



# *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

Saturday, August 6, 2016



### MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday, August 1-St. Alphonsus Liguori

7:00 am Shirley Marsh by Her Children (Holy Family)  
 9:00 am Recitation of the Rosary (St. Mary's)

#### Tuesday, August 2-St. Eusebius of Vercelli & St. Peter Julian Eymard

5:00 pm Thomas Tibbs by Crystal (Holy Family)  
 [followed with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena]

#### Wednesday, August 3

7:00 am Frances Edwards by Janet & Jerry Langenbahn (Holy Family)  
 8:00 am All Souls (St. Patrick's)

#### Thursday, August 4-St. John Vianney

7:00 am Roman & Eileen Lach by Mike Lach (Holy Family)  
 12 Noon Recitation of the Rosary (Holy Family)  
 2-5:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament [with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament] (Holy Family)  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Meditation (Holy Family)

#### Friday, August 5-The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

7:00 am Jesse Pruitt by Dennis & Linda Bruns and Family (Holy Family)  
 1:30 pm Deceased Members of the George G. Dehner Family by the Estate (St. Clara's Manor)

#### Saturday, August 6-The Transfiguration of the Lord

4:00 pm Ann & Al Traeger by Jim & Peggy McIntyre (St. Patrick's)  
 5:00 pm Jack Anthony Turner by Family & Friends (Holy Family)

#### Sunday, August 7-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Frances McCormick by Mike & Caroline Higgins (Holy Family)  
 8:30 am Special Intention [Ray & Virginia Smith Family] by Raymond Smith (St. Patrick's)  
 9:00 am Anthony "Tony" Feist (St. Mary's)  
 10:00 am Kay Brown by Barb & Carol (Holy Family)  
 10:30 am Special Intention [Steve & Pam Coogan] by the Scanavino Family (St. Thomas Aquinas)

**NOTE:** Reconciliation at Holy Family Church, Lincoln, is held each Tuesday from 4:30-4:55 pm and each Saturday from 3:45-4:30 pm.

Reconciliation at St. Mary's Church, Atlanta, is held prior to the 9 am Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation at St. Patrick's Church, Elkhart, is held each Saturday from 3:15-3:45 pm.

Reconciliation at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Mt. Pulaski, is held prior to the 10:30 am Sunday Mass.

Based on the availability of clergy, this schedule is subject to change. Please check the parish calendar on the website for any changes or additions.

### UPDATED CENSUS INFO IS VITAL FOR RECORDS

If you/your family consider yourselves members of any one of our four parishes (Holy Family, Lincoln; St. Mary's, Atlanta; St. Patrick's Elkhart; St. Thomas Aquinas; Mt. Pulaski) and have not yet received a census form, nor a volunteer form, please contact the Parish Office at (217) 732-4019 and you will be mailed the forms. It is very important to fill out your census sheet and return it to the Parish Office. If you have any questions about the forms, please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office.

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus urges us to be rich in what matters to God. The psalmist warns us against hardening our hearts. Are our hearts open to what really matters?

## Transfiguration of the Lord

In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to *do* something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to *be* a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to be *still*, to *listen* to Jesus, and to *wait* for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Monday, August 1

Jeremiah 28:1-17 / Psalm 119:29,43,79-80,95,102 / Matthew 14:13-21

### Tuesday, August 2

Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 / Psalm 102:16-23,29 / Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14

### Wednesday, August 3

Jeremiah 31:1-7 / Jeremiah 31:10-13 / Matthew 15:21-28

### Thursday, August 4

Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Psalm 51:12-15,18-19 / Matthew 16:13-23

### Friday, August 5

Nahum 2:1,3;1-3,6-7 / Deuteronomy 32:35-36,39,41 / Matthew 16:24-28

### Saturday, August 6

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 / Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 / Luke 9:28-36

### Sunday, August 7

Wisdom 18:6-9 / Psalm 33:1,12,18-22 / Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 / Luke 12:32-48

## Come Pray the Rosary

this Monday, August 1, 9 am, at St. Mary's Church, Atlanta. A gathering to pray the Rosary takes place on the first Monday of each month.



