

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 1, 2021

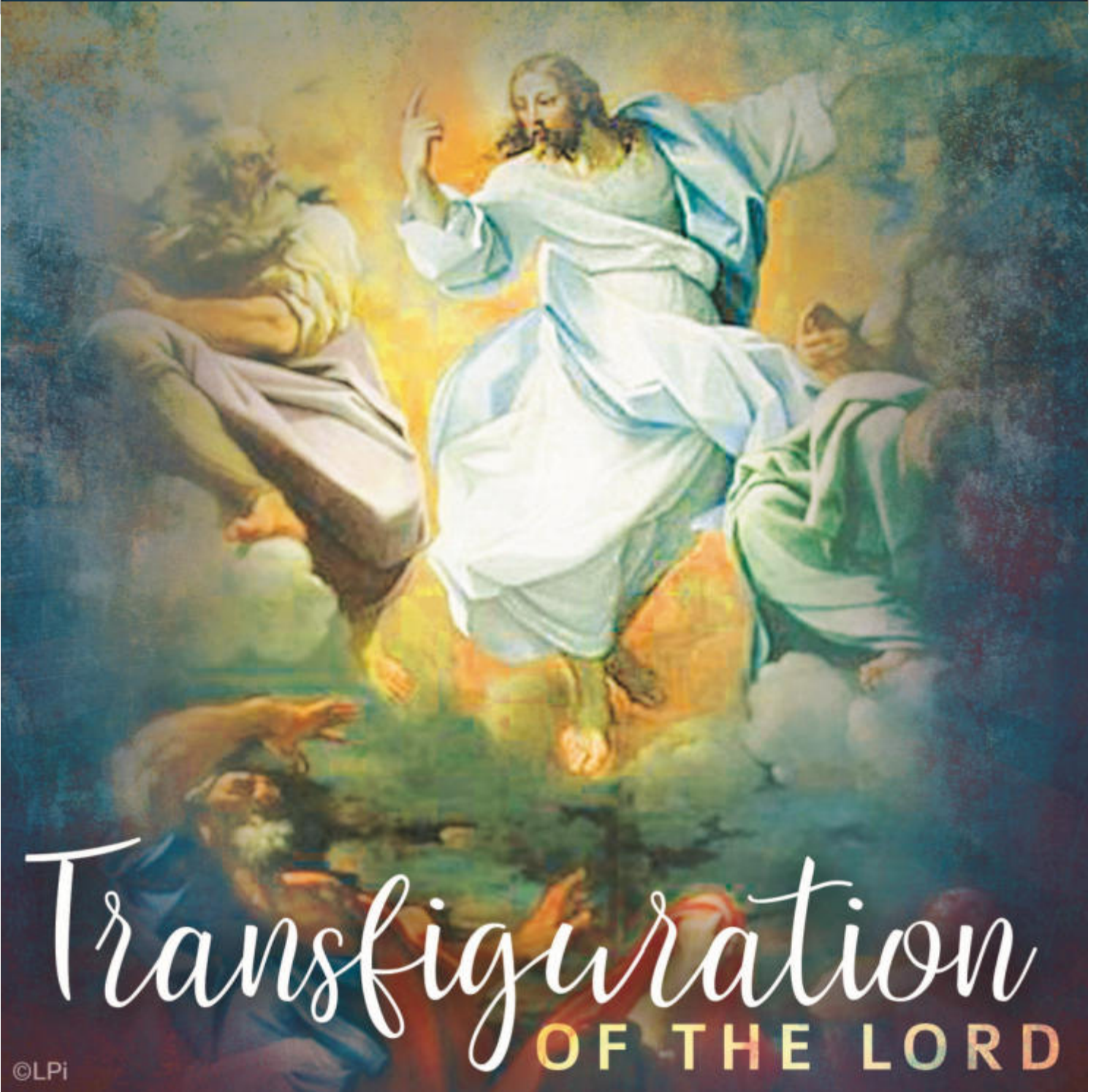


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Transfiguration OF THE LORD

From the Pastor's Desk



Fr. Michael

LOVE ONE ANOTHER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In January of 2020, our parish was part of the Pilot Phase of the combined Archdiocesan and Parish Capital Campaign: Love One Another. While we were off to a good start, we had to postpone our efforts because of the spread of COVID-19. In June of this year, Archbishop ListECKi and his advisors asked that we reignite the Capital Campaign in our parishes. This week, or early next week, you will be receiving a letter in the mail stating the importance and value of the Love One Another Capital Campaign. All of us are being asked to prayerfully consider what we would be able to donate to this five-year campaign. Solicitation for the campaign will run from now until Thanksgiving. The following is a copy of the Capital Campaign letter:

I am writing to let you know St. John the Evangelist Parish is relaunching its participation in the Love One Another Campaign.

