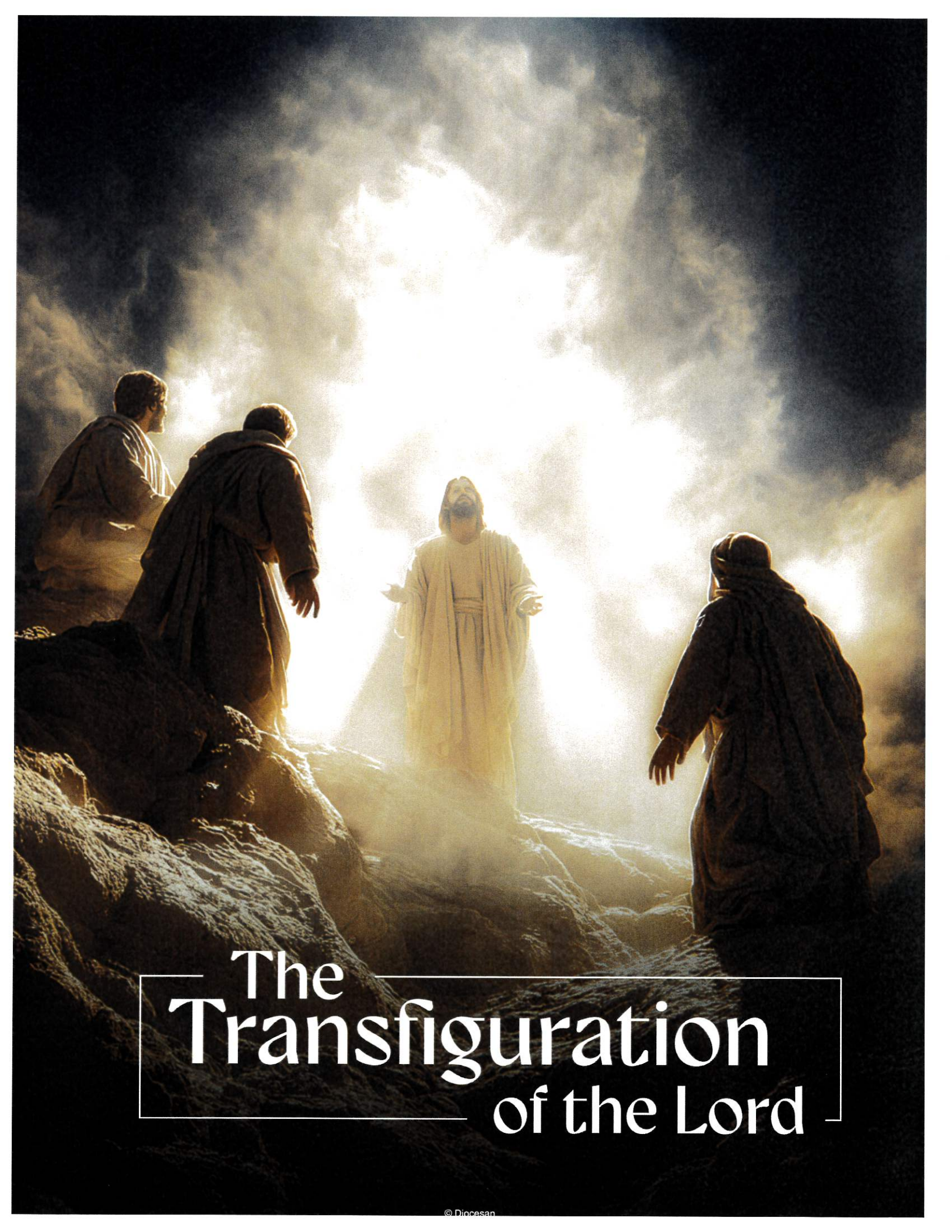


A dramatic religious illustration depicting the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus, with a beard and long hair, stands in the center, wearing a white robe, surrounded by a brilliant, golden light that fills the sky. He is flanked by three other figures in dark robes, who are looking up at him with expressions of awe and wonder. The scene is set against a dark, stormy sky with swirling clouds, and the ground is rocky and uneven. The overall mood is one of divine glory and mystery.