## ST. MARY'S, ATLANTA

### ~Ministry Schedule for Sunday, August 7:

Reader-Ed Jodlowski; Servers-Diane Tomczak & Zachary Wisniewski; Greeters & Gift Bearers-Gene & Cathy Cisco

~Cleaning/Coffee & Donuts Committee for August is Vicki & Paul Eckert and Susan Kuhlmyer

## ST. PATRICK'S, ELKHART

~Coffee & Donuts will be held **this Sunday, July 31**, after the 8:30 am Mass. Come join everyone for fun and fellowship.

~Cleaning Schedule: August 7 Theresa Moore & Breeze Urish / August 14 Lois Olson & Ann Olson. Please clean the week before you are assigned.

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, MT. PULASKI

~Our Help is Needed: The Community Children's Summer Food Program will be providing non-perishable food items to families. This will supplement their children's nutritional needs through the summer months of June, July and August for those children who were enrolled the school's free lunch program. The following items are needed: peanut butter, jelly/preserves, cereal, individual fruit/pudding/jello cups (non-refrigerated kind), lemonade/fruit juice (canisters or drink boxes/pouches), breakfast/nutritional bars, individual snack packs (crackers/cheese, crackers/peanut butter), canned wieners & beans, individual sized/boxes of mac & cheese, hamburger helper, pop tarts, cans of spaghetti & meatballs, etc., ramen noodles, packages of fruit snacks. Please bring your donations to the church for pick up. Monetary donations will also be accepted. See Phyllis Hawk if you have any questions or need further info.

~Coffee & Donuts will begin again on **Sunday, September 4**. Mark your calendars and see you then.

### COOKBOOK TO BE PUBLISHED

St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners are in the process of putting together a St. Thomas Aquinas Cookbook. Families from all our cluster parishes are invited to participate by submitting as many of their favorite recipes as possible. When submitting recipes, please put name of the person submitting, phone number (in case we need to make contact), as well as "Parishioner of \_\_\_\_". A recipe can also be submitted as "In Memory of \_\_\_\_, Parishioner of \_\_\_\_." Recipes can be emailed to Amanda at [ajdoherty1980@gmail.com](mailto:ajdoherty1980@gmail.com) or placed in the Sunday collection basket, marked as a recipe for the cookbook. We hope to have the cookbooks organized by Mt. Pulaski's "Christmas On Vinegar Hill" weekend. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer at 871-5302 or Jeanie at 792-5966.



On Sunday, July 24, **Lyla Pearl Cowan**, daughter of Todd & Kelsey Cowan, was baptized at St. Patrick's Church. We welcome Lyla into our Logan County Roman Catholic Community and congratulate her and her family.

### **Institution to Acolyte for Our Permanent Deacon Candidate**

As you know, we are blessed to have a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate. Wendell Lowry and his wife, Brenda, have been attending formation weekends once a month, ten months a year for four years now.

The next formal step on the road to Ordination as Permanent Deacon will take place on **Saturday, August 20** at the 9:30 am Mass in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Peoria. On that day, Bishop Jenky will institute Wendell and his classmates in the Ministry of Acolyte.

An Acolyte is appointed to attend to the service of the altar. Thus, he assists the Deacon and the Priest at liturgical celebrations, distributes Holy Communion and instructs others who are to assist at liturgical celebrations.

The commitment that Wendell and Brenda have made to pursue this training and to prepare to serve all the people of our parishes is significant. We look forward to the day when Wendell shares the graces of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and when both Wendell and Brenda know in even deeper ways, the joys of following Christ's call in their lives. We encourage everyone to support them with prayer. All are welcome to attend.

### 2016-2017 CCD Registration for Holy Family/St. Mary's Classes

Our Director of Religious Education, Kathy Buse, will be available after the **Sunday, August 21** St. Mary's Mass to register any new families who wish to enter into the Religious Education Program for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mrs. Buse will again be available, at the Casa, after all the **Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28th** Holy Family Masses to register families for the upcoming CCD year.

Note: There will still be registration on **Wednesday, August 31** as planned.

