



ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CHURCH

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



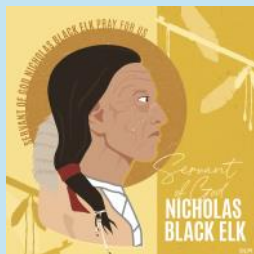
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AUGUST

PRAYER LIST

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| Vincent Alvarado | Michael Leonetti |
| Norma Jean Bak | Sandy Lucas |
| Diane Bartos | Kian Lynch |
| Ana Bautista | Jay Marshall |
| Greg Blow | Michael Mountain |
| Maria Caudillo | Cynthia Nepjuk |
| Chet Ceglaz | Kevin O'Day |
| Phil Ciavaglia | Judy Opiela |
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| Reina Delgado | Anthony Rzucidlo |
| Ronald Dorogi | Kim Rzucidlo |
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| Roberta Grosse | John Schlaff |
| Emily Hudson | George Sipos |
| Meliton Jaime | Lottie Surmacz |
| Maryann Jordan | Kathryn Syrian |
| Fr. Terry Kerner | Cathy Vicaroy |
| Stan Kozlowicz | |

Loving God,
Through St. Kateri's powerful intercession, we confidently ask You to grant us this special favor we ask in her name. Share Your healing and peace especially with family, friends and the sick, whom we commend to Your loving care. We ask this through Your crucified and risen Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word, Who lives with You forever and ever. Amen



Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk was a Lakota convert to Catholicism at the turn of the 19th century. He led hundreds to Christ while also helping his community preserve their Lakota traditions. He's remembered fondly as a catechist, healer, and cultural leader.

MORE ABOUT NICHOLAS BLACK ELK

Black Elk was born in December of 1863 into the Oglala Lakota people to a family with a long history of working as medicine men and healers. He grew up in present-day South Dakota and Wyoming and was the second cousin of Lakota war leader Crazy Horse.

Following a severe illness in his childhood where it is reported that he lay motionless and unresponsive for several days, Black Elk frequently had spiritual visions. In his first vision, during that period of illness, he witnessed kind and loving spirits that he interpreted to be Thunder Beings — wise and revered spirits like grandparents — who implored him to help save his people from the settlers destroying their way of life. As he shared these visions, the other healers in his community were astonished.

He became a spiritual and physical healer among the Lakota, often using song as a healing element. He took his visions seriously and, after experiencing the decimation of the population of wild buffalo by white settlers, and his people being forcibly confined to reservations, he witnessed the great suffering being forced upon his community by colonizing forces. In response, he fought in the Battle of Little Big Horn as well as in the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890, being grazed by a bullet to the hip during the battle. The violence at Wounded Knee was, partially, in response to the Plains tribe's interest in Black Elk's Ghost Dance Movement. He developed the Ghost Dance to bring a message of hope to his people — that the invaders would leave, the buffalo would return, and the systematic destruction of their culture would soon end.

He recovered from his injuries and went on to live at the Pine Ridge Reservation. There, he married his first wife, Katie, a Lakota Catholic convert, and they had three children — all were baptized Catholic. After Katie died in 1903, Black Elk also converted and took on the additional name, Nicholas. He eventually remarried and had more children, baptizing & raising them all Catholic.

Nicholas Black Elk became a catechist and blended his Catholic faith with traditional Lakota practices and ceremonies. He continued to be a resource of spiritual wisdom when he became a catechist and gave talks to those in his community and in neighboring reservations. Through his evangelizing efforts, he had a hand in helping over 400 people convert to Catholicism and served as godfather for over one hundred of them.

In 1934, Black Elk created a performance show that ran for a decade. It introduced and taught visitors and tourists from white communities about Lakota culture, sacred rituals, and dance. His spiritual visions and teachings were put together into a book, *Black Elk Speaks*, by biographer John G. Neihardt who spent days interviewing him. In the book, Nicholas Black Elk shares his vision for human unity and the story of his people's tribulations and perseverance at the end of the 19th century. Black Elk's witness to his faith, commitment to anti-colonialism, and loyalty to his culture during the collapse of his native world was also documented by ethnologist Joseph Epes Brown in his 1947 book *The Sacred Pipe*.

