

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 3, 2025

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH
SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 PM PL

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child

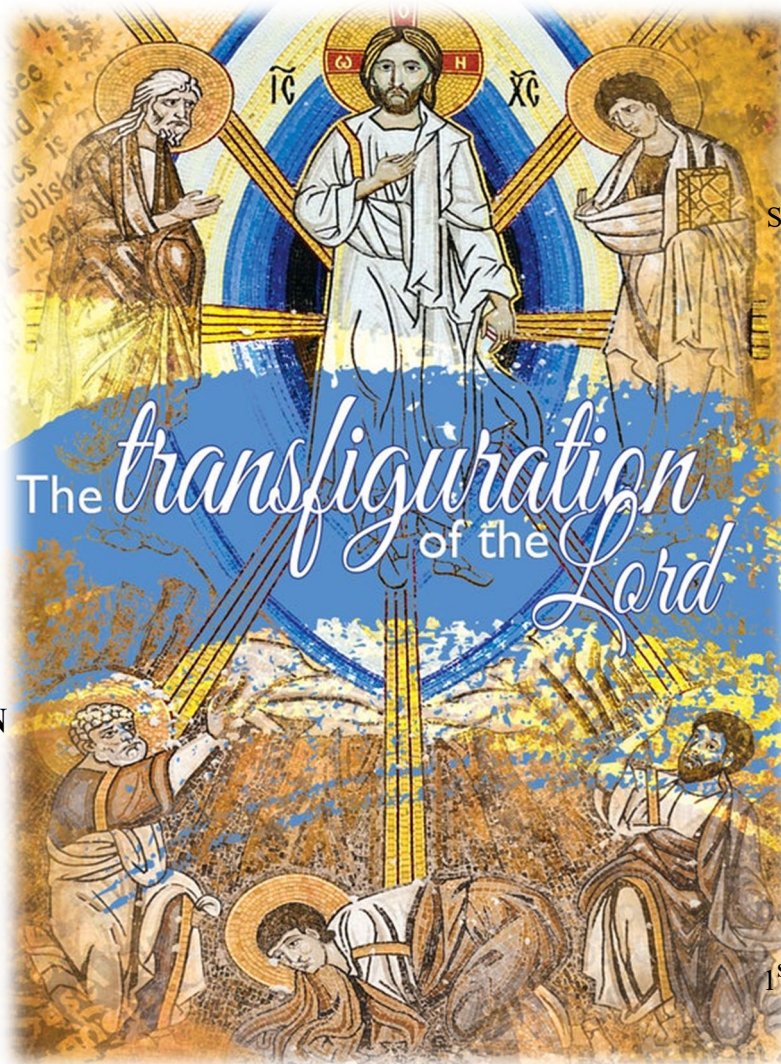
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least six months prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS 7:00 AM
SATURDAYS 8:00 AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS 8:00 & 9:15 AM,
10:30 (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS
TUESDAY 1 PM to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION
2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITES
1ST SAT. AFTER
8 AM MASS

1ST SAT. DEVOTION
AFTER 8:00 AM MASS

ALTAR ROSARY
1ST WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM
(APRIL, MAY, JUNE,
SEPT., OCT. & NOV.)

Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, AUGUST 3, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living & Deceased
+ Dana Columbus
+ Marie Vesely
+ Kevin Masters
+ Dennis P. Byrne

18TH SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME, AUG. 3, 2025

8:00 am + Joseph LaPurka
9:15 am + Vincent A. Doroszka, MD
10:30 am Za Członków żywego Różańca i Rodzinę Radia Maryja
(PL) + Szymon Runowski
+ Anna Wingfield and Dec'd Family Members
+ Tadeusz Cwiklinski
+ Anna (A), Ignacy & Joseph Mackiewicz
12 noon + Alec Marcinowski

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

7:00 am + In Thanksgiving for Fr. Kris and Fr. Tadeusz
+ Cathleen Mickaliger

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

7:00 am + Patricia Liebler
Healing for Baby John Krepps

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

7:00 am + Bruno Madzelan

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

7:00 am + Marguerite Parks / + Marge McCarthy

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

7:00 am + Mary and Konstanty Kruk

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

8:00 am + Sophie Aschenbach
5:00 pm + Helen Strebel
+ Herbert & Carol Loper and + Children

19TH SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME, AUG. 10, 2025

8:00 am + Frank Rykaczewski (A)
9:15 am + Claire and Albert Ellwood
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
(PL) + Feliksa (10 Roczna Smierci), Urszula,
Michalina i Jozef Sawicki
+ Anna Wingfield and Dec'd Family Members
12 noon + Charles Van Rossem



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

“Trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.”

