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*...be renewed  
in the spirit of your minds,  
and put on the new self,  
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and holiness of truth..(Eph 4:23-24)*

**August 1, 2021 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**From our Pastor**



In the last couple of bulletins, I have been talking about the universal call to holiness and what it looks like. Holiness is not automatic, but is trained. John Paul II lays out the basic components for training in lay holiness in his document on the New Millennium. They are: prayer, Eucharist and Confession, hearing the Word, proclaiming the Word, fostering

community, and charity. It is not enough to try to do good actions. Instead, greater action must be balanced with greater prayer.

Holiness is not only personal but also communal. Sometimes we think of holiness as an individual pursuit. However, even people who do individual sports oftentimes join a team or club because the encouragement, community, and challenge help them to do better. This is very true of holiness. Oftentimes saints come in clusters because they make each other better. This is true from the very start of the Church when Jesus chooses 12 to learn from him by living with him.

The family and parish are both potential communities of holiness, but they are not automatically so. A household has to be intentional about their life of prayer and charity. They have to protect their time together for family prayer, dinner, and charity. They have to decide what is most important to them and not allow other things to take over life in the home. Work, school, sports, and entertainment all have to be ordered by the goodness that the family is seeking.

As the US Bishops put it: "An effective parish or congregation will help its members make the connection between worship and work, between liturgy and life in the family, community and workplace." One of the reasons for small groups, retreats, and faith formation is to do just that. The parish is supposed to help people engage with Christ and learn to know, love and serve Him.

Over the last century, a number of organizations have formed to help people live their call to holiness with more intensity. This was essential as the general culture became more hostile to religion. We call these groups lay movements or ecclesial communities.

Some we have here in our parish such as Cursillo, Knights of Columbus, and Legion of Mary. Others are less known here but have millions of members such as Focolare, Schoenstatt, Opus Dei, Neocatechumenal Way, and Communion and Liberation. They are kind of like religious orders in that they have a

spirituality, outreach, and communal aspects. However, they are tailored to people with houses, jobs, and families of their own. Especially for single people who are not living the vocation of family life, these lay communities can provide a structure for spirituality, community, and service.

Besides the plan for holiness, recent popes have all pointed to the example of the saints as the essential catechism for holiness.

The most practical way to address how the laity ought to live is to look at the lives and instruction of those who have done it best.

For examples of marital holiness, of course we begin with the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph. There are a number of other helpful examples of married saints including St. Basil the Elder and St. Emmelia; and St. Gregory Nazianzus the Elder and St. Nonna; and St. Henry and St. Cunegunda. Most recently Louis and Zelig Martin, the parents of St. Thérèse, were beatified. Cardinal Martins had this to say at the Mass for their beatification: "Louis and Zelig understood that they could become holy not in spite of marriage, but through, in and by marriage and that their becoming a couple was the beginning of an ascent together."

Other saints and blessed can help us understand holiness while remaining active in the world. St. Giuseppe Moscati was a doctor with unusual devotion to his patients, who lived simply and had great charity towards all. St. Gianna Molla was a pediatrician who refused to receive medical treatment that would have killed her unborn child, thus laying down her life. To these numbers, should be added several of the prominent blessed as well. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Laura Vicuna are examples of piety and devotion for young people. Professionals may look to Blessed Frederic Ozanam for examples of sanctity in the workplace and charity in the world. Of these lay saints we can say that the theme of their lives is heroic love for others, and faithfulness to God. The qualities of the lay saints include devotion to family life, heroic prayer, a life of charity, professional integrity, perseverance, and an ability to organize and draw others to holiness.

Providentially, the Holy Spirit has provided several saints who have given clear teaching on what it means to live holiness in everyday life. Two saints declared doctors of the Church, St. Francis de Sales and St. Thérèse of Lisieux, have famous works that focus on the possibility of holiness for everyone.

In Christ's Peace

*Fr. Matthew*



**12 MORE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**  
**Women's Bible Study begins this week**  
**Wednesday, August 4**  
**Six consecutive Wednesday sessions**  
**from 1:00PM-2:30PM in the parish center**

As we look at each of these women's lives, we will discover how to draw near to God in a world filled with trials and find lasting contentment in every situation

Come for one session or as many as you are able to make. For more information contact, Connie Blatner 630-363-5919

**Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, July August 4**  
 in church from 1:00PM-7:00PM



*"Our Lord is hidden there in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to come and visit Him, and make our requests to Him."*

St. John Vianney (1786 to 1859)

Feast Day: August 4

Best known as the Patron Saint of Priests, he would spend long hours in Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

We invite you to stop by and spend some time with God.

