education is in need of two volunteers for the younger grades. If interested, contact the office or DRE. Religious Education starts Sunday, September 10th and will run from 10am-11:05 am in the basement of the Church. Sign up will be that Sunday.

#### **Restoration Project:**

Our stained glass windows are being restored. We pray for the hands of the craftsmen doing the work. Work will be completed in the near future.

#### **Right to Life Banquet Monday September 18th:**

The Right to Life of Northern Indiana Banquet will be held on September 18, 2023 at the MOCC building at Grace College in Winona Lake at 6pm. Ashley Bratcher will be the keynote speaker and she is recognized as the star in the pro life film, Unplanned. Pat Miller from WOWO will Emcee. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased from Pat/Bill Landrigan, by calling (574)306-7406(RTL office), or by going to [www.prolifebanquet.com](http://www.prolifebanquet.com).

#### **Community Dinner Report:**

Free Drive Thru Community Dinner on Thursday, July 20th served 185 souls. Next dinner is in September.

#### **Parish & Financial Council Review:**

Things discussed at August 1st meeting: ABA, end of fiscal year report, donating to the Shoes & Do's project, and parish picnic & events. No meetings in September.

**Local Food Pantry:** Item of the week- *Soups!*