

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 🔶 July 31, 2022

This Saturday - The Transfiguration: A mountaintop encounter with Jesus and his apostles holds valuable lessons for all followers of Christ

This coming Saturday the **Church celebrates the Feast** of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

All three synoptic gospels tell the story of the transfiguration of Jesus (Matt. 17:1-13; Mark 9:3-13; Luke 9:28-36)—frequently a sign of the importance of an event from Jesus' life for the early Christian community. Its origin is debated. Some scholars say the transfiguration episode is really an account of Jesus' resurrection which was moved to a different part of the gospels. Others think it has its roots

in an actual visionary event of some kind.

Wherever it came from, the transfiguration is a highly symbolic story. Jesus took his inner circle of apostles—Peter, James, and John—up a mountain, which in the Bible is a place of revelation, so it was clear something important was about to happen.

These three apostles then saw Jesus as part of another important trio, completed with Moses and Elijah, symbols of Israelite tradition. As if that weren't spectacular enough, the voice of God itself made an appearance, uttering two thundering phrases: "This is my Son" and "Listen to him."

Unfortunately, none of the apostles' reactions showed that they understood what



had just happened. First of all, they were half-asleep when the whole thing started—not the last time that would happen at a key moment. They were also terrified to the point of talking nonsense about building shelters for the holy figures. Then on the way down they started an off-topic debate about the resurrection and Elijah.

What the apostles didn't grasp right away was the significance of the fact that Moses and Elijah were "talking with" Jesus. This sacred conversation identified Jesus with the law and the prophets. It showed how Jesus had the same authority as these two pillars of Israel's tradition and how that authority came from the same God. To leave no doubt, God's voice drove home the

point with words heard at an earlier affirmation of Jesus' status, his baptism: "This is my son, the beloved" (Matt. 3:17).

What the apostles also didn't get at first was that they couldn't stay on the mountain. One can sympathize with their desire for such a wondrous break from the difficult path of discipleship. Down the mountain and back to that task, however, they had to go.

The Gospel of Luke adds a delicious detail: Moses and Elijah had been speaking with Jesus "of his exodus

that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." His exodus? That loaded word points back to the sometimes arduous journey of following Jesus, and that's what the transfiguration is about. It's wonderful to find inspiration in a shining vision of Jesus. but the message to the church then and now is that witnessing glory is one thing, following is another. After the vision is over, you look up and see, as the apostles did, "Jesus only," and you realize that, to get to the further glory of eternal life, you have to follow him to the cross.

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As we enter our next 150 years as the Roman Catholic parish of St. Elizabeth, striving to become saints, we commit ourselves to the discipleship and stewardship way of life as commanded by Jesus Christ and revealed by Sacred Scripture and Tradition.

We are committed to implementing the Four Pillars of Discipleship and Stewardship of our diocese:

Hospitality: To maintain a warm and welcoming environment, and invite others to join us in prayer, especially Sunday Mass;

Prayer: To journey the path to Heaven together through celebration of the sacraments and ever-deepening lives of prayer;

Formation: To continue sharing, learning, and accepting the teachings of our Lord and His Church; and

Service: To share our Lord's Love by reaching out to all in service, especially the afflicted.

PRAYER & LITURGY

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

Tuesday, August 2 Tuesday of the 18th Wk in Ordinary Time 8:15 a.m. Mass: Marvin Weidemer+ by Mark & Donna Yehling

Wednesday, August 3 Wednesday of the 18th Wk in Ordinary Time 8:15 a.m. Mass: James Dittman+ by Bryan & Joan Hartwick

Thursday, August 4 St. John Vianney, Priest 8:15 a.m. Mass: Mary Ellen Becherer+ by Marlys & Mitchell Akin

Friday, August 5 Friday of the 18th Wk in Ordinary Time 8:15 a.m. Mass: First Friday Intentions

Saturday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord 8:15 a.m. Mass: Jack Folkerts+ by Dolores Folkerts & Family

Saturday-Sunday, August 6-7 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass: Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth

8:00 a.m. Mass: John Straubinger+ by The Straubinger Family

10:30 a.m. Mass: Phyllis Syzdek+ by Mary Jane Johnson

Denotes liturgy when incense will be used

Denotes liturgy that will be streamed online

Mass offerings are available (\$10), as are memorials on the 14 Day Candle / Sanctuary Lamp, and Altar Flowers. Contact the parish office.