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 2

7:30am *Birthday blessings for John Lushis*
10:00am *Parishioners of St. Patrick's*

Monday, August 3 NO MASS

Tuesday, August 4

7:00pm Special intention: Nancy Duffy

Wednesday, August 5

8:00am Healing for Margaret Martin

Thursday, August 6

8:00am Jerry & Jean Zorger

Friday, August 7 *First Friday*

8:00am Bob and Agnes Schortgen

Saturday, August 8

5:00pm Donna Osburn

Sunday, August 9

7:30am Parishioners of St. Patrick's
10:00am Dave and Joan Wilhelm

Liturgical Ministries

August 8 & 9

Lectors

5:00pm Susie Fawbush
7:30am Zach Schortgen
10:00am Doug Ford

Eucharistic Ministries

5:00pm P. Bottone, M. Korte, R. Rospond, S. Swangin
7:30am M. Butts, R. Davis, A. Strack, C. Strack
10:00am A. Deckena, T. Frazier, S. Harber, S. Skora

Gifts

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Nathaniel Strack family
10:00am Scott & Raylene Rospond

Ushers

5:00pm J. Burelison, J. Fawbush, J. Gordan, Volunteer
7:30am J. Butts, D. Davis, P. Denihan, A. Hinen
10:00am C. Brown, D. Frazier, H. Frazier, J. Deckena

Servers

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Bentley D, Wylo D, Tyler N, Matthew N
10:00am Harrison F, Isaac F, Julian T

Church Cleaning

August 8 J. Kegerreis, M. Magers, L. Hake

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Fr. Bobby's Column

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few people have brought to my attention that scammers have already started sending out emails claiming to be from me. These are asking that you reply to get in touch with me or even go so far as to ask for gift cards. Hopefully, we are all very much on guard against these kinds of things these days, but it is worth repeating again. I will never reach out to you and ask for money and/or gift cards through email. I may try to get in touch with you by email, but it will come from my parish email address (frbobby.stpatarcola@gmail.com). Usually, these messages come from odd-looking email addresses. If you ever have concerns about what you received, please feel free to call the office.

I am pleased to tell you that the parish library is open for business once more! A big thank you to Scott and Raylene Rospond for cleaning it up and getting things organized! And while it isn't fully completed just yet, I think it is to the point where we can start using it again. So please feel free to stop by and take a look to see if there is anything you would be interested in reading. There are also some Catholic DVD's and CD's as well. When you're finished with the materials, please feel free to pass them on to someone else, or return them to the library. There will be a designated bin in there for you to use for returns, so please do not place things back on the shelves. If you have things you would like to contribute to the parish library, there will also soon be a bin for that in the future as well. Please help to keep the library clean and organized – a lot of work went into cleaning it up and getting things organized, so let's do our best to keep it that way!

August 2, 2026

Pro-Life: Give thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life!

Young Adult Bible Study (18–35-year-olds) will be held on **Monday, August 3 from 6-8 pm** in the conference room.

Bible Study Tuesday Evenings (6-12th graders) on Tuesdays **August 4 – August 11 from 6-8 pm**. Grow in knowledge of Scripture!

Catholic Country Concert on **Friday, August 7 at 6pm** at **St. Therese Church** (2222 Lower Huntington Rd). Singer Bradley Banning will be performing. Food Trucks, Beer tent, and Sno Balls snow cones. The event is \$15 per person. You can bring a chair or blanket for seating.

Theology on Tap Closing Mass on **Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 pm**, presided by Msgr. Thomas Shoemaker at St. Charles Church. A social will follow in the youth center with complimentary pizza and a cash bar. All young adults are welcome. Learn more at diocesefwsb.org/tot-fw.

