

St. Catherine Laboure Parish E-Newsletter

August 6th, 2020

Holy Water

Sadly, we have not been able to bless ourselves upon entering and leaving the church with holy water due to the virus. I am once again making available containers of holy water for you to use in your home. The holy water bottles are available in the main entrance of the church. If you have an empty holy water bottle that you would like to have filled please bring it to church and I will fill it for you.

Update on the Clarence Bower Estate

This past week the parish received a check for \$4,450.00. As stated in his will *"I also leave \$10,000.00 to St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church in Concord, Michigan to the women's guild to do with as they see fit."* This brings the total amount paid to \$8,950.00 of the \$10,000.00 bequest. Please remember in your prayers the soul of Clarence; may God bless him, for his generosity to our parish.

Concrete Work Completed

Last week the damaged sidewalk was removed and replaced. In the coming days the asphalt work will be done, thus completing the work that began nearly a year ago.

Mass Attendance Numbers

August 1st: 50 August 2nd: 65 Once again our Saturday Vigil Mass attendance was much less than our Sunday Mass numbers and this has been consistent since the reopening of our doors for Masses. If you are anxious about crowds you may want to consider attending our Saturday Vigil Mass.

Daily Mass

There are usually no more than 10-12 people in attendance. Please consider coming to a daily Mass if you are not yet ready to attend a Sunday Mass. We all need the graces that flow to us from the Holy Eucharist.

Chapel

Our Chapel is open 24 hours a day and available for you to come pray in front of the tabernacle where Jesus is truly present. At the start of Covid 19 it was used more frequently - not many visitors lately but it remains open! Jesus patiently waits for us.

Sacrament of Penance

Fr. Tim is hearing confessions at the regular scheduled time on Saturdays (3:00-4:30 p.m). If you are unable to make the Saturday time you may call Fr. Tim and set up a more convenient time.

Parish Office

Leave messages on the office phone for non emergency items or email stcatherine92@yahoo.com The rectory phone is 517-524-6261 if you are in need of speaking with Fr. Tim.

Offertory Collection

August 2nd - \$4,601.00 (\$4,326 weekly goal) 83 envelopes - (number of envelopes does not represent number of people) and 14 online (\$162 was loose cash)

YTD Below Budget - \$2,177

DSA

We received a donation of \$500 for DSA this week. We are so close to meeting our goal. **We need \$879 to make our 2020 goal. Please consider a gift if you have not given yet. If you have given and would like to help us meet this goal by pitching in a little more it would be appreciated. Thank You for considering helping our Parish make its 2020 DSA Goal!!!**

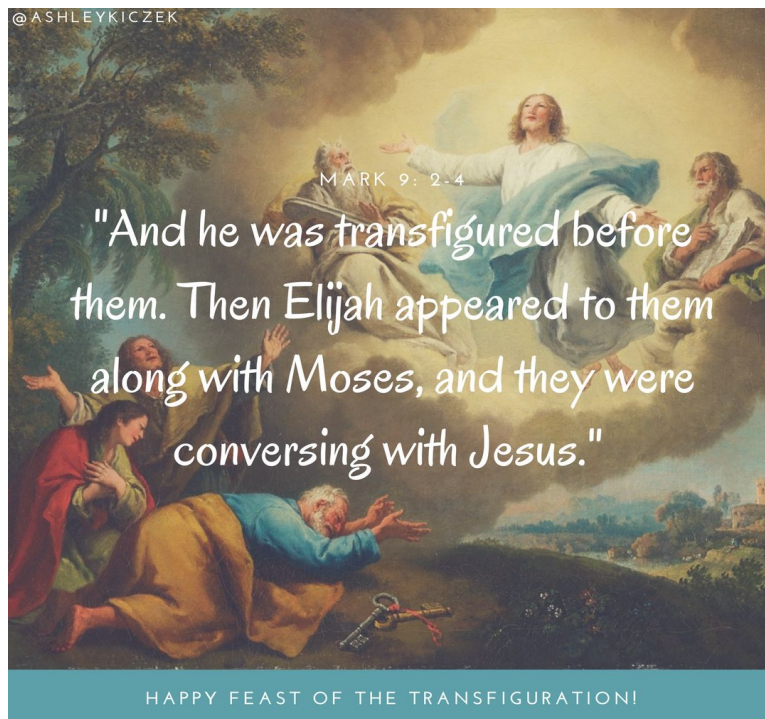
Faith Formation - Info for our Families

You may be thinking that our "new way" Faith Formation is just adding to the already stressful school decisions being made on whether or not your child's school will start on time, whether it will be face to face, virtual or even something in between.

This "new way" of Faith Formation is not meant to put more stress and confusion into the mix.

Our program will be very straightforward. Lessons should take no more than 1 ½ hours to complete (same as class time). There is not going to be a big need to get online for virtual lessons or zoom meetings. Packets will be ready each month and organized for each week. A good suggestion would be to have your kids do them on Sundays perhaps in the morning before Mass. This would also give all of you an opportunity to read through the readings for the day before arriving to Mass. Some parts of the book require some reading but they are short and concise and really could and should be read together as a family. As usual there are no grades - we will just be asking for a few of the completed pages to be returned so we can have assurance on our end that the assignments are completed. It is going to be a great year!! As Fr. Tim mentioned last week we promise we will be with you to assist you every step of this 'new way' of faith formation.

Please get your registration back so we can get books ordered. Thank You! Leslie Reagle



Thursday, August 6th - Feast of the Transfiguration