The primary focus of the campaign at our parish will be on:

- Building improvements
- Property improvements
- Deferred maintenance fund
- Enhancement of evangelization

The remaining funds will be used in support of Archdiocesan efforts focusing on:

- The poor and those in need
- St. Francis de Sales Seminary
- Catholic schools
- Other important Catholic ministries

The campaign will eventually involve all parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee with an overall goal of strengthening parishes and supporting programs and ministries in the Catholic Church in southeastern Wisconsin.

Parish volunteers will reach out to you and share more information about the Love One Another Campaign in the coming months. Until then, please pray for the success of the campaign. Together, we can do our part to strengthen the parish and vital ministries. God bless you!

FESTIVAL BEGGING LETTER

Recently, we sent out a “begging” letter requesting funds to help replace the loss of revenue from not having the festival this year. So far, the response has been very positive and supportive of this difficult decision. On behalf of all parishioners, I offer a great “Thank You” for your generosity and support. To date, we have received \$44,240.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE HELPER NEEDED

The parish school is seeking help in the After School program. There are two positions available. The employees provide a safe, fun program for students each school day from 2:30pm until approximately 6:00pm (or until the last student goes home). The employees must be willing to supervise students outdoors as well as engage in indoor activities such as board games. The positions will begin when school starts on Tuesday, August 31. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, willing to submit to a criminal background check, and participate in Archdiocesan Safeguarding training. Please call the school principal Ben Oberdorf at 414-321-8540 or email him at boberdorf@sjc.school if interested.

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

“Among all the devotions, this one of adoration of the sacramental Jesus is the first after the sacraments, the dearest to God, and the most useful to us. O, what a beautiful delight to be before an altar with faith and to present to Him our needs as a friend does to another friend with whom one has full confidence.”

—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

St. John's is fortunate to have 24-hour Perpetual Adoration. Please take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to stay close to God and call Kay Shomperlen with any questions or for more information at (414) 763-1250.



Would you pray for a priest each day? “Be close to your priests with your affection and with your prayers that they may always be shepherds according to God’s heart.” - Pope Francis

August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7
Redemptorist	Archbishop	All	Rev.	Rev.	Rev.	Rev.
Priests	Jerome	Parish	Thomas	Cliff Owen	James	Michael
(St. Alphonsus	ListECKi	Priests	Eichenberger	Dennis	Ernster	Erwin
Liguori)				Ermatinger		

PART FOUR: THE ETERNAL NOW By Michael Jacques and Austin Rahill

When our parents pass away, they dispense all of their worldly goods to their children through what is known as a will. This legal document entitles them to what their parents have set aside for them to receive. Hopefully, our parents set us up to be successful in more areas than just the material. God created us in His glorious image and refuses to leave us orphans. As our Father, He wills for us to have everything we need.

When we teach children the majesty of God, we tell them how God knew them in their mother's womb and He also knows their great, great grandparents at the same time he knows their great, great grandkids. How is this possible? God is outside of time. This little phrase usually blows the kids' minds because we ask them what the name of their spouse is? Laughingly they reply, "I'm only 14." Well, we tell them that God knows the name of their spouse, their first child and their first and fifteenth grandchild's name. Once they come back to earth, we explain that we are dealing with a God who is not bound by time or space.