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: For Small Businesses: We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23. Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13. Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11. Luke 12:13-21.

About Greed. Family quarrels, regrettably, are often about inheritance, about possessions. That should be mine, we may say. I do not have enough, we may say. Jesus tells a story about how we are stewards only, and not owners of what we use; about how possessions can possess.

How much is enough?

What do I have that I can give away?

With mercy works in mind, what will I do?



The 14-day Santuary Lamp burns constantly before the Tabernacle and reminds us of the real presence of Jesus therein. This week, it also reminds us to pray for **the repose of the soul of Patsy Bohn+**. For information on offering the 14-day candle in honor or memory of a loved one, contact the Parish Office.



This week, Altar Flowers are **in honor of the preschool and school staff at St. Elizabeth Catholic School**. You can honor your loved one by donating the altar flowers during the weekend of your choosing. For information, contact the Parish Office.

First Friday Memorials

Bill Loftus Deceased Members of Ladies Sodality Lisa Dellamano Richard A. Willaredt Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Choir Gene Cassy Jim Dedera **Pieper Family** Crawshaw Family Cassy Family **Binney Family** Chad Sigite Rose Vierdaa Charles Dickey Angela & Ronald Briggs, Jr. Robert & Lorriane Joshu **Billy Adams** Jim Grav Lesko & Danheiser Families Pawlak & Sertich Families Joseph & Victoria Krystopa Pfaff & DeRuntz Families John & Theresa Straubinger Winters & Huff Families Votoupal- Bursik Family Connie B. Hayes Jim Noeth & Brothers Noeth & M. Papp Families Jim Alsop Leonard Hylla Lisa Garcia- Fensterman Boh Scaturro Dortch Family The Kierski Family James Dittman Michael & Leona Banach Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth Men's Club Czwornog and Ostrenga Families Ida Gragg & Patti Jackson Tony & Mary Bellue Brian Foreman Merry Trtanj

We have recently updated to include our 2022-2023 First Friday Memorials. Contact the parish office to add yours to the list.

LEARNING & LIVING AS DISCIPLES

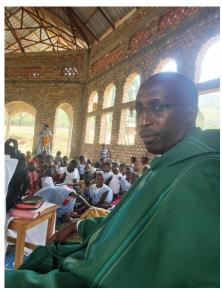
Welcome back, Father Alfred! We missed you.



Above and right: Father Alfred was able to Baptize his niece Ramona, in their church still under construction.

Below: Father Alfred enjoys a "meal out" - especially enjoying the deep-fried fish with potato fries!













FORMATION Growing in Knowledge of Christ & His Church



TRUE REFORMERS

Saint Ignatius of Loyola: Soldier for Christ

On July 31 (when it's not on a Sunday), we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the "Soldier for Christ." While Martin Luther's interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, Ignatius of Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.

Thanks to our Men's Club, parishioners have access to free Catholic programming on FORMED on smart TV, streaming device, computer, and mobile device.

Go to FORMED.org and type our Postal Code (62040) to easily find and select our parish.

Mercy Minute

"When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyze it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him, 'You can do all things,' And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus Himself will intervene in the

matter, and as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love Him." (Diary 1033).





Vacation Bible School Evenings, July 31 - August 4 5:30-8:30 each evening

Registration \$15, with a \$2 discount if registered by July 18

Info & sign up at: stelizabethgc.org/VBS

You can still volunteer to help! Contact Deacon Michael.

