

**HOLY GHOST PARISH OF JERSEYVILLE
ST. MARY'S PARISH OF FIELDON**

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Baptism and Weddings: By appointment with the priest, call the parish office for assistance.

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Choir Director, Mike Ferrari: 618-498-5903

MASS INTENTIONS – HOLY GHOST

Sat., Aug. 5th 5:30pm: Margaret Wittman

Sun., Aug. 6th 8:00am: Marie Kallal

11:15am: John Schmieder

Sat. Aug. 12th 5:30pm: Alan Hoekstra, Rita & Roman Beiermann

Sun. Aug. 13th 8:00am: Dewey and Margaret Skinner

11:30am: Ted Hamblen

Weekday Masses at St. Francis at 8:30am

MASS INTENTIONS – ST. MARY'S

Sunday, Aug. 6th 9:30am: Jason Sagez

Sunday, Aug. 13th 9:30am: Mildred Kronable

Weekly Contribution Reports: Holy Ghost: Envelopes: \$7,085.00, Loose: \$847.00, School: \$25.00, Peter's Pence: \$5.00, **Total: \$7,962.00**

Holy Ghost E-Giving: Sunday Giving: \$720.00, **Total: \$720.00**

St. Mary's: Envelopes: \$1,080.00, Loose: \$105.00, **Total: \$1,185.00**

August 6, 2017

Transfiguration of the Lord

Reading I: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Reading II: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Today's celebration only occurs on a Sunday once every six years or so. While we heard the Transfiguration Gospel earlier this year on the Second Sunday of Lent, today the context is different. In the words that sounded on the day of our Baptism, when we were counted among the beloved of God. Let us pray today that we too will one day inherit the promise of resurrection and life in the kingdom of heaven.

SF/HG Preschool: We have several openings for preschool at Holy Ghost in the Fall. This is a great program that readies the children for their Catholic education in the upper grades. There are several options for children ages 3 & 4. Please call Joannie Dougherty at 618-604-5974 for more information.

St. John Paul II Chicken/Ham Dinner:

Sun, Aug. 13, 11am-2pm. Adult/\$9, Child (6-13)/\$5
705 E. Main, Mt Olive, IL.

Baptismal Class: Monday, August 7 at 7pm at the Holy Ghost rectory. You must participate in a class once, in order to have a child Baptized. Both parents are asked to attend and Godparents if possible. Please call the parish office for questions.

Jacksonville Deanery Meeting: At Holy Ghost on August 19 at 1:30pm. Beginning with a rosary in the church. Call the church office for more info.

Communion from the Cup: Today's restored opportunity to receive the sacramental Blood as well as Body of Christ lets us equally honor two invitations: "Eat my Body. Drink my Blood." Receiving from the cup is a heightened liturgical experience of sacrifice, covenant, unity, and sacred banquet.

In the gospels, drinking from the cup is a sign of courageous discipleship. "Can you drink the cup that I will drink?" Jesus challenges. In the Garden of Gethsemane, the same image expresses the ordeal awaiting Jesus. Not surprisingly, then, Communion from the cup implied for the early Christians an openness to martyrdom, a willingness to lay down one's life.

The Second Vatican Council made a deliberate effort to recover and clarify the sacramental signs, including the decision that "Communion under both kinds may be granted when the bishops think fit." Documents inspired by the council continued the restoration. The General Instruction at the front of the Roman Missal advised that the faithful should be guided to desire Communion under both species because "Holy Communion has a more complete form as a sign when it is received under both kinds." Repeatedly we are invited to seek fullness rather than legal minimums.

Beginning August 1st weekday Mass will be at St. Francis at 8:30am.

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 8:30: Daily Mass held at St. Francis

Aug. 6th 7:30-9pm: JCCYM mtg, Fr. Hembrow Hall

Aug. 7th 7pm: Baptism Classes, HG rectory