



**Parish Office Hours**

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Friday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday—OFFICE CLOSED*

# Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

## August 6, 2023

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
Reverend Michael S. McCormick, Pastor**

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**Mass Schedule**

*Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday ~ 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday ~ No daily Mass*

**Adoration**

*Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.*

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Baptismal instruction offered at  
6:30 p.m. on the  
third Tuesday of every month.  
Call the office to register.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*Friday ~ 5:00 ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday ~ 3:00 ~ 3:30 p.m.  
Anytime by appointment.*

**Sacrament of Marriage**

**Arranged at least six months  
in advance**

**Pastoral Care of the Sick**

**Notify the parish office  
whenever someone is ill,  
hospitalized, or homebound  
wishes to receive Communion.**

**RCIA**

*Mondays ~ 7:00 p.m.*

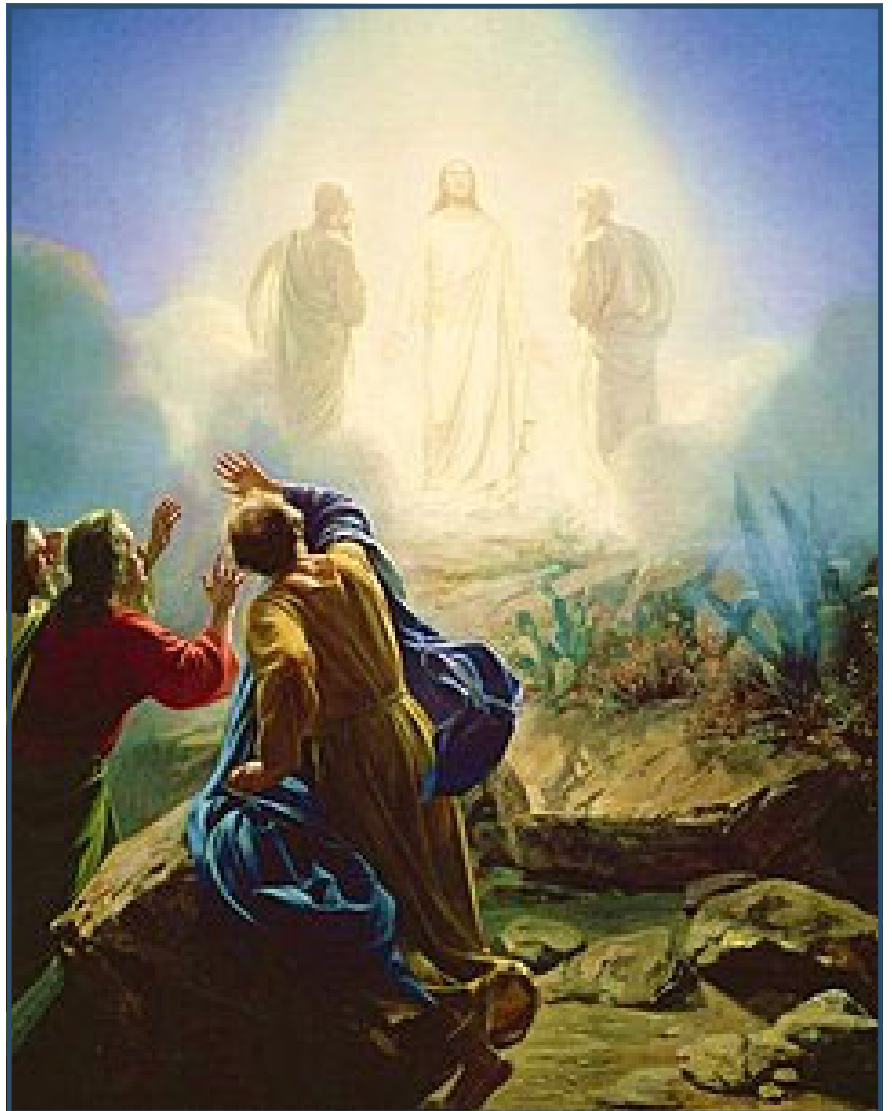
**Parish Membership**

**New parishioners are  
always welcome  
Please call the parish office  
to register.**

**Knights of Columbus  
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**Parish Council**

**Rita Clayton  
Deb Steinbacher  
Paul Moerschbacher  
Jamie Wieder  
Mary Etta Legarski  
Sharon O'Malley  
Keith Kuzio  
Colleen Brown  
Kaycie Gerrity  
Lydia Baylor**



