

**From a sermon on the transfiguration of the Lord by Anastasius of Sinai, bishop  
It is good for us to be here**

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoken of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven. It was as if he said to them: "As time goes by you may be in danger of losing your faith. To save you from this I tell you now that some standing here listening to me will not taste death until they have seen the Son of Man coming in the glory of his Father." Moreover, in order to assure us that Christ could command such power when he wished, the evangelist continues: Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. There, before their eyes, he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Then the disciples saw Moses and Elijah appear, and they were talking to Jesus.

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of God so compellingly calling us from on high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express. Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and – I speak boldly – it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us for ever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of.

Let us run with confidence and joy to enter into the cloud like Moses and Elijah, or like James and John. Let us be caught up like Peter to behold the divine vision and to be transfigured by that glorious transfiguration. Let us retire from the world, stand aloof from the earth, rise above the body, detach ourselves from creatures and turn to the creator, to whom Peter in ecstasy exclaimed: Lord, it is good for us to be here.

It is indeed good to be here, as you have said, Peter. It is good to be with Jesus and to remain here for ever. What greater happiness or higher honour could we have than to be with God, to be made like him and to live in his light?

Therefore, since each of us possesses God in his heart and is being transformed into his divine image, we also should cry out with joy: It is good for us to be here – here where all things shine with divine radiance, where there is joy and gladness and exultation; where there is nothing in our hearts but peace, serenity and stillness; where God is seen. For here, in our hearts, Christ takes up his abode together with the Father, saying as he enters: Today salvation has come to this house. With Christ, our hearts receive all the wealth of his eternal blessings, and there where they are stored up for us in him, we see reflected as in a mirror both the first fruits and the whole of the world to come.

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# St. James Catholic Church

## August 6, 2017

### The Transfiguration of the Lord

Mon. Aug 7	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tue. Aug 8	Saint Dominic
Wed. Aug 9	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thu. Aug 10	Saint Lawrence
Fri. Aug 11	Saint Clare
Sat. Aug 12	Weekday in Ordinary Time

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday	Aug 5	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	Aug 6	9:00 am	†R and EM Schmitz
Monday	Aug 7	7:00 am	Members of St. John Vianney Society
Tuesday	Aug 8	7:00 am	†Rose Gruenes
Wednesday	Aug 9	7:00 am	†Chester Knuth & John Marvin Sprigg
Thursday	Aug 10	7:00 am	Special Intention-FM
Friday	Aug 11	7:00 am	†Shirley Franzen
Saturday	Aug 12	5:30 pm	†Rose Gruenes
Sunday	Aug 13	9:00 am	People of the Parish



**SCS Bus Fund Casino Night**

When: August 25, 2017 | 5:30-10:00

Where: Bishop Neumann High School

**Minister Assignments**

	<b>Sat. Aug 12</b>	<b>Sun. Aug 13</b>
Acolytes	Mike Determan	Dan Gruenes
Readers	Marie Gruenes	Patty Benal
Servers	Ian Dunn	Peter Chohon
	Briar Kems	Philip Chohon

**July 29-30 Collection**

Adults	\$ 1865.00
Loose	102.00
Second Collection	66.75
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2033.75</b>

Monthly Obligations

St. Wenceslaus School	\$ 3,116.66
Bishop Neumann	8,247.00
<b>Total Parish Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 11,363.66</b>

**Marriage Saving – the Weekend Phase-**

During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug 25-27, 2017, call 1-888-317-5654 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) on the web

**Lodging and Viewing for Total Solar Eclipse 2017-**

Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly is offering lodging and full service for the August 21 Total Solar Eclipse; the Retreat House rooms are available, together with airport transfers, box lunches, and transport to Beatrice for eclipse viewing. See [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) under Retreats.

**Upcoming Retreats**

at Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly: Women's Retreat with Fr. Scott Courtney Aug. 25-27, "Are you fueled by the Word?"; Ignatian Retreat with Fr. Gary Coulter Sept. 1-4; Work of the Holy Angels Sept. 7-10; and Fr. Thomas Dunavan Sept. 15-17, "Saints for Today". Register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com).

**Life is Worth Living-**

Join Archbishop Lucas, Bishop Conley and Bishop Hanefeldt at the Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet and Conference. The event will take place September 29-30 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, NE. For more information or to register online please visit [NECATHOLIC.ORG](http://NECATHOLIC.ORG)

**Matt Maher Concert** - Bishop Neumann High School in Wahoo, NE is excited to announce a summer Christian Music Concert on August 11th, featuring Matt Maher, a well-known Catholic Christian recording artist. Maher has written and produced seven albums, three of which have reached the Top 25 Christian Billboard chart and 4 of his songs have reached the Top 25 Christian Songs Chart. He was awarded the Songwriter of the Year in 2015 and he performed at World Youth Day in Poland in 2016. The concert will be held at 7 p.m. Aug 11 at Bishop Neumann, 202 S. Linden, Wahoo and there will be a Pork Sandwich meal served starting at 5:00PM. Tickets are available online at [www.lincolndiocese.org/youth](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/youth). They can also be purchased at Bishop Neumann High School, or from the Diocese of Lincoln Youth Ministry Office at the John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Tickets are \$15 – plus a \$2 handling fee if they are not picked up in person. With questions, call 402-443-4151.

**Roast Beef Dinner at St. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Plasi, NE-**

Sunday August 27, 2017 at the Prague Parish Hall in Prague, Nebraska Dinner will be served from 11:00am-2:00pm.

**Summer Magnificat-**

Saturday, August 12, 2017. "Find your Delight in the Lord Who will give you your heart's desire." Becky Mach Deaver will present. Pre-paid registration only. For information call Rhonda (402)525-6396 or Barb (402)489-6905.