Black Elk's cause of sainthood was opened in 2017 and he is officially recognized as a Servant of God for his life's work of harmonizing his Catholic faith with his Lakota culture and bringing hundreds to the faith. He is buried at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Did you know that St. Kateri Parish hosts an Archdiocesan wide Nicholas Black Elk Prayer Circle?

We meet once a month to pray, learn and discuss Native American culture and spirituality. The meetings are open to Native Americans and non-Natives. Deacon Steve Morello has just been appointed to lead Native American Ministries for the Archdiocese. Deacon Steve is registered with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He has many interesting plans for the group. You are welcome to join us in person or by Zoom. Contact Deacon Steve at (248)719-9010.

ALL IN OUR FAMILY

St. Alphonsus-St. Clement, St. Barbara, St. Kateri, St. Maria Goretti



Bible Foundations
what we need to live and share our Catholic faith today

Thurs 6-7:30 pm
starting Sep 21st



Where: St. Mary Cause of Our Joy (Westland)

Meets weekly Sept 2023-May 2024 covering the most foundational books of the Old Testament, presented in an engaging and relevant style.

Teaching | Discussion | Prayer

Get the expert teaching to understand and share the faith from the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan. All are welcome with scholarships provided to 100% who ask!

Find out more at an Open House Info Night on Thursday August 10th, 7-8 pm at St. Mary in Wayne

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SVDP FOOD PANTRY

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Our needs for August:

- Cooking Oil (need badly)
- Flour, Sugar (need badly)
- Brownie Mix, Cake Mix & Frosting
- Coffee (need badly)
- Bush's Baked Beans
- Mac N Cheese (need badly)
- Rice a Roni (need badly)
- Pineapple, Peaches
- Tuna Fish
- Canned Chili, Chili Beans
- Broth, Pasta Noodles (need badly)
- Instant Oatmeal (need badly)



Meijer
On the hill
DOUBLE
your donation!
Aug 12
Sep 9

Its hard to believe we are into our last month of Summer. The pantry keeps growing with needy families. Each week 4 or 5 new clients. Our food is flying off our shelves. People are lined up to the end of our parking lot. It is freaking me out. Having fed 134 families, 420 people scares me but we are doing it and God had always provided for our pantry along with your help. Thank you Lord. Our money is down so we currently are unable to help with people's bills. Having to keep our shelves filled is more important. Thank you once again for all of your help. Like I stated before, we can not do this without your help. **Please remember August 12 and September 9 for our double your donation days at Meijer on the hill.** Enjoy the last of our Summer and God bless you all for remembering your Neighbors In Need.

Happy Ordination Anniversary
Most Reverend Gerard Battersby

Those wishing to send greetings:
Rev. Gerard Battersby
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Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass (©2011) 198, 199 CCD.

Trivia Answer from page 5: False

Matt Kulczyk

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one

that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead," Jesus told his disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn't ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the glory only makes sense after the trials.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

In a vision, the prophet Daniel sees the heavenly throne of God and the coming kingdom of God represented by a human figure, a "son of man." The vision speaks to God's everlasting love and ultimate control of the world. **Why do you think God reveals Himself in visions?**

Second Reading:

Peter speaks of his eyewitness to the majesty of Jesus Christ. **How might you witness to family or friends this week your beliefs about Jesus?**

Gospel:

The transfiguration reveals Jesus's divinity to Peter, James, and John, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." **What would you say is the most important lesson from Jesus that we should listen to?**



Prayer for the Transfiguration

Dear Lord,
The heavens and earth declare your glory!
Fill our hearts with songs of praise for you, today & always!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 8th

St. Dominic, Priest

6:40 PM

† Roberto Escobedo

(by Maria Cunningham)

Wednesday, August 9th

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 AM

† Emidio DiPaolo (by Family)

Thursday, August 10th

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

9:00 AM

† Kenneth Kruse

(by Wife, Terry)

† Jeanette & Cris Tonilas

(by Family)