"You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you." Ezekiel 28:15

The early Church fathers believed the Fall of the Angels started over the announcement of God becoming flesh. Satan, in particular, had a hard time with this and ultimately refused to bow or give allegiance to Our Blessed Mother and the future role she would play on earth and in heaven. Satan could not fathom how or why God would become flesh. The simple answer is: God became flesh to be known by us. In the opening chapter of John's Gospel, he introduces the idea that Jesus is the Word:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:1, 14



Jesus is God become flesh, who created light, heaven, earth, and space. The "spoken" word (Logos in Greek) became flesh and dwelt among us and ultimately saved us from the untenable relationship we had with the Father. If we take this and apply it to Jesus' words and actions, then we know that the Eucharist is really something physical, spiritual, and eternal. The last thing Christ left us before He left this earth was His very own flesh and blood in an eternal sacrifice that never ends, because it is an eternal offering of the sacrifice of the Son to the Father and we are present at this offering at every single Mass we attend. Why? So that Christ can feed us with His very flesh and blood to communicate grace that transforms us from within, to become the children the Father originally created us to be.

What this means is that Calvary is ever present in time and for all time. How? Because God permits this action through His ordained minister to communicate His grace to His children who need it, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and physically in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. To say that the Eucharist is symbolic is to say that His sacrifice didn't happen, or wasn't important. To the contrary, it was because of His sacrifice on the Cross that He presented the sacrifice beforehand at the Last Supper. The sacrifice completes the action of salvation but it doesn't stop there, it starts there.

"This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:28

The divine life our Lord offered and shared for our salvation in the sacrifice of Good Friday is the same offered and shared at the Last Supper. The Last Supper, the sacrifice of Good Friday, and the resurrection on Easter form one life-saving, life-giving event. How? Because Christ is God, His once and for all sacrifice is ever present in time. It goes all the way back to the beginning of time with Adam and Eve and all the way to the end of time for the forgiveness of all of mankind's sins. The death of Christ occurs within history, but has an eternal reality that transcends history.



"...the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world." Revelation 13:8

Through the Mass, we participate in Christ's eternal sacrificial offering to the Father for all our sins.

The original question in this essay was, 'what is a will?' The answer: A will allows you to leave everything you have on this earth for your children who are left behind after you are gone. Did Christ accomplish that?

Next week, we will have the final part and conclusion of this study.

Parish Financial Stewardship Summary

Raffle Calendar Winners

Period Ending July 23, 2021	Fiscal Year-to-date Information July 1, 2021 to July 23, 2021			
Stewardship Offering \$11,975		7/19/2021	Arthur Flater	\$ 25
Offertory \$ 994	Goal for Fiscal YTD \$ 58,162	7/20/2021	Joseph Sanfelippo	\$ 25
Building Fund \$ 2,429	Amount Collected* \$ 52,011	7/21/2021	Jeffrey & Diane Gaffke	\$ 25
Thank you for your generous support.	Difference:	7/22/2021	Nicolas Popowycz	\$ 25
When making decisions in your estate	(Deficit)/Surplus \$ (6,151)	7/23/2021	Angel Rivera	\$ 25
planning, please give prayerful	*Includes weekly/monthly/electronic	7/24/2021	Fred Diges	\$ 25
consideration to St. John's Parish.	offerings, offertory & holy day offerings	7/25/2021	Teresa Stone	\$ 50

Parishioner News

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Evangelist is a Roman Catholic Eucharistic community faithful to the values and traditions of the Church. We strive to live our faith every day, to embrace stewardship, and to be nurtured by continuous Christian Formation.

SILENT PREACHED RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Ladies of the Parish: Mark your calendars and let God speak to you and revitalize your spirit, Friday, October 1 through Sunday, October 3 at the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc. This year's theme is "Healing in a Wounded World."

How do we return to those basic gospel values that bring us a sense of healing, not only to the world but to each one of us? This retreat is a great opportunity to encounter our need for Jesus.

The weekend starts around 7:00pm with check-in between 6:00 and 6:30pm on Friday. The retreat ends at Noon on Sunday. Car pooling is available. For details and to sign up, please call Barb at (414) 448-7117. You may also register directly at the Redemptorist Retreat Center by calling (262) 567-6900 or on their website: www.redemptoristretreat.org. The cost is \$230 per person. The center is located at 1800 N. Timber Trail Lane on the shores of Crooked Lake in Oconomowoc.

COMING SOON! THE HIDDEN KING-THE JEWISH ROOTS OF ST. JOSEPH

What is your image of St. Joseph? A poor, humble carpenter, or the Hidden King of the Jews? An elderly widower, or a man in his prime, the chaste spouse of Mary? The mere legal guardian of the child Jesus, or the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father?