RCIA IS STARTING SOON

It's almost time to start to gather this year's class of RCIA inquirers - people who may be interested in becoming Catholic and entering the church this year. This is the time to continue to pray for inquirers, and to talk with your friends and family about it. Talk to, or introduce them to, Deacon Michael to start the conversation.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Keep an eye on the bulletin for high school activities on our Family Faith Nights, Thursday nights this coming school year, and for our upcoming season of Open Gym Nights.

GC ROCK Our tri-cities parishes' youth group GC Rock is also here for you!

July 31-August 4 - Volunteer/Service Time at Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Elizabeth. Sign up at stelizabethgc.org/VBS for more information.

August 7 - Gather at Holy Family 6:30-8pm. Sort & organize school supply drive items.

August 13 - Outreach at Community Care. Setup 12 Noon, Outreach 1-3pm.

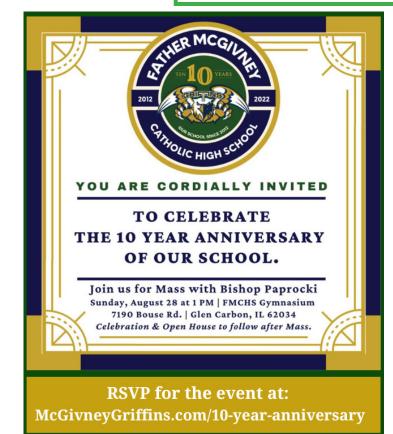
August 21 - Gathering/Activity TBT!

Watch our FB Group (GC Rock Youth Group) for any changes or additions.

Rocks and Parents, On the Sundays that we do not Gather, please join us at Vespers/Adoration for 1 hour 7:30-8:30, at St. Elizabeth.

Questions? Call Rita 972-4022, Woody 876-7551, or Bret in the St. E Parish office.





Parish Life & Hospitality

Parish & School Events

Sunday, July 31

5:30-8:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School! Enter in the front of the gym.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

Monday, August 1

5:30-8:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School! Enter in the front of the gym.

Tuesday, August 2

5:30-8:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School! Enter in the front of the gym.

7:30 p.m. - Men's Club Meeting (Cafeteria)

Wednesday, August 3

5:30-8:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School! Enter in the front of the gym.

7 p.m. BINGO (Columbus Home)

Thursday, August 4

9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Adoration (Church)

5:30-8:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School! Enter in the front of the gym.

Friday, August 5

Saturday, August 6

7-10 p.m. - School Swim Party (Paddlers)

Sunday, August 7

9:00 a.m. - Men at Prayer (Choir Room)

7:30-8:30 p.m. Exposition & Holy Hour with Vespers & Benediction

15th ANNUAL ST. ELIZABETH GOLF TOURNAMENT

NOTE: Moving back to September 11! Join us for a great day of golf in support of our Ladies Sodality. 4 Person Scramble, cash prizes, flighted play, 50/50 and mulligans! Teams can be mixed and entry fee is \$280 per team. Tee off at 8:30 a.m., Legacy Golf Course. We are in need of additional hole sponsors for the event as well. Cost is \$60. See the parish office or call Tom C. at 618-789-0337 for more information.

GC ROCK SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

School starts soon, and there are many children in our



community from grade school to high school age needing school supplies. GC Rock will be collecting these items July 23-24, July 30-31 and August 6-7. Please bring folders, spiral notebooks, pens, mechanical pencils, washable markers, and new backpacks for all ages including high school. We'll collect in the large bins in the gathering space. Thank you from GC Rock!

