

From Father Kirby...

August 6, 2023

Happy Sunday, Team Grace! Today, Mother Church pauses Ordinary Time and celebrates the Transfiguration of the Lord. The feast day is always on August 6. We are particularly blessed this year to have it fall on a Sunday. The Transfiguration reminds us of the glory won for us in Jesus Christ by his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Rejoice, friends! And cling to the Lord so that one day you may share in his glory!

It's good to be back! I heard many great things about Father John Luong's visit with us. Please pray for our college and university students. They need our support and spiritual solidarity! The Steubenville conference was nostalgic, formative, and inspiring! But, of course, there's no place like home! It's very good to be back!

Some things happening at the parish that I'd like to highlight this week:

Are mornings tough? Do you need some spiritual energy and encouragement? If so, please consider subscribing to the [Morning Offering](#). When you subscribe, an email will be sent to you every morning that contains prayers, daily Mass readings, information on the saint of the day, and a daily 3-4 minute reflection from your pastor. [Please consider signing up today!](#)

Next weekend, August 12-13, the parish will host a School Supply Drive. All school supplies are needed. Please bring popular school supplies with you to Mass that weekend. You can drop off any items at the pavilion before Mass. Members of our Helping Hands ministry will be there to assist you.

Next Sunday, August 13, the parish will once again host two blood buses. I ask that all parishioners please consider giving blood. As a pro-life people this is one of the important things we're called to do! Please do what you can. Sign-ups are required. [You can sign up here.](#)

Please note our new [calendar for the program year 2022/2023](#) is now posted on our parish website. The calendar describes all of our events and programs for the coming year.

I'd like to encourage every household of the parish to register for [FORMED](#). This is a free digital platform with good Catholic, family-friendly content. I also want to strongly encourage every household to join [EWTN OnDemand](#), which is another free digital platform whose content is supportive of our faith.

Some other future events I'd like to highlight:

The Solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption, August 15, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses here will be on Monday, August 14, at 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, and 7:00 PM, and Tuesday, August 15, at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Confessions will follow after each Mass.

Due to the feast day, we will not have our monthly Stations of the Cross on the second Monday of this month.

On the weekend of August 19-20, the parish will host a [display on the Eucharistic Miracles](#). After all the Masses that weekend, parishioners are invited to visit the Parish Hall and peruse the display. The miracles can be a great help to deepening our belief in the Lord's True Presence in the Eucharist.

In observance of Labor Day, September 4, the parish campus will be closed. There is no public Mass or Confessions on that day. All other events are suspended.

On Wednesday, September 6, our Wednesday evening formation nights start back up. Registrations for young people will begin soon. No registrations are required for the adult Bible Study.

On Friday, September 8, the parish will be hosting a one-day visit to Belmont Abbey. I've spoken about the witness and prayer routine of the monks before. This visit will be an opportunity to see it in person! [Click here](#) for more information.

Our new Sacred Heart Homeschool Co-op begins this September 12 for elementary Grades K – 5. The Co-op will meet at Our Lady of Grace on Tuesdays from 10:15 AM – 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ellen Wolfe at sacredheartindianland@gmail.com

I'd like to give the parish an update on developments relating to Catholic Land and our current campus. I'd like for everyone to have the opportunity to ask questions and give comments. As such, the parish will host two Town Hall sessions on Wednesday, September 27. One Town Hall session will be at 1:00 PM and the other will be at 6:30 PM. The same content will be presented at each session. There are two sessions so that more people can attend.

Some general announcements for the good of the parish:

The Bishop would like to invite all medical doctors and nurses to spend October 21 with him in prayer and formation. [Here's the information.](#)

This past week, I launched a new LIVE radio show on Radio Maria USA. The show is entitled, *Of First Importance*, and it's a walk-through Sacred Tradition. Please tune in on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 – 11:00 AM. You can listen via the Radio Maria USA app, or through their website: radiomaria.us.

This coming October, 2023, I'll be hosting a pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain, and Lourdes. Here's the [link to the travel agency website](#) with more information. Please note this is not a parish pilgrimage. I am taking this pilgrimage on vacation time and inviting others to join me. Other friends and supporters will come from other parts of the country and be a part of the pilgrimage.

More updates next week! Oremus pro invicem (let's pray for one another)!

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