Knights of Columbus Council 11276 4th Annual Charity Softball Game and Auction on **August 8** at 1500 East State Street. All net proceeds will be donated to Cancer Services of Northeastern Indiana. Donations will be used in the silent auction. Please contact Michael Shane at mvs1118@yahoo.com or 260.271.9237 for more information.

Arcola Antique Tractor Pull on **August 8th** weigh-in opens at 8am and pull starts at 9am. Free Admission – 3 Divisions, and concessions will be available.

Sunday Breakfast Sandwiches on **Sunday, August 9** from **8am-11:30am** in the parish hall. Free will offering. (sausage, egg, and cheese) Come and enjoy!

Ice Cream Social for all Pro-Life Group members on **Monday evening, August 10 at 7pm** at **Cheryl and Nick Schortgen's** (11604 Hildebrand Rd). Bring a topping, nuts, fruits or snack to compliment the ice cream. We will have a brief meeting to get our new year started!

Religious Education Teacher Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 11** following the 7:00 pm Mass.

Mark your Calendars! **IPRA Rodeo** on **Saturday, August 22 at 7pm**. Join us for Arcola's Branning Park's First Rodeo. Concessions will be available.

CCD Registration Forms for Pre-K through Grade 12 are located at the church entrances. Classes resume on **Sunday, September 13 from 8:30am – 9:45am**. Open House for students and parents!

Kroger Community Rewards Program – Link your rewards card to St. Patrick Church. The more supporters shop with Kroger, the more money St. Patrick will earn! Go to www.kroger.com.

First Friday Mass will be held on **Friday, August 7 at 8:00 am** followed by adoration, confessions, and devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Congratulations to Cameron Buzzard and Sydney Neu who were married on August 1, 2026 at St. Patrick's. May the Lord bless their life together!

Young Adult Town Hall Sessions (ages 18-39) are invited to join the Diocese of Fort Wayne – South Bend for a Young Adult Town Hall. Come connect with other young adults, learn about opportunities to grow in faith and community, and share your ideas for young adult ministry in our diocese on **Tuesday, August 11 at 6:45 – 8:15pm** at the **Archbishop Noll Center**.

Join the Bishop Dwenger Family in the Development Office! Bishop Dwenger High School is seeking a **Director of Development & Alumni Relations** to help strengthen our mission through fundraising, alumni engagement, and community partnerships. To learn more about this exciting opportunity and to apply, please visit www.bishopdwenger.com, scroll to the bottom and click on "Employment" or contact Principal Jason Schiffli at jschiffli@bishopdwenger.com or 260.496.4708.

12th Annual Luxury Bingo Event on **Thursday, August 20** at the **Allen County War Memorial Coliseum**. Your support of our fun events makes it possible for Women's Care Center to serve the most women in our community with the best model of care. Exquisite Food, Cocktails, Great Fun. Space is limited. Reserve your table early at LuxuryBingoFortWayne.com Or text "FWBingo" to 41444.

Women in Scripture – Join us for a faith-filled Women's Day Retreat centered on prayer, fellowship, and exploring the lives of women in Scripture on **Saturday, September 26 at St. Gaspar's Church** (10871 IN-9, Rome City). Mass at 9:00 am and the retreat ends at 3:30 pm. Cost \$25 (please bring cash or check on the day of the event) Guest speaker: Sr. Joetta Huelsmann. Bring your daughters, sisters, and friends. All ages are welcome. <https://forms.gle/Yrc06ujjqwsaisYu9> to register. Call the parish office with questions 260.854.3100

29th Annual Right to Life Banquet on **October 12** at the **Memorial Coliseum**. Become an event sponsor, host a table at the banquet of 8 for \$400, purchase a program advertisement to help offset printing costs. This year, we are honored to welcome keynote speaker Kayleigh McEnany, the former White House press secretary and currently hosts *Saturday in America* and co-hosts *Outnumbered* on Fox News Channel. www.ichooselife.org/falbanquet for more details.

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