Friday, August 11th

St. Clare, Virgin

9:00 AM

† Maria Medrano & Consuelo

Petersen (by Family)

Saturday, August 12th

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

4:00 PM

† Maria & Juan Benitez

(by Benitez Family)

† Laurence & Christopher

Jordan (by Family)

† Maria & Augus MacPhal

(by Family)

† Sara Stuk (by Family)

† Sylvester Zell

(by Zell Family)

Sunday, August 13th

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM

† Jennie Cinzori

(by Arlynn & John Sadowski)

-/† Living & Deceased Members of the Schneider Family

(by Ev Schneider)

† Fr. Clarence Williams

(by Fr. Kerner & Parishioners)

11:00 AM

† Vera Ciavaglia

(by Delores & George Cassar)

- Josephine Demps, Birthday Blessings (by Therese Terns)

† Joseph Pulford (by Family)

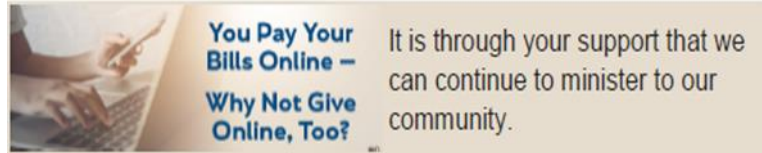
† Lynda Schneider (by Family)



Stewardship Report

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	Week Ending July 30, 2023	YEAR TO DATE
OFFERTORY	\$ 4,740.00	\$ 27,278.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ <u>290.00</u>	\$ <u>2,340.00</u>
ACTUAL	\$ 5,030.00	\$ 29,618.00
BUDGET	\$ <u>6,500.00</u>	\$ <u>32,500.00</u>
VARIANCE	\$ (1,470.00)	\$ (2,882.00)



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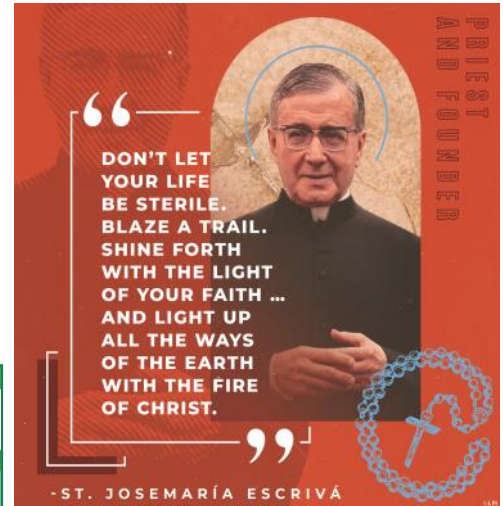
Thank you for your most generous and consistent support.

Eucharistic Ministers

All trained and qualified Eucharistic Ministers, regardless of your parish, are welcome to serve Holy Communion. Father needs three EMs at each Mass for the Precious Body. Please come forward during the greeting of peace if you wish to serve. Your generosity in this ministry is much appreciated.

Retirement has many advantages. It becomes a time to remake one's soul, to interiorize, to meditate and begin a cram course for the final exam.

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen



- ST. JOSEMARÍA ESCRIVÁ

Trivia

Question:

True/False — The King James version of the Bible is approved by the Catholic church.

Answer: Page 3

Lector Schedule

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 12/13

Saturday, August 12th, 4:00PM
Kathy Ochs

Sunday, August 13th, 9:00 AM
Michael Magnone

Sunday, August 13th, 11:00 AM
Gary Lewis

HOLY DAY, ASSUMPTION

Tuesday, August 15th 9:00 AM
Therese Terns

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

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 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

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: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/ Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

St. Kateri Parish Gift and Book Shop

Rosaries, prayer cards, books, Bibles, gifts, jewelry, greeting cards, wind chimes and more...

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TO ALL OUR VISITORS TODAY

No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color, and no matter what your self-image or esteem, you are **invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected** at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church.

If you would like to become a member of St. Kateri please drop this completed form in the offertory basket or call the office with your information during our normal office hours.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____