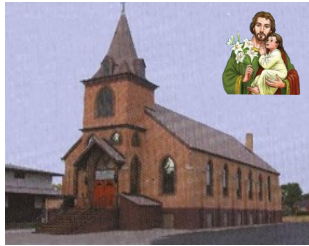


Transfiguration of the Lord: August 6—12, 2023



## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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### Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak  
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Website Editor: Julie O'Dell  
Religious Education: Celeste Geier & Bethany Fuchs

### Mass Intentions

Sun., Aug 6: For the people  
Mon., Aug 7: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tues., Aug 8: +For Connie Medhus  
by Lowell Medhus  
Wed., Aug 9: +For Fred Diez  
by Jim & Sue Seykora  
Thurs., Aug 10: +For Faron Hunter  
by Jim & Sue Seykora  
Fri., Aug 11: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sat., Aug 12: \_\_\_\_\_



### Offertory Collections

Sat., July 29: \$ 655.00  
Sun., July 30: \$ 992.00

Fiscal Year ending 6.30.23

Income: \$ 96,416.60  
Expenses \$ 104,547.68  
\$ (8,131.08)

### Month of June, 2023

Income: \$ 6,226.30  
Expenses: \$ 8,966.56  
\$ (2,740.26)

### Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat., Aug 5	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier	Larry & Deb Johnson
Sun., Aug 6	Candy Wells	Sue Seykora	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Aug 12	Richelle Link	Patty Kepp	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Aug 13	Angela Ramirez	Candy Wells	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora
Sat., Aug 19	Celeste Geier	Larry Johnson	Larry & Deb Johnson
Sun., Aug 20	Sue Seykora	Angela Ramirez	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells

### Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's Church – Hardin  
Sunday Mass – 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday Mass – 5:45 p.m.  
Daily Mass – 8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday—Friday  
St. Mary's Mission – Custer  
Sunday Mass – 11:00 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm  
**For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,** please contact Father Cally  
**Contact Numbers:**  
Father Cally, 406-665-1432: all questions  
Patty Kepp, 406-665-5257: bulletin

### Calendar

**Wed., Aug 9:** Mass and Adoration, 5:30 pm



OCIA is the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.** This class begins in the fall and concludes with Easter Vigil celebration on March 30, 2024. This is a process of learning about the Catholic Faith. This class is offered to anyone who wants to learn more about catholic faith, desires to be a catholic, wants to be baptized as an adult, or wishes to complete the sacraments of initiation (Confirmation and First Eucharist). If you are interested please contact Fr. Cally (406) 665-1432 or the Director of Religious Education, Celeste Geier (406) 679-1679.

*God is good all the time!  
All the time, God is good!*



## TRANSFIGURATION IS THE GLORY OF CHRIST AND THE JOY OF HEAVEN

Today's gospel (Matthew 17:1-9) narrates the story of the transfiguration of Christ. Transfiguration is all about the glory of Christ, the glory of heaven. Transfiguration took place on mount Tabor. Jesus took Peter, James and John up the mountain to see this vision of heaven. Jesus transfigured himself. He took on his godly nature. "His face shown like the sun and his cloths became white as light." The three apostles were given the opportunity to see heaven a little, to see Christ in his glory as God. It was a very wonderful and a beautiful sight such that Peter exclaimed: "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 Elija."

That's the glory we all hope to see at the end of our earthly life. We all hope to enjoy the glory of heaven; to see God as he is and to see other popular heavenly persons like blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, the apostles, the angels, and saints. It is called beatific vision-vision of great joy.

Mount Tabor is a very high mountain. It must have taken Christ and the Apostles hours to reach the top of the mountain. The difficulty of climbing the mountain represents the pains and sufferings we all have to undergo before we get to heaven. It represents the cross we all have to carry. There is no glory without the cross.

Jesus underwent physical suffering and death before he entered his glory. The apostles equally passed through suffering and persecution before they entered heaven.

In our life on earth, we pass through a lot of hardship, stress, and sufferings as human beings and as Christians. Let us see these life's trials as the stress of climbing Mount Tabor. When we persevere in faithfulness and reach the top of the mountain, we shall see the glory of Christ; we shall enjoy the beatific vision.

This is the hope that sustains us in our life's pilgrimage. May we continue to listen to Jesus the beloved Son of God and to his church.



### Inviting all Married\* Couples and Priests!

- Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an experience for married couples and priests who value their relationships and desire a richer, fuller life in their marriage and priesthood.
- Attend a Marriage Encounter Experience and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage and priesthood strong and thriving.
- For over 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped millions of couples and priests find new ways to thrive together and live their vocations in love.



- This is an invitation being offered to all married couples and priests who are looking for a way to enrich their relationships through an online opportunity.
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter of Northern Illinois is hosting a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Experience being held on Thursday evenings starting October 5th through November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The sessions run for 2 ½ - 3 hours each evening starting at 7:00 PM CT.
- Zoom access is required and you must be available to attend all 8 sessions.
- Early application is required in order for the materials for the experience to be mailed to you ahead of time.

### 3RE Virtual Experience - Thursday Evenings starting October 5 – November 16, 2023

For more information and to sign up for an Experience visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or call 888-574-5653

\*WWME is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context.