FALL BAZAAR NEWS

We would like to introduce ourselves. I am Nanette Bladdick, my daughter is Michelle Uhercik. We have volunteered to take over the basket booth for the Fall Bazaar. We hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. Now that the picnic is over, we are able to start collecting items for the Bazaar basket booth. Hard to believe it is only 3 months away. Anyone wishing to donate baskets and/ or new items, please place them in the

marked basket located across from the Harmony room in the Church. Please note that perishable food/drink items need to have an expiration date of at least 12-01-22. This will allow winners time to enjoy their basket. We would also like to request more kid items/baskets for all age groups. Those seem to be the first baskets to be picked. If you would like to donate items and not able to bring to the church, please call either one of us to arrange a time for your donation to be picked up. Michelle and I would like to thank everyone for their donations in advance. Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions you may have: Nanette: 618-444-3688 Michelle: 618-255-3177.

Basket Booth Donation List Suggestions:

Teen Boys: \$5-10 Gift Cards, Body Wash, Hair Gel, Pop Socket, Tech Gifts, Big League Chew, Sunflower Seeds, Beef Jerky, Sunglasses, Sports Water Bottle, Gum

Teen Girls: \$5-10 Gift Cards, Body Wash, Lip Gloss, Tech Gifts, Chapstick, Fuzzy Socks, Pop Socket, Sunglasses, Tumblers, Bath Bombs, Gum

Young Boys: Play Doh, Gum, Board Games, Small action figures, Coloring books, Crayons/markers, Slime, Card games, Stuffed animals, Puzzles

Young Girls: Play Doh, Gum, Board Games, Headbands, Activity books, Crayons/markers, Slime, Candy, Stuffed animals, Puzzles

Baskets: Coffee basket, Wine/beer basket, Movie night basket, Baking basket, Cooking/grill basket, Tool basket, Men's products basket, Art supply basket, Candy basket, Pet basket, Women's bath basket





The following are priests of our Diocese who are celebrating birthdays soon: 8/2- REV. THOMAS LIEBLER 8/5- MOST REV. THOMAS JOHN PAPROCKI & Rev. D. Patrick Gibbons 8/8- Rev. Trenton Rauck SJC 8/13- REV. ZACHARY EDGAR 8/14- Most Rev. Carl Kemme 8/16-Rev. Martin Smith.

The following are priests of our Diocese who have died. Please remember them in your daily prayers: 7/22- Rev. Terrance Brady Rev. David Scully, Rev. Richard Buchanan Rev. Jeremiah J. Cronin Rev. Charles A. Muskus 7/23- Rev. James Hasty Rev. Joseph S. Miller 7/24- Rev. Patrick Malloy Rev. John Murphy 7/26- Rev. Stanley O. Yunker 7/27- Msgr. Joseph O'Dwyer 7/28- Rev. Daniel Ryan Rev. Mike Clifford Rev. Edward J. Kowalski

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Please reach out to the parish office and let us know of any active military persons for whom you would like the parish to pray. Thank you!

Almighty and Eternal God, protect the members of our Armed Services as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, to all who love them. May they ever praise you for your loving care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Nolan Yehling- USAF, Whiteman AFB; Justin Niles- USAF, South Korea; Brandon Weidner, Mobile, AL; Kody Presswood, U S Army, Naples, Italy



Burgers & Brews + Cornhole Tournament

Hosted by the men of our Exodus 90 Fraternity for the men of St. Elizabeth, Holy Family, & St. Mary/St. Mark Parishes

Sunday, August 14 - 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tournament at 5:30 p.m.; Optional Holy Hour at 7:30 St. Elizabeth Church Parking Lot Young men in high school & up welcome RSVP & Tournament Signup at stelizabethgc.org/exodus

St. Elizabeth School

SWIM PARTY

School families - we hope you'll join us for the back to school swim party at Paddlers on Saturday, August 6 from 7-10 p.m.!

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Mark your calendars for the Blessing of Backpacks at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, August 14.

WE'RE HIRING!

St. Elizabeth Catholic School in Granite City, Illinois is looking to fill a

4th Grade Teacher

position starting the 2022-2023 school year

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR FAITH-FILLED FAMILY?

