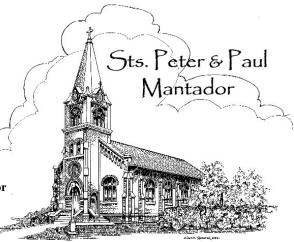


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DAILY EUCHARIST

Transfiguration of Jesus, Aug 6, 2023

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5:00pm (Parishioners) Sat, 8-5, StA **Sun, 8-6**, StsPP 8:30am (Christian Mothers) 10:30am (Christian Mothers) **Sun, 8-6**, StA Tue, 8-8, 6^{pm}, StsPP

(†Joyce & Harold Pellman)

Wed, 8-9, 6^{pm}, StA (†Madelyn Agnes Haberman) Thu, 8-10, 8:30^{am}, StsPP (†Dennis Mauch)

Fri, 8-11, 9:30^{am}, StA (†Tom Hartman)

Sat, 8-12, StA 5:00pm (†Carl & Eva Palmer)

Lector: Joe Braun / Usher: Jim G.

Sun, 8-13, StsPP 8:30 am (Foresters)

> Lector: Barb Severson / Usher: Dan Lugert Servers: volunteers/ Gifts: Ken & Memory Mauch

> 10:30am (Parishioners) Lector: Orin Pausch / Usher: Chance P. & Orin P. Servers: volunteers / Gifts: Derek Mauch Family

Confessions: St A—Sat, 4:30 pm; StsPP—Sun, 8 am. Or call for an appointment (no problem).

HE GOSPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION activates our eyes and ears, but there's also a hint at

the hands.

There's much to see as Jesus and his friends climb a mountain with an extraordinary view. Amidst these heights, Heaven opens and God's Voice is heard.

Then, in a simple, tender move, Jesus lays his hands on the face-down disciples and pulls them up and back to Earth:

Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid" (Mt 17:7).

During this mountaintop experience, the disciples' fear was real. It was like too much truth. The Bible offers lots of evidence of folks overwhelmed by the Divine Presence. Daniel in the 1st Rdg gives a prime example. The Spirit

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Loretta Althoff, Brenda Burger, Mary Ellen Krump, Diane (Jim) Mauch, Steve Metzen, Jim Mitchell, Travis, Steve Cerkas, Weldon Hoesel, August Dockter, Larry Jagodzinski, Susan Westphal, MaryAnn Franks, Jerry Muth, Kristen Czekala, Jake Fuller, Tyrell Fauske, Nettie Mauch, Loran Palmer, Patricia Herschberger.

Intercessory prayer asks "on behalf of another. It knows no boundaries and extends to one's enemies" CCC 2647. Please let us know who (with their permission) we can lift up in prayer. Thnx.

poured into the senses of the disciples the Fullness

of this Truth, Divine Presence. They were awestruck and scared.

Jesus' final gesture, the shoulder tap, was a

♦ healing touch, like when he laid hands on the sick in the village streets.

"Get up," he says, "we're done with being afraid" (Mt 17:7). All that remains of the terrific

Divine Presence is the Jesus they're so familiar with.

By this touch, Jesus heals his followers of the 'intimidation factor'. As 'Jesus' says to 'Simon' in *The* Chosen series, "Get used to different."

"Different," in light of

today's Gospel, means ex-

traordinary Reality in ordinary circumstances. To get used to

seeing our lives as such is to be healed in a major way.



Last Week's Giving

Mooreton: Plate \$28 Children Envelopes \$975



Mantador: Plate \$16 Envelopes: \$570 Bldg Fund: \$100 Pledge Payment: \$105 Grain Check: \$250

TAKING A BREAK FROM SYNODALITY, WE GO TO LATE BREAKING NEWS....

A local station interviewed an 84-year-old lady. She'd just gotten married for the $\mathbf{4}^{\text{th}}$ time.

The interviewer asked about what it felt like to be marrying again at 84. The conversation then turned to her new husband's occupation. "He's a funeral home director," she answered. "Interesting," the reporter said. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

After a moment reflecting over the years, a smile came to her face. She answered proudly, explaining that she'd first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now, in her 80's, the director of a funeral home.

The journalist looked at her with a bit of astonishment, asking, "Any reason why you married four men with such diverse careers?"

Keeping her proud smile, she explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go. Oh, and dear, on your way out, please, don't step on my blue suede shoes."

In today's Gospel, Jesus was transfigured. One way that happens to us is when we laugh. Literally, *trans-figure* means 'a change of shape or form', but 'figure' can also mean 'face' as the most distinctive structure of a human's look.

Nothing changes the face in so magnificent a way as laughter. Think about all the muscles at work and how this activity is connected to both what's going on in your head as well as in your gut. Sometimes laughter can convulse the whole body.

Health lesson: laughter lowers stress hormones. Even the expectation of laughter can do this. Also, a good chuck-le elevates feel-good beta-endorphins. Isn't there a saying, laughter is the best medicine?

This is why it's healthy to find something that reliably puts a smile on your face.

Watching little kids laugh is often contagious. We love to make them laugh. It makes us laugh. Some people tune in to comedians or sit-coms. Other folks get a jolt of fun by watching cats and dogs play, or the squirrels, or birds at the feeder. What'll you do to laugh today?

Can we dare to see this kind of transfiguration as a window into God?

SOCIAL HALL DEDICATION. We have fixed the date for our Social Hall Dedication, Sun, Aug 20, 5 pm, Mass and celebration. Fr. Kurt Gunwall will be joining us. Please sign up (back of the church) to

What: St Mary Magdalen Court 117 of the 1891 Financial Life will hold an aluminum can drive for Alzheimer's Research. 1891 Financial Life will match up to \$513.00 of funds raised.

When: Sunday's in August

Where: Sts Peter and Paul's Catholic Church

Good Shepherd Care Fund, formerly known as the "150 Club", is a group of people who financially support St. Anthony's Cemetery. It is open to anyone. \$60 membership makes you eligible for monthly cash drawings. This Sun, Aug 6, double drawing for July-Aug.

let us know how many people to prepare for at this special event.

Please see the print-out in the back of Saints Peter & Paul church to make a donation/memorial for the landscaping.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug 15, Assumption of Mary Into Heaven
Tues, SSP&P 8:30 am; St A 7:00 pm
Aug 18, Mantador VFW Burger Basket, 5pm until gone!
Aug 20, 5pm dedication of SSP&P's new Social Hall,
Please Note Time Change, No 8:30 Sunday Mass
St Anthony, 10:30 am; STS P&P, 5 Pm!!

Keeping God's House Beautiful, August

Sts PP: *Sue Mauch, Tammi Althoff, Vanessa Haberman, Jeanne Lugert

St A: *Cindy Spellerberg, Audrey Andel, Sue Berg, Caryn Kloster-

Andel, Sue Berg, Caryn Klosterman, Claire Jo Althoff, Dawn Storbakken, Kristi Wagner

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS:

Jaxon Krier, Dean Reiland, Stephen Allmendinger, Evan Onchuck

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

SEP 9, SAT AFTER MASS, ST. ANTHONY COOK OUT SEP 9-13, FR. MICHAEL'S FAMILY COMES FOR A VISIT SEP 10, MASS TIMES SWITCHED