### *Mission Statement*

*We are a Christian Community rooted in Word and Sacrament  
striving to fulfill our Baptismal commitment  
by following the example and teaching of Christ.  
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to pass on our faith,  
through the Roman Catholic Tradition, to the next generation  
for the greater glory of God.*

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and friends,

As I type this letter, the sky is so beautiful, the temperature is perfect and the air is clear. After all those smoke filled days earlier this summer, and the recent uncomfortable heat and humidity, I couldn't stop thanking God! Even though it is only "weather", it felt to me as though something had lifted.

This weekend we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord. Through this event the "veil" which obscures our ability to see Christ as He is was lifted. We, along with the three Disciples who witnessed His Transfiguration, are given the gift of seeing Christ with the clearest of spiritual vision. How desperately we need this "clearest of spiritual vision".

To all who were blessed to see Jesus as He walked in Galilee and Jerusalem, He appeared to be a man like anyone else. I suppose that goes for anyone to this very day who has not had a kind of *transforming* experience of the Lord Jesus. Only those who have had their hearts purified from passions, sins and their effects, are able to recognize Him and that only to the degree to which the Holy Spirit allows.

It seems to me that, perhaps more than ever before, our vision is anything but clear. Many have lost sight of the value of faith, prayer, religion and even the very Person of Jesus Christ. Some seem to be in a fog of anger, hatred, division and confusion. As we read in the Sacred Scriptures, what was once good is now seen as bad. "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20).

Evil brings us woes, no matter how hard we try to redefine evil ways as something desirable. We need to experience and celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus and His transforming power in our lives. Let us reclaim the clear vision that He gives us through the Holy Scriptures and the Holy Spirit. Let the fog clear. Let your hearts be lifted up, raised to the very heights of living in His Divine Will and loving what He loves!

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael

### Our Lady of Lourdes YOUTH Upcoming Events!!



**Event:** Dodgeball & Games Event

**When:** Friday, August 11th

**Where:** Our Lady of Lourdes (Rain or Shine)

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Hotdogs, Chips & Beverage  
Provided



### Save the Date

September 15 & 16

5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

**Friday Night:** It's *Aloha Night!* Roast Pork Dinner with a Hawaiian flare. Entertainment: Leo & KG with Family Traditions

**Saturday Night:** It's *Polish Night!* Authentic homemade pierogies, stuffed cabbage, haluski and dessert .  
Entertainment: Lenny Weber, One Man, One Guitar, One Good Time! Playing live Interpretations of classic 70's, 80's & 90's music.

Plus our regular delicious food! Hot Sausage, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Walking Tacos, Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream, Fresh-Squeezed Lemonade, Homemade Pies.

#### Donations Needed:

**Pumpkin Stand:** Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Pumpkin Stand." Please place in the offertory or drop off at the parish office. Questions? Contact Judy DeGregorio at 570-368-2705.

**Basket Raffle:** Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Basket Raffle." Please place in the offertory or drop off at the parish office. Pre-made baskets should be valued at \$50-\$75. Questions? Contact the parish office.

**Cake Wheel:** If you love to bake, please consider making a donation for our cake wheel. Sign-up sheets will be available soon at the main church entrance. Questions? Call Bonnie Fry at 602-316-3245.

12 oz. Pepsi products; 16.9 oz bottled water; wine –750 ml bottles (**drop off at parish office**), glassware for dime pitch.

Aluminum pans (disposable) 9X13 for making cakes.

*The month of August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

**To Love and Serve Jesus Christ  
This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes**

- ~ **Monday, August 7**  
Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- ~ **Tuesday, August 8**  
Finance Meeting ~ 6:00  
Parish Pastoral Council ~ 6:30
- ~ **Thursday, August 9** ~ Office Closed
- ~ **Friday, August 11**  
Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Please welcome **Father Doug May**, who is speaking at all Masses this weekend **August 5-6**. Fr. May has served as a missionary in Egypt for 20 years, and in Kenya. He will invite us to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ and His Gospel to all people. *Welcome Father May!!*

**Offertory Collections**  
(Includes on-line contributions)

**July 29-30, 2023**

Loose	\$	571.00
Offertory	\$	4,851.00
Maintenance	\$	268.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	7.00
Votives	\$	279.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Easter	\$	3.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,980.00</b>

**Diocesan Collections**

Holy Day - Assumption	\$	40.00
Care & Education of Priests	\$	11.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>51.00</b>

*thank you*

**Collection Counter Schedule**

- August 06 ~ Group 2** Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett
- August 13 ~ Group 3** Judy DeGregorio, Barb Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

**Faith in Action**

For the month of **August**, items collected will be for our **Parish Festival being held in September**. Please refer to the items needed in the bulletin. God Bless!