~ St. Teresa of Avila

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Adoration 12 to 1 PM

Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

*Chester Vesloski
Krzysztof Weiland
Mary Mader*

OUR COLLECTIONS

Today, Aug. 3: Sunday & Monthly School
Next Week, Aug. 10: Sunday & Debt Reduction

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Andrew * Chris Bonocore * Ethan Donahue * Irene Monahan * Joseph LoBosco * Jodi Ponce * Catherine & Charles Sehy * Ben G. & Elizabeth * Wm. Snyder * Nancy McDonald * Brendan Gallagher * Kristy West * Josephine Barker * Paul Farber * Nicholas Steinkamp * Teresa Muenkel * Ron Danowski * Peter Kraljic * Carson Whible * Dave Zazeski * Faye Anderson * Hana Cutler * James Gibson * Jim Kenna * Daryl Alec * Paula George * Christina Donovan * Joan Zaleski * Grazyna Pawlak * Gillen Family * Blythe Fickenwirth * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Perniciaro * Sammy * Brodie * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Jan Suchta * Justin * Dakota Harmon * Cole Faller * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jeffrey Clark * James, George & Barbara Jaeger * Ernest & Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Gloria Keller * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Eleanor Koller * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:
Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

Please keep Seminarians,
Nicholas Waldron and **Patrick O'Brien**,
in your prayers.

Divine Mercy Shrine—Eden Hill Stockbridge, MA August 27

Travel on our own bus to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy to spend a day of spiritual renewal. Walk the outdoor Stations of the Cross, visit the gift shop, light a candle at The Lourdes Grotto, The Holy Family Shrine, The Immaculate Conception Shrine, The Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine, The Shrine of the Holy Innocents, or The Shrine Church.

Confessions are available, attend Mass, or join the congregation for the Divine Mercy hour.

There are handicap accessible locations.

Bring your own lunch to keep the cost down or pick up something at the bus stop along the way.

Please call the office at 631-727-2114 to hold your seat. **Cost of \$125 is based on 35 people.**
Please pay in full upon registration.

Our world needs prayer so bring a friend and join us on our pilgrimage of peace and spiritual enrichment!

(Trip is approx. 6:00am to 8:00pm)



Farewell, Fr. Tadeusz

Fr. Tadeusz will be returning to the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

His last Masses here at St. Isidore will be **Sunday, August 10th.**

We welcome **Fr. Maksymilian Ogar**, also from the Shrine, who will take his place.

Feast of the Transfiguration

(excerpts from Msgr. Charles Pope's homily)



The Feast of the Transfiguration is ultimately about vision. The Lord brought Peter, James, and John up a high mountain in order that they might come to see. Even the word that describes this day bespeaks vision. It is from the Latin *transfiguratione*.

Trans means “across,” and by extension, “change.” *Figura* means “shape” or “form.” The suffix -ation creates a noun from the underlying verb. Putting it all together, transfiguration was the process by which Christ changed form or appearance. He gave them a glimpse of His true glory. He allowed them to see across (trans) to the other shore, to the true glory of Christ.

So the Feast of the Transfiguration is about vision. Have you seen the glory of Christ? Have you glimpsed God's glory? It is essential for us to have this experience, otherwise the discouragements and disappointments of life can easily overwhelm us. Only when we glimpse the glory and experience the joy of God can we truly say that our sufferings are more than worth it, that the sufferings of this world cannot be compared to the glory that awaits (Rom 8:18), that our momentary afflictions are producing for us a weight of eternal glory beyond compare (2 Cor 4:17). We ought to ask for this wondrous gift because it is essential for us.

Although we can and must ask God for this vision, we must also understand that there are things God does to give us this vision, to make this vision grow and sharpen. Notice in the Gospel for today's Mass that there are four basic ways in which God ushers in this vision, clarifies it, grants it, and helps it to grow:

The CLIMB – *Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up a mountain to pray. The other Gospels describe this as a “high” mountain.*

Tradition designates Mt. Tabor as the place of the Transfiguration. This is no small hill; it is quite a climb to the top! After the long drive to the top in a bus with a special transmission designed for the climb, the view of the Jezreel Valley is like what you would see from an airplane. It probably took the four of them a day—maybe two—to get to the top on foot. They must have been hardy men to make such a climb; they probably had to carry water and other provisions up with them as well. The point is that the vision they experience comes only after a difficult climb. In our own life, suffering and difficulties usually bring about new vision, open new vistas, and bring deeper understanding. Suffering is not something we enjoy, to be sure, but it is part of the climb.

It is *easier* to climb on the rough side of the mountain; that's where progress is possible. The smooth side provides little footing and is more dangerous. Although we like a smooth and pleasant life, it actually makes for a more dangerous climb. At the top there is a vision to be had, but to get us there the Lord often makes us climb up the rough side of the mountain. This is what it often takes to give us vision.

The CLARIFICATION – *While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.*

I have chosen the word “clarification” to do double duty here. On the one hand it refers to brilliant glory shining forth from Christ; the Latin *clarus* means “bright” and hence clarification refers to Jesus' shining splendor. I also use the word in the more common sense of making things clear. Notice that Moses and Elijah are present and conversing with the Lord. While they are historical persons, they also represent the Law and the Prophets. In other words, they represent Scripture.

