

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

### What is Transfiguration?

It comes from the Latin words trans- ("across") and figura ("form, shape"). It means "a change of form or appearance." This feast celebrates how Jesus showed His Holiness to His closest friends: **Peter, James, and John**.



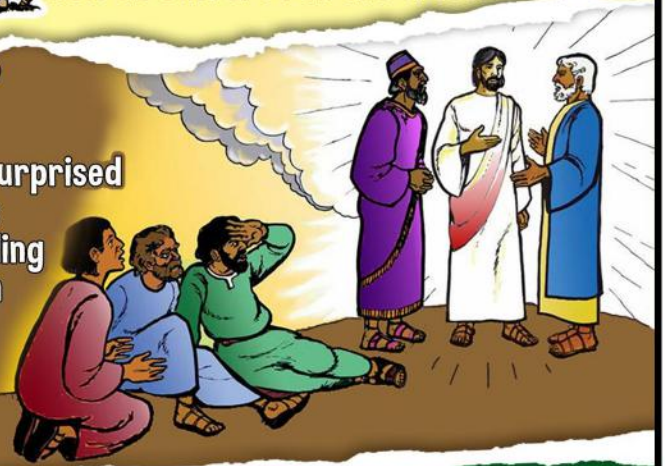
### When do we celebrate it?

This feast is celebrated on August 6 (40 days before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross) to show how Jesus showed His glory because after that, we will remember how He suffered on the cross.



### What happened on that day?

Jesus took the 3 apostles to Mount Tabor to pray. Suddenly, Jesus changed into a bright form which surprised the apostles. They noticed two men talking to Jesus (Moses and Elijah). This made Peter to suggest building tents for them. Then, a cloud gathered around them and the apostles got scared. A voice was heard saying, **"This is my chosen Son; listen to Him"**.  
(Read the whole story from Luke 9:28-36)



### Why do we celebrate this feast?



- It reminds us to have a strong faith, like the apostles, as we wait for the Lenten season (where Christ suffered and died on the cross).
- It gives us hope that even with our many problems here on earth, we will also be transformed to be like Christ so we can enter heaven.



### How can we celebrate it?

- Pray the Holy Rosary using the Mystery of Light.
- Attend the Holy Mass with your family.



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## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD - AUGUST 6, 2023

### Saturday, August 5

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Gene Keys +

### Sunday, August 6

#### The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Sue Meyer +

### Monday, August 7

8:00 a.m. No Public Mass

### Tuesday, August 8

7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration  
8:00 a.m. Mohler Witwer +  
8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, August 9

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration  
6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession  
7:00 p.m. Barney Hickert +

### Thursday, August 10

8:00 a.m. Andrea Grover +

### Friday, August 11

8:30 a.m. Greg Mayer +

### Saturday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession  
4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Herbert & Genevieve  
Lohmuller Family +

### Sunday, August 13

#### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Tom Thompson +



#### MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, August 7 - Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest - Nm 11:4b-15/ Mt 14:13-21**

**Tuesday, August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest - Nm 12:1-13/ Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14**

**Wednesday, August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr - Nm 13:1-2,25—14:1,26-29a,34-35/ Mt 15:21-28**

**Thursday, August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr - 2 Cor 9:6-10/ Jn 12:24-26**

**Friday, August 11 - St. Clare, Virgin - Dt 4:32-40/ Mt 16:24-28**

**Saturday, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious - Dt 6:4-13/ Mt 17:14-20**

**Sunday, August 13 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a/ Rom 9:1-5/ Mt. 14:22-33**

*May we keep in prayer all of our students over the upcoming weeks. Our local elementary, middle, and high schoolers are all starting their Fall Semester in the coming days. Many of our university students are also beginning to head back to campus as they prepare for a new year. Know of our prayers for you and, for those who will be away, we look forward to your return home to St. Joseph!*

This weekend (August 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>), the Church celebrates with great joy the **Feast of the Transfiguration**. This feast recounts the story of the Transfiguration, which is acknowledged in all three accounts of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). All three Gospels place this event shortly after St. Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of His passion and death. The suggestion of erecting tents indicates that it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths.

Tradition has held that the site of this revelation occurred atop Mount Tabor, which is in the far east of the Jezreel Valley (*itself in the Lower Galilee region of northern Israel*). By the early fourth century, a church was built on this mountain and dedicated on August 6<sup>th</sup>. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration has since been celebrated on this date in the Eastern Church from about that time onward. Observance on our western liturgical calendar began in about the eighth century and it became a universal celebration throughout the Church in AD 1456.