## SAVE THE DATES!

### **Sunday, October 23 a Capital Campaign Spaghetti**

**Dinner** will be held from 11 am-2:30 pm. Proceeds will go towards the restoration of the Holy Family Church bell, which is currently in storage. More info to follow in future bulletins.

**Saturday, November 12 a Leadership Encounter** will be held at Carroll Catholic School. Registration fee is \$30, which includes food for the day and a workbook. Fee is due by October 22; late fee is \$35, and must be received by October 29. The encounter will begin at 9 am, end at 4:30 pm, and will be followed by the 5 pm Mass. Watch future bulletins for more information!

# God is on the Move

## "August Moment of Mercy"

Let's come together as Catholics of Logan County and make a difference in people's lives. This is an action that we can all do on our own and make a difference in the lives of many people. Write a note to somebody who is in the nursing home or hospital or is home bound. You can tell them that you are thinking of them and praying for them. You can tell them a funny story, enclose an article you thought was interesting or have your child draw a picture for them. There are many possibilities. Strive to write once a week. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." Matthew 5:7

## 2016 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Below is the response from each parish as of 7/8/2016:

	Pledged Amount	Amount Paid	Goal
<u>Holy Family</u>	\$30,544.00	\$25,245.00	\$50,767.00
<u>St. Mary's</u>	\$ 8,415.00	\$ 7,765.00	\$ 9,764.00
<u>St. Patrick's</u>	\$18,613.75	\$14,820.00	\$13,823.00
<u>St. Thomas Aquinas</u>	\$11,436.08	\$ 7,196.08	\$12,337.00

Thank you to those generous parish families who have pledged. Each gift is important to the mission of the diocese. Together with your support we can accomplish many works of faith, hope and charity. Every dollar raised over the goal of each parish, will be kept in that parish.



A special "thank you" to Inez Mitchell for her recent donation of the Mass Response Cards placed in the plastic holders in all the pews at Holy Family Church.

## THANK YOU!!!

Father Richard L. Barclift would like to thank the parishioners of Holy Family and St. Mary's parishes for their kind and generous congratulatory wishes, prayers and blessings as he celebrates his Golden Anniversary Jubilee in the priesthood. Father states that some of his fondest priesthood memories are from his time spent serving parishioners at St. Patrick's (Lincoln) and St. Mary's (Atlanta) Churches. In asking if he would be continuing his travels, Father states he is hosting a trip to Israel at the beginning of November 2016. If anyone is interested in more info, you may call Father Barclift at (309) 737-5353.



## Prayer Chain

Request prayers by sending an email to lcc4- prayer-chain@googlegroups.com and your request will then be sent to all members of our Prayer Chain. If you would like to join, follow the "Join Prayer Chain" (located on our website). Click on "Subscribe to this group" then follow the instructions in the pop-up box. If you have any questions please call or email the Parish Office.

### Remember the following in your prayers:

Rose Rupnik, Anne Lowry, Anna Beckers, Les Jarnagin, Steve Coogan, Tom Romer, Mike Lowry, Paul Lowry, Marilyn Talmage, Gay (Ruble) Conder, Matthew Lowry, Richard Gleason, Elijah Cox, Harriett Richardson, Guinevere Decker, Laura Saladino, Joan Lewis, Boone O'Donoghue, Ruth Young, David Olson, Dwayne Dingman, Jeff Mileham, Rodney Alberts, Jill Alberts, Dorothy Hummel, Betty Hickey and all the members of the armed forces of our country. If you would like to add a name to the list, call the office at (217) 732-4019 or email mklohrenz@logancountyCatholic.org

**PLEASE  
PRAY  
FOR  
THE  
SICK**



## The Sanctuary Candle on the Altar at . . .

### Holy Family Church is lit this week

In Memory of Jack Kuznik  
requested by Mickey & Family.

### St. Mary's Church is lit this week

In Memory of Gary Shirley.