*"In this time of pandemic, the Tokyo Olympics are a sign of hope, a sign of universal brotherhood marked by a healthy competitive spirit. God bless the organizers, the athletes and all those who collaborate for this great festival of sport,"* Pope Francis

The 32nd Summer Olympics have begun in Tokyo, Japan. The International Olympic Committee created a Refugee Olympic Team to take part in the games, which began with the Summer Games in Rio 2016.



This year's Refugee Olympic Team is made up of 29 athletes from a dozen countries who have been living and training in host countries.

**Oktoberfest is coming...Sunday, October 10**

Together, as a parish, we can make this a great event.

**Pope Francis @Pontifex July 25**

It would be good to ask ourselves every day: "What do I bring to Jesus today?". He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others.

This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things.





**Knights of Columbus**



**Pancake Breakfast  
August 15**

**8:00AM-12:00PM in the parish center**

All are welcome ● No charge ● Donations accepted

Come join us for a delicious hot breakfast of eggs, pancakes and all the trimmings

Proceeds will be donated to Illinois Right to Life and Waterleaf Womens Center

Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage in 2021 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at:

St. Mary Parish, Huntley  
Sunday, August 22 at 2:00 PM  
celebrated by

Bishop David J. Malloy  
A cake and punch reception will immediately follow.

*Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available to those who pre-register by August 6.*



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1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.
2. Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.
3. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.
4. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.

**How to avoid a scam:**

Block unwanted calls and text messages.

Don't give out personal/financial info in response to a request that you didn't expect.

Resist the pressure to act immediately.

Know how scammers tell you to pay. (Gift card, money transfer) Stop and talk to someone you trust before you do anything else.

For more info visit: [consumer.ftc.gov](http://consumer.ftc.gov) or pick up the Federal Trade Commission brochure in the narthex, "How to Avoid a Scam"



**July 24 and 25**

Sunday Envelopes.....83  
Contributions.....\$ 5,767.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

Humility is like a pair of scales: the lower one side falls, the higher rises the other. Let us humble ourselves like the Blessed Virgin and we shall be exalted.

St. John Vianney



*Pray the Rosary*

•Please pray the Rosary with us in church during our Prayer Service on Tuesdays at 12:15PM

•Our intention this week is to practice humility in our everyday lives.

Last week: St. Joseph won 13-8 over the Panthers to lift their record to 9-2

**COME OUT TODAY Sunday, August 1**  
and cheer on our St Joseph Softball team as they take on Calvary at 12:00PM at Pierce Field, corner of Montgomery & Jackson



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Tuesday..... (\$50)....	July 27... #1959.....Sandy Bohr
Wednesday... (\$50)....	July 28.... #1780.....Sean Dooley
Thursday.... (\$50)....	July 29.... #553.....Kevin Russell
Friday..... (\$50)....	July 30.... #1394.....Robert Skrezyna
Saturday..... (\$100)...	July 31.... #338.....Steve Gaddis



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**MANNA NOTES**

Orders due by 9:00AM Wednesdays via email.

-Indicate where you will pick up. Check only-no cash

-Pick up is Thursday evenings from 6:00PM-6:30 PM

--Questions? Contact Judy Fullmer 630-542-4645 or email her at [stjoeauroramanna@gmail.com](mailto:stjoeauroramanna@gmail.com)

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be.

As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials.

The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### St. Joseph Catholic Church

Rev. Matthew J. McMorrow, S.T.L., Pastor  
Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Willhite, In Residence  
Deacon Bruce Watermann, S.F.A.  
Sandy Bohr, Business Manager  
Rosalinda Saucedo, Faith Formation Coordinator

**Parish Office** 630-844-3780 Fax 630-844-1338  
Monday through Friday-8:00AM to 4:00PM

**MASSES**-See right column of this page

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** English & Spanish

Wednesday 7:30AM to 8:00AM

Saturday 4:00PM-4:50PM

Sunday 8:00AM-8:50AM

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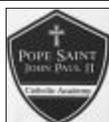
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"I am the bread of life;  
whoever comes to me  
will never hunger,  
and whoever believes in me  
will never thirst."  
John 6:35

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, August 2, St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;  
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Steve Miklosik by the Family