Liturgically, though this feast day may only fall on a Sunday once every few years, we are never long-deprived from these Gospel readings. On the **Second Sunday of Lent** each year, we hear these readings as a part of our normal Lenten lectionary-cycle. This is quite appropriate in that we are given a foretaste of what is to come in the Resurrection before coming to the Cross.

On the other end of the calendar, this feast also calls to mind the **Feast of the Epiphany** that concludes our **Christmas season**. On that feast, we join with St. Simeon in proclaiming the Christ-child as the "light revealed to the nations." And, upon Mount Tabor today, we find the Christ-child grown to adulthood and shining forth all the same as He calling all people to Himself. The light of Jesus shines forth throughout history and can never be overcome (John 1:1-5).

This past week, I was in La Crosse, Wisconsin for three days to attend a canon law conference. The largest national conference occurs in October at the same time as our diocesan Continuing Education Days, meaning that I am not able to attend the national conference. This smaller conference, held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, however, proved to be a wonderful experience and one that I will be planning to attend annually.

In addition to reconnecting with a number of seminary and law classmates, I also met a variety of individuals representing different tribunals and ministries throughout the country. The event covered a number of topics, including pastoral applications of canon law, medical ethics in hospital ministry, and differing parts of tribunal ministry. There were also many opportunities for prayer at the Shrine and outside amongst the beautiful Wisconsin-scenery.

#### PAMPHLETS IN THE NARTHEX

We have had, for many years now, a pamphlet rack in the back of the narthex. These pamphlets are offered at no cost by the parish and all are welcome to take from them. Over the past several weeks, we have started a "deep clean" of the pamphlets. Many pamphlets had been strewn about and mixed in several spots and a number were fairly outdated (*such as our vocation material*). We will now be more intentionally updating the pamphlets several times throughout the year.

Pamphlets now cover three main themes: Prayer, Apologetics, and General Topics. The pamphlets focused on prayer will highlight both common forms of prayer and devotions specific to the differing times of the liturgical year. Those on apologetics will highlight common questions and responses often asked about our Catholic Faith. And, the general topics will cover a multitude of pamphlets that you may find of interest. Make sure to check them out today! ~Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, Margaret Pogue, and Richard Payne.





**GIRL'S  
Night Out**  
**MOVIE NIGHT**  
Tuesday, August 8 -7:00 p.m.



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
Vigil Mass, Monday, August 14 at 7:00PM  
Tuesday, August 15 Masses at 7:00AM, Noon, 7:00PM

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- **Sat., Aug. 5** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 6** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Tues., Aug. 8** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Aug. 8** - GIRL'S Night Out - Movie Night
- **Wed., Aug. 9** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 9** - Parish Council Meeting 7:45 p.m. in the Conference Room
- **Thurs., Aug 10** - Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Aug. 11** - Mass at 8:30 p.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 12**- Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 12** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 13** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Mon., Aug. 14** - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.
- **Tues., Aug. 15** - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 7:00 a.m. / Noon / 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Aug. 16** - Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Thurs., Aug 17** - Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- **Fri., Aug. 18** - Mass at 8:30 p.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 19**- Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 19** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Aug. 19** - Parish Registration following 5:00 Mass in the narthex.
- **Sun., Aug. 20** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Aug. 20** - Parish Registration following 7:30 and 10:00 Mass in the narthex.



**Weekend of August 12 & 13 Weekend**



**5:00** Dan Lautzenheiser  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Jay Crisp



**5:00** Ginny Fenstermaker  
**7:30** Geoff Frank  
**10:00** Patti-Clark Johnson



**10:00** Dan Geimer, Rick Singer



**5:00** Alex or Audrey Mechling, Isaiah/Melanie Bedwell  
**7:30** Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlene Felger  
**10:00** Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Gabby or Olivia Hoffacker

**St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of July 29/30**

Adult Envelopes- \$2,222.00  
Loose- \$163.00  
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$3,819.07  
Votive Candles- \$108.00  
**Total- \$6,312.07**

**Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40**

We are \$2,692.04 behind our budget for the month of July.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$101.75

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!*

If you would like to set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit this website: <https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds>



**From Death To New Life**

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Carol Leitner, wife of the late Joe Leitner, who passed away Friday, July 28, 2023 and was laid to rest on Wednesday, August 2, 2023

May God welcome her home, fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.



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Before you speak...  
**THINK!**  
T - is it true?  
h - is it helpful?  
i - is it inspiring?  
n - is it necessary?  
k - is it kind?



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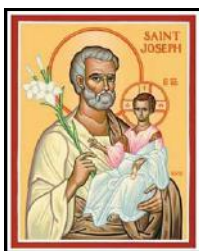


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