## SPONSOR A SANCTUARY CANDLE!!

Each sanctuary candle (red glass candle on altar) lasts for approximately a week at a time. For \$5 per candle you can sponsor a sanctuary candle in memory of a loved one or friend or for a special intention. The memorial/intention announcement will be placed in the Sunday bulletin each week. If you would like to sponsor a candle or candle(s), please contact Alicia Baker at (217) 732-4019 or email her at abaker@logancountyCatholic.org



## Offering Mass Intentions



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is our greatest prayer. Masses may be celebrated for the deceased and/or special intentions. If you are interested in having a Mass celebrated please call the parish office at (217) 732-4019.

Parish Office, 316 South Logan Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 - (217) 732-4019 ~ [www.logancountyCatholic.org](http://www.logancountyCatholic.org)

**Rev. Jeffrey G. Laible**, Pastor ~ **Rev. Geoffrey Horton**, Parochial Vicar ~ **Rev. Simon Taabu**, In Residence

**Sister Mary Lou Owens**, Spiritual Life Coordinator ~ **Kathy Buse**, Religious Education Coordinator

**Wendell Lowry**, Business Manager ~ **Pam Coogan**, Bookkeeper

**Alicia Baker & Mary Kay Lohrenz**, Secretaries ~ **Ruth Freesmeier**, Director of Music

**Carroll Catholic School** (217) 732-7518 - **David Welch**, Principal ~ **Jennifer Craig**, Secretary

**Holy Cross & St. Mary Cemeteries** (217) 737-5946 - **Tom Larson**, Sexton

# COUNCIL

## CORNER

The combined Logan County Joint Parish Council met on Thursday, July 21, at the Knight's of Columbus Hall. Council members welcomed new St. Thomas member, Amanda Doherty.

Each parish is to implement the Emergency Operation Guidelines training as best fits the needs and situation of that parish. This will encompass dealing with any natural or man-made disasters that could occur when people are gathered at any of the Logan County Catholic Community facilities.

Census response has been good; please be sure to get these returned through the mail or in the Sunday offering basket!

The council would also like to see another parish-wide Fall Potluck Get-Together at the K of C Hall, hopefully improving on the numbers from last year – let's make this a fun, annual event! There was much positive response from those who attended last year. A date and more information on this will follow soon.

Also, continue to watch for more details on the November 12 Leadership Encounter.

The council would like to add a youth member from age 14–21, and also discussed the three year term for all members as stated in the bylaws. So, please be thinking about becoming a parish council member as the terms of some members come to an end!

Various property managements are occurring: St. Mary's – new pews, St. Pat's – getting bids to renovate the basement, St. Thomas – Restroom renovation, and Holy Family – windows being redone in Jacksonville, and future tuck pointing and strengthening of roof trusses and floor joints, addition of restroom and handicap accessibility. If anyone is interested, touring the work being done on the stained glass windows in Jacksonville is very interesting, and the next tour is set for August 11.

Along the line of evangelization, a Welcoming and Bereavement Committee being put in place in each parish was discussed.

See the following members if you have any questions or have anything you would like added to the agenda for our next **August 18<sup>th</sup>** meeting:

Holy Family: Bob Barger, Julie Benedict, Cynthia Knutilla

St. Mary's: Joe Bell, Jan Bicknell, Phyllis Biever

St. Patrick's: Lori Bobell, Bill Gleason, Blane Olson

St. Thomas Aquinas: Amanda Doherty, Karen Edgecombe, Kathy Miller

Retired & need to fill some time? Alone & want to be around people? Wish to do something to help others? Volunteer at any one of our area nursing home or care facilities:

St. Clara's Manor (217)735-1507

Symphony of Lincoln (217)735-1538

Friendship Manor (217)732-9647

Christian Nursing Home (217)732-2189

Mason City Area Nursing Home (217)482-5022

Castle Manor (217)732-2310

Timber Creek Village (217)651-8771

Vonderlieth Living Center (217)792-3218

Through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace.

Richard Eugene Huston,  
Richard "Dick" Joseph Pokorski and  
Todd Stephen Purdue.

