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**The Feast of the Transfiguration
 Of Our Lord
 August 6th, 2023**

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The Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord



The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord became widespread in the West in the 11th century and was introduced into the Roman calendar in 1457 to commemorate the victory over Islam in Belgrade. Before that, the Transfiguration of the Lord was celebrated in the Syrian, Byzantine, and Coptic rites. The Transfiguration foretells the glory of the Lord as God, and His Ascension into heaven. It anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face.

Through grace, we already share in the divine promise of eternal life.

In 2023, the Feast of the Transfiguration falls on a Sunday. According to the Order of Precedence in the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, Feasts of Our Lord take precedence over the Sundays of Ordinary Time, so feasts such as the Transfiguration, Exaltation of the Cross (September 14) and the Presentation of the Lord (February 2) are celebrated when they fall on Sunday.

Our divine Redeemer, being in Galilee about a year before His sacred Passion, took with him St. Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, Sts. James and John, and led them to a retired mountain. Tradition assures us that this was Mount Tabor, which is exceedingly high and beautiful, and was anciently covered with green trees and shrubs, and was very fruitful.

The three apostles were wonderfully delighted with this glorious vision, and St. Peter cried out to Christ, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias" Whilst St. Peter was speaking, there came, on a sudden, a bright shining cloud from heaven, an emblem of the presence of God's majesty, and from out of this cloud was heard a voice which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" The apostles that were present, upon hearing this voice, were seized with a sudden fear, and fell upon the ground; but Jesus, going to them, touched them, and bade them to rise. They immediately did so, and saw no one but Jesus standing in his ordinary state.

This vision happened in the night. As they went down the mountain early the next morning, Jesus bade them not to tell anyone what they had seen till he should be risen from the dead.

In the Transfiguration Christ enjoyed for a short while that glorified state which was to be permanently His after His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The splendor of His inward Divinity and of the Beatific Vision of His soul overflowed on His body, and permeated His garments so that Christ stood before Peter, James, and John in a snow-white brightness. The purpose of the Transfiguration was to encourage and strengthen the Apostles who were depressed by their Master's prediction of His own Passion and Death. The Apostles were made to understand that his redeeming work has two phases: The Cross, and glory—that we shall be glorified with Him only if we first suffer with Him.

In Courtesy of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas



From Fr. Vincent's Desk:
Have you ever dreamed or thought about what heaven is like?



Heaven is either a place or state. None of us has gone there to let us know what it is like; but the truth we know about it is, comes from the Bible and great people like Saints who inspire us daily. We are believers and we invest heavily into our spiritual life because there is a reward promised to us that is heaven. Just like in ordinary life, we have dreams of where we want to be in few years or many years to come, the same thing should be with our heavenly goals. People spend time and resources planning well to succeed in life by realizing their dreams. We therefore plan, set a strategy and set short term and long-term goals that we want to achieve. Same thing with our faith. Do not just be content with Sunday Mass only.

Set some spiritual goals for yourself. For instance, I will attend weekday Mass once a week or once a month. Or, this year I will increase my offertory to the Church. Or, my family would like to donate new carpet for our parish Church this year. Or, we have decided to go on a retreat once a year, or a pilgrimage every 3 years, confession once in month, do volunteer work once a month or join a Bible group. All these things will cost you in a way. If not money, your time and your inputs.

Let us dream big. To dream big is to do something about it. Sometimes this place called heaven appears to be very far since we are feeling healthy and living long today. Jesus reminds us in the Gospel that the kingdom of God is like the mustard seed that starts so small and here before it grows into a big tree. It has to start from here where we are.

Sometimes we trivialize heaven so much or make it so simple with some assumptions. We have no power to uplift ourselves into that place or state. We rely on the mercy of God. I'm referring to overconfidence about heaven as compared to talking with hope and trust that God will grant this reward to our beloved dead and us too. Our talk should be geared with prayerful and hopeful words that God will allow us into this place. I will use the words such as "hope" and "praying and trusting God that all will be well". Let God be God and we who we are.



