

The Transformation of the Lord August 6, 2023

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Gospel values do not allow the luxury of island living. Genuine disciples do not isolate themselves from the needs and concerns of others. Jesus is about relationships. To reach our God is to reach our sisters and brothers. Humans are not obstacles to union with the divine but rather the condition for that union. People are the barometers of our relationship with God: Your problem is my problem; no one is an island.

The words in today's first reading were written around 540 B.C. to people in exile, people doubting God's concern. Second Isaiah speaks of Yahweh as life-giving, committed to the covenant.

In the ancient Near East, the king sought to alleviate the suffering of the poor. The psalm praises God for taking this regal charge seriously. God gives food to the people; God has an open hand; God raises up the bowed down.

In the gospel scene of Jesus feeding the multitudes, Matthew emphasizes Jesus' sense of involvement. The Lord is the new Moses providing bread in the desert, the new messianic king hosting a banquet. Matthew enhances the picture of a Jesus who believes that "your problem is my problem."

How well do we love? If we love our God in and through love for one another, then we must examine our openness to society's outcasts, to those made invisible by indifference. How have we imitated Jesus in providing the poor a place at our table?

-- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.

VOCATION CORNER AUGUST 6, 2023

The Transfiguration account leaves us the powerful words: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Wow! We need to encourage all men and women to "listen" to their call. We need men to hear the call of the Lord to become a priest and to then celebrate the Eucharist. We need our women to consider dedicating themselves to the consecrated life and spread God's kingdom through their prayer and acts of charity.



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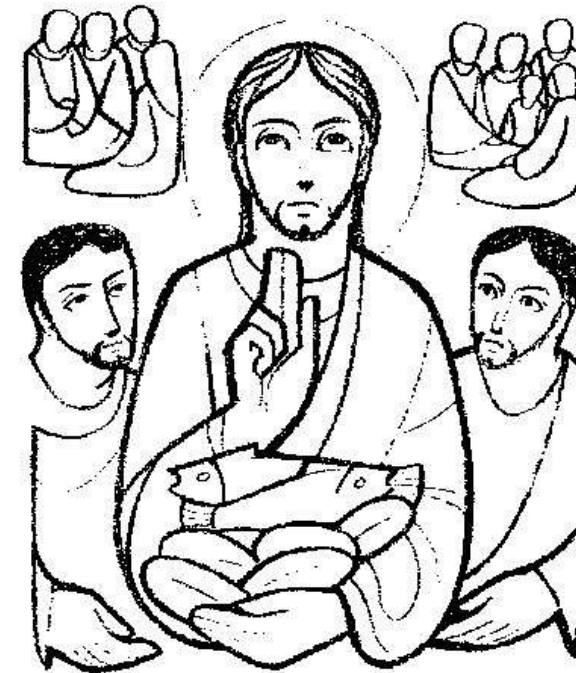
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Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

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BIRTHDAYS
*August 6- Patsy
 Bishop, Joan Gale, &
 Emily Taylor*

Schedule of Masses

Aug 6 8 am Mass
 Aug 11 6 pm Mass
 Aug 13 8 am Mass

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Aug 6	J. Nelson	K. Pobst	V. Anderson P. Widowski M. Slife	E. Zmuda M. Palmer	*Frank Dueker R. Weeks

Gift Bearers Bergmann Family Cantor J. Starratt

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Aug 13	X. Gruszczyk	B. Bowers	A. Dueker S. Widowski M. Nelson	C. Levesque	*Joe Nelson A. Irby

Gift Bearers Matt Slife Family Cantor C. Ross

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING July 23, 2023

General	\$1110.00 (16)
Loose	\$25.00
Total	\$1135.00

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (1) \$50.00

Total \$50.00

THIS WEEKS SCHEDULE

SUN AUG 6 8 am Mass
 FRI AUG 11 6 pm Mass
 SUN AUG 13 8 am Mass

DRAW DOWN PARTY

Our Draw Down Fundraiser will be **October 21st** with the “Early Bird” being held on **September 17th**. Tickets will go on sale this Sunday after mass. Tickets can be purchased from *Madonna, Steve & Peggy, or Joe & Marsha*. Sign-Up for prize ideas is on the bulletin board.

MEN’S FISH FRY

All men of the parish are invited to a *Fish Fry* on **August 13 at 2pm** at *David Zmuda’s home, 885 Elkin’s Lane off Mt. Zion Road west of Vienna*. It will be BYOB and any side dish will be appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet on bulletin board. David’s contact number is **618-658-0767**.

LADIES TEA

All ladies of the parish are invited to come together to enjoy morning shopping in downtown Anna and **High Tea at the Kitchen on Lafayette at noon on Saturday, August 19**. The cost is \$15. Please sign up on bulletin board if interested. Kitchen on Lafayette is owned by parishioner Jamie Starratt. Questions? Contact Pam at **217-714-4568**.

BOX OF JOY BEGINS

Box of Joy collection is for Christmas gifts that will fit in a shoebox for kids in the Caribbean.

PLEASE JOIN US!!

If you or a friend or family member is interested in learning more about the catholic faith, *Fr. Christian* will be starting **RCIA classes September 5th**. Please call or see Fr. for more information.

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!

If you have an idea or something you would enjoy in a 6 week Adult catechesis program please see Fr or any of your parish council members and offer your suggestion. It will be greatly appreciated. or Arlene know. There’s also a sign-up sheet posted for help hosting on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (EV 86). Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

LOOKING AHEAD

August 13	<i>Men’s Fish Fry</i>	2 pm
August 16	<i>Parish Council Meeting</i>	6 pm
August 19	<i>Ladies Luncheon at Kitchen on Lafayette Anna</i>	12 pm
August 20	<i>Box of Joy Collection Begins</i>	

****Office Hours to contact Theresa are M-F 8am-4pm at the rectory (618) 658-4501 or via email spccil@frontier.com. Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions. Wednesdays Theresa will be at the rectory 11am- 1pm.****