Part of what the Lord needs to do for us in order to give us heavenly vision is to teach us His Word. As we grow in knowledge of Scripture, our vision grows, our understanding deepens, and we see things differently. Immersion in the Scriptures disposes us for heavenly vision. Notice also how Moses and Elijah (personifying Scripture) give the vision for what Christ is about to do in His final journey to Jerusalem. The vision is of a new Exodus. Just as Moses led the ancient people out of slavery in Egypt by the Blood of the Lamb at Passover and the parted waters (baptism) of the Red Sea, so now Jesus would lead His people out (an exodus) from slavery and sin by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus is the Lamb of God) and the baptismal waters flowing from His parted and pierced side. Do you see what Scripture does? It gives us vision. It sheds light on the meaning of our life. Scripture is our story. It shows again and again that God can make a way out of no way, that He can do anything but fail. Do you want to see the heavens open and the glory of God be revealed? Then immerse yourself in Scripture. Through Scripture, God clarifies all things.

Feast of the Transfiguration (cont'd)

The CONTEMPLATION – *Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know what he was saying.*

Now comes the vision! Throughout the difficult climb and suffering, and through immersion in His word, God often grants us this vision. When we see His glory we become fully awake. So great is this glory that Peter, James, and John do not know what to say! Those who have really experienced a glimpse of God’s glory know that it cannot be reduced to words. It is ineffable, unsayable, unspeakable! There is an old saying: “Those who know, do not say. Those who say, do not know.” Peter is babbling at this point and suggests building booths or tents to capture this glory. He probably had in mind the Feast of Booths, wherein the Jewish people remembered the great Exodus, the time in the desert, and the giving of the Law. It was one of the great festivals of the year. Hence Peter’s suggestion is a way of saying, “Let’s celebrate this! Let’s extend the time in a week-long feast!” But Peter needs to understand that this is but a brief glimpse. There are still troubles ahead and another mountain to climb (Golgotha). For now, though the vision is wonderful. So, too, for us who are privileged to get a glimpse of glory. It does not mean that we are fully in Heaven yet. For, us, too there are other mountains to climb and valleys to cross. But oh, the glimpse of glory; do not forget it! Let it sustain you in difficult times as it must have sustained Jesus in His passion.

The COMMAND – *While [Peter] was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”*

Now comes the great glory cloud (the *shekinah*) that overshadows them. This vision has been wonderful, but God has more than bright lights to show them. The vision He confers gives direction as well as light. His direction is clear: Listen to my Son. Not only does this instruction complete the vision but it also ensures greater vision in the future.

If we obey Jesus Christ, we will see greater and greater things (Jn 1:50). If we follow Him, He will lead us to the light and we will see all things by it. Note this, though: *where Jesus leads is not always easy*. In order to obey the Father’s command that they listen to Jesus, they are going to have to accept Christ’s instruction that they follow Him to Jerusalem and the cross. Only in this way will they see all things by the light of Easter glory.

Do you want to see? Then be willing to make the climb with Jesus. He gives us vision if we climb and if we are immersed in His Word, which is Scripture and Church teaching. If we but take up our cross and follow Him through His passion, death, and resurrection, His greatest vision lies ahead for us. Happy Feast of the Transfiguration! May God grant us vision.

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St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, also known as St. Edith Stein converted from Judaism to Catholicism in the course of her work as a philosopher, and later entered the Carmelite Order. She died in the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz in 1942. Edith Stein was born on October 12, 1891 – a date that coincided with her family’s celebration of Yom Kippur, the Jewish



“day of atonement.” Edith’s father died when she was just two years old, and she gave up the practice of her Jewish faith as an adolescent which caused great pain to her mother. As a young woman with profound intellectual gifts, Edith gravitated toward the study of philosophy and became a pupil of the renowned professor Edmund Husserl in 1913. Through her studies, the non-religious Edith met several Christians whose intellectual and spiritual lives she admired. After earning her degree with the highest honors from Gottingen University in 1915, she served as a nurse in an Austrian field hospital during World War I. She returned to academic work in 1916, earning her doctorate after writing a highly-regarded thesis on the phenomenon of empathy. She remained interested in the idea of religious commitment, but had not yet made such a commitment herself. In 1921, while visiting friends, Edith spent an entire night reading the autobiography of the 16th century Carmelite nun St. Teresa of Avila. She later recalled, “*I said to myself: This is the truth.*” She was baptized into the Catholic Church January 1, 1922. She taught at a Dominican school, and gave numerous public lectures on women’s issues. She spent 1931 writing a study of St. Thomas Aquinas, and took a university teaching position in 1932. In 1933, the rise of Nazism, combined with Edith’s Jewish ethnicity, put an end to her teaching career. Her Christian conversion led her to enter a Carmelite convent in 1934, taking the name “Teresa Benedicta of the Cross” as a symbol of her acceptance of suffering. “*Those who understood the Cross of Christ should take upon themselves on everybody’s behalf.*” Her vocation was “to intercede with God for everyone,” but she prayed especially for the Jews of Germany whose tragic fate was becoming clear. After completing her final work, a study of St. John of the Cross entitled “*The Science of the Cross,*” Teresa Benedicta was arrested along with her sister Rosa (who had also become a Catholic nun), and the members of her religious community, on August 7, 1942. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross died in the concentration camp at Auschwitz on August 9, 1942. Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1998, and proclaimed her a co-patroness of Europe the next year.

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