## CARROLL CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

### Kindergarten through 8th Grade Registration for Carroll Catholic School

For information, to arrange a school tour, or to receive a registration packet, please contact the CCS office at (217) 732-7518 or email [dwelch@carrollcatholicsschool.com](mailto:dwelch@carrollcatholicsschool.com)

Carroll Catholic School seeks **Substitute Teachers** to add to its list of substitute teachers. If you are a substitute teacher registered with a Regional Office of Education, please consider serving in Carroll School. The school offers competitive pay and a great teaching environment. Interested substitute teachers may contact the school at 732-7518 or [dwelch@carrollcatholicsschool.com](mailto:dwelch@carrollcatholicsschool.com).

## GARDEN PRODUCE

The Holy Family Food Pantry, has in the past and, will continue to accept garden produce for its patrons. If you wish to donate garden produce you may bring it to the pantry on any Wednesday. The food pantry is open from 10 am to 2 pm each Wednesday. Or you may bring your donations on a Tuesday. However, if you choose Tuesday, you must first call ahead at (217) 732-9592 to make arrangements to have someone meet you at the food pantry to accept your donations.



Our food pantry serves patrons in all of the Logan County area. Thank you to everyone who supports the Holy Family Food pantry in any way.

Read somewhere . . . A man found it hard to talk/pray to Jesus when he couldn't see Him. He decided to set a chair near himself and pretend that Jesus was sitting there. I think Jesus was sitting there when he talked/prayed to Him. What do you think?

### July 23/24, 2016 Weekly Offering Versus Budget Requirement

Parish	Budget Requirement	Weekly Offering	Weekly Online Giving	Weekly Budget Surplus/(Shortfall)
Holy Family	\$7,900.00	\$6,160.63	\$1,010.00	(\$429.37)
St. Mary's	\$1,175.00	\$872.00	\$0.00	(\$203.00)
St. Patrick's	\$1,270.00	\$1,297.00	\$0.00	\$582.99
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$1,025.00	\$666.00	\$0.00	(\$354.00)

*Totals do not include donations for: Easter, Memorials, Food Pantry, Diocesan Collections, Estates, Utilities, Missionary Collections, Building Funds, Capital Campaigns and Miscellaneous Donations.*



## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK



We thank our sponsors for their support. Please patronize our bulletin sponsors. Our bulletins are printed free of charge to all our four parishes due to these sponsors.

Non-perishable food items for the food pantry are also needed. For Holy Family there is a shopping cart located to the right in the main entrance, for St. Mary's a box is provided in the gathering area, St. Patrick's and St. Thomas Aquinas items may be left in the main entrance. Items that are always needed include: \*\*canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti & egg noodles, spaghetti sauce, saltine crackers, cereal, Jell-O, tuna, soups, navy or pinto beans, pancake mix & syrup, macaroni & cheese and toilet paper. Monetary donations are also accepted. Thank you to all who have supported the food pantry in any way.



## Cold and Flu Season!



Sniffles, colds and other viruses are in the air. Some people are much more at risk from these than the vast majority of us. So, they may choose to offer a simple bow or smile instead of the handshake at the sign of peace; may also choose to abstain from the Eucharistic cup; may sit in a somewhat more protected spot (if available). Do not presume they are being unfriendly. They are taking appropriate cautions.

If someone has a cold, common sense and courtesy would suggest that they refrain from the Eucharistic cup until they have recovered. In every instance, courtesy and sensitivity to others will help us knit together in charity and worship as a community. Let us continue to strengthen the bonds of charity between us and accord one another the maximum of freedom and respect in the Lord.

## PRAYING FOR OUR MILITARY

**1st Lt. Steve Schmidt, Petty Officer 1st Class Chad Michael Conner (Navy), SFC John Anthony Tierney (Army), MAJ Kira Tierney (Army), Sgt. James Cosby (Army), Sgt. Jeffrey James Granda, Army Specialist Stephen Brown, Petty Officer 2nd Class James Flynn (Navy), Private Richard McKown (Army), Airman Emily Garry, Airman Corbin Garry and 2nd Lt. Levi Eckert (Air Force).** To add the names of your loved ones or friends, please call the Parish Office at (217) 732-4019.



## Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

LORD, MAKE ME an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## Becoming Closer to God Through . . .