Send letter of interest, resume, and transcripts to Principal Michelle Williams mwilliams@stelizabethgc.org





STELIZABETHGC.ORG

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. & Sundays 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. (with Vespers)

Show appreciation for Christ's presence among us. Spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration is a means to grow in holiness.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Stewardship

Our Financial Stewardship July 24, 2022

	Actual	Goal	Over/(Short)
Week 5 Regular Income	\$5,618.00		
103 Envelopes, Avg. Gift \$54.54			
One-Time Donation			
Loose	\$231.00		
Online Giving	\$622.00		
TOTAL	\$6,062.00	\$8,871.00	(\$2,400.00)
YTD TOTALS	\$30,548.00	\$35,484.00	(\$4,936.00)

Weekly and YTD Goals are calculated based on our annual fiscal year budget submitted to the Diocese and what is required to break even.

Other Gifts:

Tuition Assistance	\$70.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$10.00
Special Projects	\$10.00
Votive Offering	\$122.00
Assumption of Mary	\$1.00
Retired Diocesan Priests	\$10.00
Other Parish Not Specified	\$1.00

Upcoming Special Collections

October 23: World Mission Sunday November 20: Diocesan Campaign for Justice & Hope

Parish Tithing Reporting

Our parish tithe to the Diocese to support the administration, ministries, and work of our Diocese is 10% of our regular monthly income.

Our June tithe is \$3,230.

Scrip Progress

Date: July 24, 2022

	Current	/ YTD
Walmart	\$2,100	/ \$29,350
National	\$1,415	/ \$37,575
Total Sales	\$3,515	/ \$68,925
Annual Gross Profit to-date		\$2,726.00
Approx. Credit Card Fees		(\$235.00)
Approx. Net Profit to-date		\$2,491,00

Please continue to purchase scrip as much as possible. Remember that this is free money for our school & parish!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 103 AT SUMMER CAMP

Boy Scout Troop 103, a joint scout troop across St. Elizabeth & Holy Family parishes & schools, headed to summer camp at Camp Lewallen in Silva, MO the week of Father's Day. The troop is pictured here as they were preparing to leave for camp.



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SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: If you have been away from the Church and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a while, feel free to contact the parish office for guidance & materials to help you prepare to return to the Sacraments. In addition to Confessions offered from 3-4 p.m. on Saturdays, you could also schedule an individual time for Reconciliation.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is appropriate for any upcoming surgery, prolonged illness, or in the event of emergency or danger of death. Please call the office if you or a loved one needs to be anointed.

Infant & Child Baptism: For children under the age of 8, please submit the forms at stelizabethgc.org/baptism and sign up for a Baptism Preparation class at least a month before your desired date of Baptism. For questions or emergencies, please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Michael. Baptisms are usually celebrated after the 10:30 Mass most Sundays or at 7 p.m. some Wednesdays.

Matrimony: To begin preparation for Holy Matrimony, please contact Father Alfred or Deacon Michael at least six months (recommended twelve months) before your desired date. At least an introductory interview must be completed before a date can be set.

Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, first Holy Communion) for children 8 and over, or for adults: Contact Deacon Michael via the Parish Office.

PASTORAL CARE

Entering the Church: If you are new to the Catholic faith and interested in learning more about the church or about entering the church, welcome! Contact the parish office for a meeting with Father Alfred or Deacon Michael.

Communion to the Homebound: If you or a family member are, or are going to be, homebound, whether at home or in a care facility, please notify the parish office. Medical and care facilities are unable to inform us of their Catholic residents and patients. We would be happy to arrange to visit and bring you Holy Communion. Please contact the parish office for arrangements.

Declarations of Nullity: In some cases, a man or a woman desires healing through a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court), which does not deny that a relationship existed, but simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for a valid marriage, falling short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. (Commonly called an 'annulment.') Father Alfred, Deacon Michael, and Laura Black are available as Advocates before our diocesan tribunal for those needing assistance with declarations of nullity. Call the parish office to set up an appointment.

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