We continue to collect **16 oz. jars of peanut butter** to help support the Montoursville School District Backpack Program. Drop off donations inside the Church or the Church office.



“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” **Matthew 25:36-37**

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, August 6** ~ The Transfiguration of The Lord  
8:00 The People of our Parish  
10:30 Philip and Helen Schamberg (By Barb Burchanowski)

*Dan 7:9-14; Ps 97:109; 2Peter 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9*

**Monday, August 7**  
9:00 a.m. Cheryl Hook (By Robert & Cecilia Hook)

*Num 11:4-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21*

**Tuesday, August 8** ~ St. Dominic, Priest  
9:00 a.m. Mark Hartland (By Hartland Family)  
2:00 p.m. Jimmy Bender @ WeCare (By Crouse Family)

*Num 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-13; Mt 14:22-36*

**Wednesday, August 9** ~ St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
9:00 a.m. Robert “Bob” Cappelli (By Father Mike and Uncle Bob’s Family)

*Num 13:1-35; Ps 106:6-23; Mt 15:21-28*

**Thursday, August 10** ~ NO MASS  
~ St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

*2Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-9; Jn 12:24-26*

**Friday, August 11** ~ St. Claire, Virgin  
9:00 a.m. Carol Bower (By Oscar & Willie Hepburn)

*Deu 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-21; Mt 16:24-28*

**Saturday, August 12** ~ St. Jane Frances de Chantal  
4:00 p.m. John Tondora (By Catino Family)

*Deu 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-51; Mt 17:14-20*

**Sunday, August 13**  
8:00 a.m. The People of our parish  
10:30 a.m. Gelindo & Lena Benasutti (By Stephen Logue Family)  
*1Kings 19:9-13; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33*

**Prayer List for the Month of August**

*If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.*

Dave Bonus, Karen Boyle, Gerald Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Diane Folk, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Cliff Hales, Matt Hales, Rosemary “Cate” Legarski, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Tyler Morton, Mary Myers, Linda Phillips, Justin Reed (Father’s nephew), Nicole Selleck, Isabel Shumbat, Kim Singer, Sofia Steinbacher, Stanley Steinbacher, Staci Stone, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

**Love Never Ends**

Our monthly meetings will resume on Friday, September 29 at noon. Hoping your Summer is full of blessings.

## SACRED MUSIC YOUTH CHOIR

GRADES 5 THROUGH 12

**Explore the history of the Church through sacred music.** Weekly singing rehearsals with Livia Lakatos Schwartzman and other church leaders with a focus on Gregorian Chant to be sung at two Masses during the next school year.



For more information and to sign up, contact Livia Lakatos Schwartzman at (570) 394-6264 or lakatoslivia3@gmail.com.

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Father McCormick will be blessing backpacks at all Masses the weekend of August 19 & 20.

## Baby Bottle Campaign



Please note that the last day to drop off your baby bottles is the weekend of **August 6th**. Thank you to all who reached out and gave towards this campaign. Blessings from the K.O.C.

## OCIA (Formerly RCIA)

*Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic?*

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly "Rite of...") is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic Christians and receive the sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves a parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. The Order speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey".

*Who is OCIA for?* Briefly, for 1) Persons in need of Baptism 2) Persons baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic. 3) Persons baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation.

If you know of any person who has shared an interest or curiosity about Catholic faith and would like to learn more by participating in the RCIA program, sessions will begin this September (place to be announced). **Please call Susie Mann, OCIA parish leader at 570-368-8598 for more information.**

## Nourishing Body & Soul

Adult Faith Sharing will be Sunday, Aug. 13 & Aug. 27 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. During these two sessions we will reflect on "Mary, Mother of the Eucharist." Bring your Bible. A light breakfast will be served. All are welcome!!



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