**SCRIPTURE SHARING:** An opportunity to break open the Word; an opportunity to meet new people takes place each Thursday morning at the Casa, Lincoln, beginning at 10 am. Come join us for prayer, fellowship and reflection. We study the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

## Bringing Christ to the Hospitalized, Nursing Home Residents and Homebound!

Do you know any Catholic homebound, nursing home resident or hospital patient who would like to receive Holy Communion? Please call the Parish Office at 732-4019 if you, or someone you know, is in the hospital, in a nursing home or is homebound. **Health Care facilities, by law, are not allowed to give out that information without the consent of the patient/resident.**

## MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE, WITH LITTLE EFFORT!

Dove, Inc. is a Christian charity organization, based in Decatur. This organization has begun a "Coupons for Overseas Military Program" that benefits the soldiers, and their families, stationed overseas. The program accepts coupons for both food and non-food products, as long as they are **manufacturer's coupons** - not *store coupons*. Participating bases and commissaries will even accept expired coupons as old as six months. Several bases have written the organization letting them know how much the effort is appreciated. A few types of coupons that are also appreciated are coupons for products and food for babies and dogs. The volunteers for Dove Inc. also feel that this program lets the soldiers know that they have not been forgotten by civilians back home. If you wish to donate coupons for this organization, please place them in an envelope and send them to the Parish Office via Sunday collection, bringing them by the Parish Office or by mailing them to the Parish Office at 316 South Logan Street, Lincoln, IL 62656.

## Scheduling Parish Facilities Procedure for our Logan County Parishes

If you would like to schedule an event at your parish, please contact the Parish Office in Lincoln at (217) 732-4019. A central schedule for our four parishes prevents “schedule conflicts” that can arise. You can see what events are scheduled at your parish by visiting the Logan County Roman Catholic Community web page at: [www.logancountycatholic.org](http://www.logancountycatholic.org). Click on the tab for “Resources” and then the tab for “Calendar”.

### Adult Enrichment Conference

#### “Harvesting the Fruits of Discipleship

This conference is for all elementary & secondary school principals & teachers, pastors & pastoral administrators, directors & coordinators of religious education, catechists, directors of RCIA, liturgists & liturgical musicians and all other adults desiring personal faith growth to be held on Friday & Saturday, November 4/5 at the Decatur Conference Center & Hotel, Decatur, Illinois. Keynote speaker will be Greg Willits (author & host of “The Catholics Next Door”). Cost is \$50 for both days and \$40 for one day. Contact the Office for Catechesis at (217) 698-8500, Ext. 178 or [cmalmevik@dio.org](mailto:cmalmevik@dio.org) or visit [dio.org/catechesis/daec](http://dio.org/catechesis/daec) for up-to-date information. This conference is sponsored by the Office for Catechesis and the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois.

*An authentic faith . . . always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it . . . If indeed “the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,” the Church, “cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.” (Evangelii Gaudium, 183)*

—Pope Francis

### PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us  
to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees God.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.  
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests His power  
above all by forgiveness and mercy:  
let the Church be your visible face in the world.  
Send your Spirit and consecrate  
every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy  
may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,  
may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind. *Amen*

—Pope Francis

## “ON THE COVER”

We celebrate the Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord on August 6. Prayer for the Feast of the Transfiguration (from the Mass of St. Pius V):

"O God, Who in the glorious transfiguration of Thine only-begotten Son didst strengthen the sacraments of faith by the testimony of the fathers, and Who didst wonderfully foreshow the perfect adoption of Thy children by a voice coming down in a shining cloud, mercifully grant that we be made co-heirs of the King of glory Himself, and grant us to be sharers in that very glory. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen."

### Daniel Chapter 17

*And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Eli'jah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Eli'jah."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>5</sup> He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son,<sup>[b]</sup> with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear."<sup>8</sup> And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."<sup>10</sup> And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Eli'jah must come?" <sup>11</sup> He replied, "Eli'jah does come, and he is to restore all things; <sup>12</sup> but I tell you that Eli'jah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of man will suffer at their hands."<sup>13</sup> Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.*