

**AUG 6, 2023**

## The Transfiguration of the Lord



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coming to know  
the kingdom of God  
by being Christ  
to the world.

### NOTES FROM DEB

#### Community!

Recently a friend came to Mass here for the first time. After the liturgy was over, he said to me, "Wow! You have quite a community here!"

I am most grateful for the warmth and welcome of this parish community. We pray well together, and we serve others in many wonderful and varied ways. I think we also need to take the time to enjoy each other's company outside of Mass and service – to share a meal together, to get to know each other a little better, and to simply have fun.

**So, let's have a picnic!** Our second annual kick-off event will take place on Sunday, August 27, after the 10:30 am liturgy. We'll have food, fun, and a ministry fair as well. Like last year, we are asking for donations to make this event possible. Donation tags are available on the bulletin board in the lobby.

We are a strong, vibrant parish. Let's do all we can to continue that vibrance—and let's enjoy this community of love we have created.

Your shepherd,  
Deb Steppe

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#### EUCCHARIST:

**SAT** 5:00 PM

**SUN** 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM

**WED** 9:30 AM

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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### Parish Support - July 2023

	ACTUAL <u>as of 7/28/2023</u>	BUDGETED <u>for July</u>
Reg. Envelopes.....	\$56,868.41	\$63,000.00
Offertory .....	\$2,296.13	\$2,400.00

### Budget Updates Fiscal Year: July 2023

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Op. Income .....	\$63,000.83	\$67,196.67
Op. Expenses .....	\$60,265.61	\$77,103.79

### Improvement Fund Updates

Beg. Balance 7/1/23 ..	\$128,503.08
Donations.....	\$2,579.00
Expenses.....	\$0.00
<b>Balance (7/28/2023)</b>	<b>\$131,107.08</b>

THANK YOU!

*Our Lady of Lourdes is greatly  
blessed with your continued  
generous support  
of all our ministries!*

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 6

School Supply Collection	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

### Monday, August 7

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
7:00 pm Music Rehearsals	Church

### Tuesday, August 8

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
10:30 am SVDP Mtg.	Rm 9
1:00 pm ART Guild	
Open Studio	Rm 4
1:00 pm Deanery Mtg.	Rm 10

### Wednesday, August 9

7:00 am St. Ben's Prep	Kitchen
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:30 am Liturgy	Church
10:15 am Morning Faith Group	Hall BC
6:45 pm Boy Scout Troop 612	Hall A
7:00 pm Music Rehearsals	Church

### Thursday, August 10

8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 3
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 5
8:15 am Autism Intervention	Rm 6
9:00 am Stewardship Mailing	
Prep	Rm 4

### Friday, August 11—Office Closed

### Saturday, August 12

School Supply Collection	
5:00 pm Liturgy	Church

### Sunday, August 13

School Supply Collection	
8:00 am Liturgy	Church
10:30 am Liturgy	Church

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Our Condolences

...to the families and loved ones of Sharon Bertram and all others who have died. Please keep them in your prayers.

### In Memoriam

In loving memory of  
Diane Tylinski

From  
Andrea and Wayne Graham

In loving memory of  
Nancy Maher, Vinny &  
Donna Horne, and  
"Pickles" Schmid

From  
Tanya Gross

In loving memory of  
Jaclyn Brockman

From  
Don Brockman

## OUTREACH

### From St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, the Lord's voice says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The disciples were afraid, but Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

Know that in making your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are listening to Christ and helping others not to be afraid.

### St. Ben's Meal Program

We serve at St. Benedict the Moor's meal program on Wednesday, August 9. Please bring food donations to the Parish Office on Monday, Tuesday, or no later than 3:00 pm on Wednesday.

You can also make monetary donations using your monthly donation slips or our webpage:

[www.ololmke.org/st-bens/](http://www.ololmke.org/st-bens/).

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

### Endurance

Endurance is our ability to withstand adversity and hardship. We practice perseverance and patience when obstacles arise, open to the lessons they bring. We don't give up or feel hopeless about ourselves. We hold on. Endurance hones our character and seasons our souls. When trouble comes, endurance gives us the strength to stay the course.

In the Second Reading, which takes place some 70-90 years after Jesus' resurrection, early Christians were still waiting for the parousia. The writer of this reading says Jesus' prophecy is one we can rely on. What beliefs do you have that take perseverance in order to endure? What helps you to do so?