West Point Parish Family Weekend Mass Schedule:		
Weekend Mass	Sat.	Sun.
St. Boniface/St. Anthony (Until July of 2024)	4:30 pm	
Sts. Peter and Paul-Howells	5:00 pm	
St. Mary's-West Point	6:00 pm	
St. Aloysius-Aloys		7:30 am
Holy Cross-Beemer		8:30 am
St. Wenceslaus-Dodge		9:00 am
St. Joseph-Wisner		10:00 am
St. Mary's-West Point		10:00 am
St. John Nep.-Howells		10:30 am

Liturgical Ministers—Holy Cross, Beemer

Weekend of August 13th

WORD: Rita Eichelberger
EMHC: Tom Peatrowsky
SERVER: Ben Oligmueller & Stella Guenther

Liturgical Ministers—St. Joseph, Wisner

Weekend of August 13th

LEC: Richard Schultz
EMHC: Kathy Johnson
EMHC 2: Sally Harms
SERV: Annamae Bloedorn, Knoxyn Thies,
 Jentrye Frederickson
OFF: Eric VonSeggern
USHER: August Men's Group

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
Holy Cross—July 23rd, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$875.00
Plate:	84.00
Children:	33.00
HELP/Fuel:	100.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Total:	\$1,192.00
Holy Cross—July 30th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$1,450.00
Plate:	117.00
Children:	7.00
HELP/Fuel:	10.00
Tithe.ly Online:	100.00
Total:	\$1,684.00

MONEY COUNTERS
Sunday, August 6th —Team #3 Steve McGuire, Chad Ludwig, Dave Oligmueller, Kris Brahmer
Sunday, August 13th—Team #1 Mary VonSeggern, Chris Ruskamp, Lori Ruskamp, Steve Ausdemore

MEN'S WORK GROUP—August 2023

Chair: Arvid Hass
Co-Chair: Matt McGuire
Members: Brook Andersen, Tim McGuire, LaVern Houghton, Mitch Schweers, Steve McGuire, Jack Godbersen

Stewardship of God's Gifts	
St. Joseph—July 23rd, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$685.00
Plate:	43.00
Children:	13.35
Tithe.ly Online:	170.81
St. Joseph—July 30th, 2023	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$725.00
Plate:	62.00
Children:	12.00
Heating/AC:	100.00
Tithe.ly Online:	293.34
Mission Coop:	779.00

AUGUST MOWING GROUP— CHAIR: Alan Batenhorst
 Members: Gary Batenhorst, Heath Harrison, Tom Peatrowsky, Ron Francis, Gerald Schlickbernd

HOLY CROSS ALTAR SOCIETY will hold its quarterly meeting Monday August 7th at 5:00p.m. in the church basement.

Celebrations:
 Holy Cross Parish wishes happiness and God's blessings to the following:

Birthdays
 Jan Liermann August 7
 Dennis Mostek August 8
 Kathy Pena August 8

Anniversaries
 Roy and Jan Liermann August 7
 Brad and Anne Schulz August 8



This year the Ladies Guild will be hosting a **Harvest Picnic** in place of the Fall Dinner. Please join us September 17, 2023 from 11AM-1PM. Lunch will be available to dine in or carry out. We will have more details on food being served later. We will be selling Mums this year. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church and an envelope for payment. They are \$20 each. You will have the choice of purple, red, yellow and orange the day of the Harvest Picnic. Please contact Lori Ruskamp @ 640-7209 or Lindsey Burki @ 340-5017 with any questions.

MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:
St. Joseph and Holy Cross.
 There are envelopes available in the back of church. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, complete the envelope and place in the collection basket or contact Sarah at the parish office 402-529-3891, or email the info to stjo68791@gmail.com. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per Mass.



Religious Education

—August 20th-27th—Open Registration for all students grades K-12. Forms in the church basement.
 —Sept. 10th—Opening Mass, Sunday, at 10:00 am
 —Sept. 13th—First day of class for all grades K-12
 —Still need volunteers to help with various aspects of the program.

Questions, please contact Capri (402) 380-2925 or Sarah (402) 841-6144.

MASS INTENTIONS				
Mon	07	—	—	NO MASS
Tue	08	—	WCC	NO MASS
Wed	09	8:00 AM	HC	Lvng & Dec'd Mbrs of the Leo & Hildegard Hunke Family
Thu	10	8:00 AM	SJ	+ Tim Svoboda
Fri	11	9:30 AM	CHB	+ Paul Stalp
Sat	12	—	—	NO MASS
Sun	13	8:30 AM	HC	+ Russell Gentrup
Sun	13	10:00 AM	SJ	Members of St. Joseph & Holy Cross Parish
SJ—St. Joseph's		HC—Holy Cross		
WCC—Wisner Care Center		CHB—Colonial Haven Beemer		



LINDSAY HOLY FAMILY PARISH ANNUAL BAZAAR
Sunday, August 20th—Serving 4:00pm—7:00pm
 Roast Beef & Sausage with all the trimmings including their famous dressing.
 Inflatable Toys and Carnival Games starting at 3:00pm
See flyer in the back of church for more details.