**TUESDAY, August 3**

7:00AM Mass Livestream-People of St. Joseph Parish

7:00PM Mass Livestream:-Brian Lutz and Tom Lutz by Joan Lutz

**WEDNESDAY, August 4, St. John Vianney, Priest**

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Peggy Jungels by Jim and Marie Mathew

**THURSDAY, August 5, The Dedication of the**

**Basilica of St. Mary Major**

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Poor Souls in Purgatory by Mary Travis

**FRIDAY, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord**

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Carol Dieser by the Family

**SATURDAY, August 7, St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,  
Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM**

5:00PM Mass Livestream-Anniv Mary Oberman  
by Florence Fullwood

**SUNDAY, August 8, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM Mass Livestream-Louis Renteria by the Family

## SANCTUARY CANDLE MEMORIAL

The week of August 1 the sanctuary candle is burning  
in memory of Barbara Miller  
requested by the Family

### Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/  
Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/  
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab,  
13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/ Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/  
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/  
Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-5

**2-1-1**

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# The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6



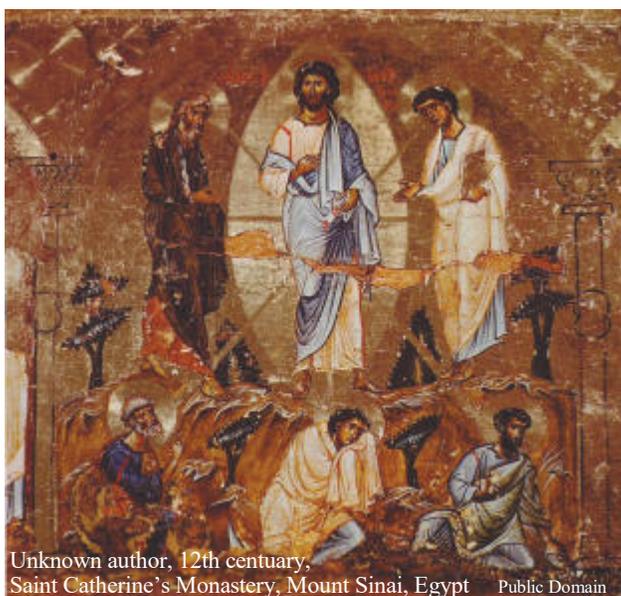
Transfiguration, Titian, c. 1560, Public Domain

Transfiguration  
from the Latin roots  
*trans-* ("across) and  
*figura-* ("form, shape)

"Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent on to the 'high mountain' prepares for the ascent to Calvary. Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what his Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: "the hope of glory" CCC 568

Witnessed by the apostles  
Peter, James and John

*"Truly I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."*  
Luke 9:27



Unknown author, 12th century,  
Saint Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai, Egypt Public Domain

From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things. . . and be killed, and on the third day be raised."<sup>290</sup> Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he.<sup>291</sup> In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain,<sup>292</sup> before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking "of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem".<sup>293</sup> A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"<sup>294</sup>

For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to "enter into his glory".<sup>295</sup>

Moses and Elijah had seen God's glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah's sufferings.<sup>296</sup> Christ's Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God's servant.<sup>297</sup> The cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. "The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud."<sup>298</sup> CCC 554-555

<sup>290</sup>-Mt 16:21, <sup>291</sup>Cf. Mt 16:22-23; 17:23; Lk 9:45, <sup>292</sup>-Cf. Mt 17:1-8 and parallels; 2 Pt 1:16-18, <sup>293</sup>-Lk 9:31, <sup>294</sup>-Lk 9:35, <sup>295</sup>-Lk 24:26, <sup>296</sup>-Cf. Lk 24:27, <sup>297</sup>-Cf. Is 42:1, <sup>298</sup>-St. Thomas Aquinas, STh III, 45, 4, ad 2.

During the Transfiguration, when Jesus appeared with Moses and Elijah Jesus shows that he is the one who fulfills and sums up all the promises of the Old Covenant

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

"He took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray"  
Luke 9:28

The Transfiguration is believed to have taken place on Mt. Tabor, located in Lower Galilee, Israel

The Franciscan Church of the Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor, Israel, Photo by Berthold Werner, Public Domain



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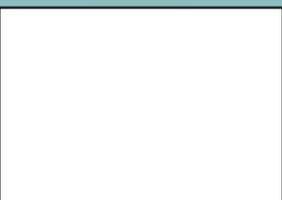
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