## SPOTLIGHT

### God's Creation

True confession: I am an ardent ecoconservationist! My School Sisters of St. Francis group composts, uses cloth napkins, recycles paper and plastics, and employs laundry sheets (EcosNext from Petco) and wool balls instead of dryer sheets. I click every day on The Greater Good's website (<https://greatergood.com/>) to support 15 causes, 3 ecology-related. "Why?" you may ask.

As Franciscans, care of the Earth is one of our most treasured beliefs. Yet, even if I weren't a Franciscan, I like to believe I would be equally committed. You see, God made this world with its people, plants, sea creatures, and animals many-hued and many purposed. And God "blessed them," told us to "replenish the earth," and "be responsible." How are you conserving God's creation?

Judeen Schulte, Pastoral Council

## FORMATION

### Youth Confirmation

On Sunday, August 20, we will have a Confirmation Information Meeting for youth interested in confirmation and their parents. We will gather at 11:30 am in Room 10 after the 10:30 am liturgy. During this meeting we will cover important dates, service requirements, and all other important information for confirmation.

### We Are Eucharist: Second Annual Parish Kick-off Event

Starting this weekend, you can pick up donation tags or sign-up for volunteer opportunities for our kickoff event, "We Are Eucharist." Please consider pulling a tag from the board in the classroom corridor for a donation or signing up for a volunteer slot to help us ensure this event is a success! In the meantime, mark your calendars for Sunday, August 27, so that you can join us following the 10:30 am liturgy as we celebrate the upcoming year with good old fashioned picnic food and a ministry fair.

## DISCIPLESHIP

### Discipleship Institute Events

#### Parish Ambassador Summer Gathering

Wednesday August 23

6:30 pm–8:00 pm

Community Garden area (weather permitting)

Facilitated by: Jim Wielgosz and the Discipleship Institute Team

Calling all parish ambassadors! Please join us for our annual outdoor summer gathering. Bring a lawn chair and make yourself comfortable. We will pray, reflect and discuss how we can be of service to our faith community and beyond.

**Newcomers are welcome!** No registration required. Just bring your thoughts and dreams for our future!

## WORSHIP

### Mountaintop Moments

The gospels tend to highlight "mountaintop moments," stories like Jesus' multiplying loaves and fishes, healing the sick, or transfiguring before his disciples. Yet most of the time, Jesus probably seemed pretty ordinary to his followers. For every mountaintop moment like we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus no doubt experienced many other mundane moments—times hanging out with friends, cooking dinner, or relaxing.

Both kinds of moments, the mountaintop ones and the mundane ones, hold value for the Christian life. Our God interacts with humankind, lifting the lowly in situations that seem impossible and gracing us with blessings beyond belief. On this feast of the Transfiguration, let us rejoice for the many ways God meets us each day.

Excerpted from *Living Liturgy*, 2023

### Scripture Readings for August 12/13

#### 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a | Psalm 85 | Romans 9:1-5 | Matthew 14:22-33



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# OLOL PASTORAL COUNCIL

## Have you considered serving?

The Our Lady of Lourdes Pastoral Council serves the parish in partnership with Deb Steppe on how to best carry out the mission of Jesus and the Church within the Lourdes community. The council has 14 members. We would really like to diversify our council to be more representative of our parish. We welcome youth and adults of any gender, race, or age. Please consider nominating yourself or someone from whom you obtain permission for this position.

If you are interested in self-nomination or in nominating someone, please follow these directions.

- Complete the form below and return to the boxes at the entry of church by August 20, 2023.
- If you are nominating someone, that person's signature **MUST** be on the nomination form.
- Provide phone numbers so that you (or your nominee) can meet with the Pastoral Council before making a final decision.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in serving on the OLOL Pastoral Council. Please contact me for further discussion.

\_\_\_\_  
Name (Print) Phone

I am interested in nominating \_\_\_\_\_  
to serve on the OLOL Pastoral Council.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Nominator (Print) Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominee Phone



Nominate yourself or someone from whom you obtain permission to serve on the Pastoral Council.

To be eligible for nomination, you must be:

- At least 18
- A registered member of the parish
- A participant in parish life
- Willing to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month

Orientation will occur at 5:00 pm on September 20, 2023

## QUESTIONS?

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