



AUGUST 6, 2023
The Transfiguration of the Lord

Sun	8/6	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of John Tucholski by Dave & Pat Posbrig Mass at St John's Kamewan Salzman
Tues	8/8	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's Merle Wagner
Wed	8/9	8:15 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass at St John's Kyle VanHandel Communion Service Faith Formation
Thurs	8/10	8:15 AM	Mass at St John's 50th Wedding Anniversary of Matt & Judy Smurawa
Fri	8/11	8:15 AM	For all unbaptized to find God, to bring them to their salvation
Sat	8/12	4:00 PM	Mass at St John's Living & Deceased Members of the Cismoski & Schuster Families
Sun	8/13	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	In Memory of Mary Wilinski by Gary Wilinski for their Anniversary Mass at St John's Frank Svacina

GOSPEL MEDITATION - The Transfiguration of the Lord

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - Transfigured

We have all had moments when we seem to get a glimpse of Heaven.

For me, they come with the sacraments: in the pew following my First Communion, kneeling before the bishop as he sealed my forehead with oil at my Confirmation, standing opposite my husband on our wedding day, cradling my newborns as the priest poured holy water over their little foreheads, claiming them for Christ.

Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is pulled away, and our hearts cry out: "Lord, it is good we are here."

Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we desperately wish the feeling would last forever. We want to hang onto the certainty, the confidence and the joy that radiates from our souls. We want to spend forever looking upon the transfigured face of Christ.

But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears:

"Rise, and do not be afraid."

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed." — Daniel 7:14

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week

"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead," Jesus told his disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn't ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the glory only makes sense after the trials.



**God's blessings to
Walker Daniel Lambert,
who was baptized
in our parish on
July 30, 2023!**

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
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August 13				Whitney Hock	Ron Matuszak Jr

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After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ~Matthew 17:1-5

Everyday Stewardship - Glimpses of Heaven

There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.



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