Come and see! Dr. Brant Pitre will give answers to these questions and many more in this one-day Adult Faith Formation DVD program on Saturday, August 21 from 9:00am - 2:00pm in the Hall. He will explain how Joseph was indeed the Hidden King of the Jews and why he was a threat to King Herod. You will learn why he accepted Mary's Jewish Vow of Virginity and what his relationship was to the "Brothers" of Jesus. These answers along with many, many very important facts that can be learned from the Bible, Ancient Jewish and Roman history, and the living Tradition of the Church will be presented. Although Joseph is silent in the pages of the New Testament, when looked at through ancient Jewish eyes, he stands with Jesus and Mary at the very center of salvation history.

Join in this excellent and easy-to-understand presentation by Dr. Pitre. For more information, call or text Laura Lee at (414) 840-0261 or Austin at (414) 530-5770. Cost for a Cousins Subs box lunch is \$10 or bring your own. There is no charge to attend but there will be a free-will collection. This program will also be offered again on three Monday evenings in the Fall.



CD of the Week: Stealing Home

Mike Sweeney is a devout Catholic and sought-after speaker and has been involved with Catholic Athletes for Christ for many years. He has appeared on EWTN's Life on the Rock, and has spoken at numerous Catholic venues. He appeared in five All-Star Games and was the Kansas City Royals' Player of the Year three times. Starting from his account of an amazing play in which he stole home, Sweeney draws parallels to living one's faith well to the end.

Pick up a copy of this CD in the Narthex. Suggested donation is \$4.



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Bulletin Deadline is Noon on Monday.
Please send your announcements to:
rectory@stjohns-grfd.org.

In Prayer: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MONDAY, AUGUST 2 (St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest)

8:00am †Kathleen Nimmer - Ann Ryan

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00am Special Intentions - Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 (St. John Vianney, Priest)

8:00am Marlene & Joseph Yakel - Family & Friends

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 (The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major)

8:00am †Ivanka Modic - Family

6:00pm Heal Our Land Holy Hour

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 (The Transfiguration of the Lord)

8:00am †Len Felske, Sr. - Popowycz Family

†Anthony Oszewski - Lisa Oszewski

Intention of the Masino Family

For the Souls in Purgatory - Holtorf Family

†Dorothy Bowers - Schulteis Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 (St. Sixtus II, Pope, St. Cajetan, Priest, Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:00am For the Living & Deceased Members of the Vernon Family - Family

4:30pm †Stanley Lenchek - Family & Friends

†Ferdinand Wesolowski - Family

Int. of the Simon Family - Rudy Miskowitch

†Bob & Connie Watkins - Barbara

Wennerscheidt

†Mitchell Dziekonski - Krystyna Zuzanski

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am †Joseph Kulpa - Dorothy Kulpa

9:30am 80th Birthday of David Zuehlke - Family

11:00am For the Members of St. John's Parish

This week's Sanctuary & Tabernacle Candles are lit for the Intention of the Topczewski Family. To reserve candles, please call or visit the parish office. The cost is \$3 each.

Parish and School Staff Directory

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This Week at St. John the Evangelist

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00am Mass followed by St. Anthony Devotion, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00am Mass followed by Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00pm Heal Our Land Holy Hour - Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00am Mass followed by Confessions during Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00am Mass followed by Confessions during Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Anointing of the Sick after the 4:30pm Mass
SCRIP sold after 4:30pm Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

SCRIP sold after all Masses

St. John the Evangelist Parish

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 5:00pm
Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm
Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30pm; Sunday, 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am

Weekday Masses: Monday through Saturday at 8:00am

Confessions: Friday and Saturday: 8:30am

Anointing of the Sick: First Saturday of the Month after the 4:30pm Mass

Baptism: Third Sunday at 11:45am. Please call the parish office to schedule.
Pre-Baptismal Class is required for parents with their first child.

Marriage: Contact the parish office at least six months before intended date of marriage.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Adults interested in Communion, Baptism, and/or Confirmation are asked to contact the Religious Education office. (RCIA)

Parish Membership: Families and single adults (over 18) are asked to register in the parish office.

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Use the entrance along the south side of the church.

Sick & Shut-Ins: Call the parish office to arrange for Confession and Communion.

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