

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

08/06 (Today: Solemnity—Transfiguration of our Lord) **Solemn Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour in the Church hall as usual.

08/13 (XIX Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour in the Church hall. *Mass Intention: For ANA, TED and MARILEN—new members of St. John’s Church.*

- Our parishioner, JOANN GILL passed away at the age of 92, last Thursday, **August 3, 2023**. Funeral Mass at St. John’s on August 11, 2023 (Friday) at 11am. Interment at St. John’s Cemetery immediately after the Mass.
- **Used clothing drop-off shed** operated by our Church is located on the parking lot of CCGC across the street. **We encourage parishioners and friends to use THIS shed as it’s going to support St. John’s.** Please, spread the word about it. **THANK YOU!**

CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: MARGUERITE & CHARLES HENSLEY (08/13). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.



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August 6, 2023

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PARISH BULLETIN

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

- SOLEMNITY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For benefactors of St. John’s Church—both living and deceased.

INTROIT

C: Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

R: All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord Who is the Spirit.

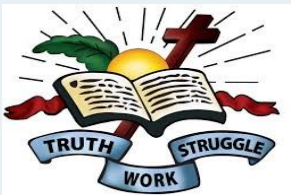
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the prophet Daniel.

As I watched:
Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him. The court was convened and the books were opened.
As the visions during the night continued, I saw: One like a Son of man coming,

DN 7:9-10, 13-14

on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 97

„The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.”

READING 2

2 PT 1:16-19

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Peter.

Beloved:
We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come

from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 17:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, 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."

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Book of Daniel, the “Son of Man” was seen as a figure of the Messiah. In this passage, the “Son of Man” comes gloriously into the presence of the Ancient One (GOD, and in Christian understand it would be GOD the Abba-Father). The Son of Man is given glory and honor and power by the Ancient One. The Son of Man is to issue in a new time of dedication and glory for those who follow the LORD GOD. The psalm today is a hymn of praise to the LORD GOD for being the majestic Ruler of all, the Leader of a time of glory for all GOD’s people. All of creation (earthly and heavenly) come in homage before the LORD GOD. The Second Reading is a passage from the Second Letter of Peter, in which the author speaks of the glory that was revealed to Jesus’ three specially chosen disciples (Peter, John, and James). This experience of majesty enabled the disciples to proclaim the GooD News of Jesus and to look forward to His glorious second coming.

Today’s Gospel is Matthew’s account of the Transfiguration. It takes place on a mountain similar to the revelation of GOD to Moses on Mt. Sinai. Moses and Elijah symbolize the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets from of old. They are the sign of the continuation of all that has been up to the time of Jesus and the future glory at the end of time. The whole event enables the three disciples to be able to put things in perspective after the death of Jesus.