

Readings and Music for

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 3, 2025

Processional

“Jesus All My Gladness”

H701

Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes:

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
 hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, ***
 and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, ***
 when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
 and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, ***
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
 that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, ***
 and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
 like the dull and stupid they perish *
 and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,**
 their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
 though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
 they are like the beasts that perish.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from the letter to the Colossians:

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Sermon

Rev. Hunter Farrow

Offertory “Come Down, O Love Divine” *H516*

Communion “Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted” *H303*

Recessional “Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us” *H559*

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

This week at Transfiguration:

<i>Today</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Church/FB</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
	<i>Coffee Hour hosted by</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>11:15am</i>
	<i>Dee & Joanna Wagner</i>		
<i>7/6</i>	<i>The Feast of the</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
	<i>Transfiguration</i>		
	<i>Special Eucharist &</i>		
	<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>8:00pm</i>
<i>7/8</i>	<i>Friday Night Fire</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Feast of the Transfiguration** – This Wednesday, August 6th, at 7 PM, we will have a special midweek Eucharist to celebrate The Feast of the Transfiguration. This will be a folk mass. We will be using some more contemporary worship pieces, and we are hopefully going to have a violin player in addition to our wonderful pianist. The music will be different from our typical Sunday mornings but still beautiful and reverent. I have extended an invitation to the other parishes in our deanery to join us for this service. Most of you are probably aware that I serve on Diocesan Council as the clergy representative for the Joliet Deanery, and one thing that has come out of our recent meetings is an understanding that the deaneries need to be a more vital part of the mission of the Diocese. I am hoping we can get folks from throughout the Joliet Deanery to join us and that we can build stronger bonds with our siblings in Christ throughout the deanery. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship in Leach Hall with snacks and drinks.
- **Friday Night Fire** – Our final monthly bonfire for the summer will be August 8th. We hope you can join for a relaxing evening of food and fellowship. The fire starts at 6:30 PM. Feel free to show up throughout the evening. Hunter and Elizabeth will provide some pizzas, and we encourage others to bring a side or dessert to share. Also, if you have lawn chairs, we encourage you to bring them.
- **Beds Plus** - Our Beds Plus Outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and write “Beds Plus” in the memo line. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at zottinger@gmail.com. Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the Shelter.

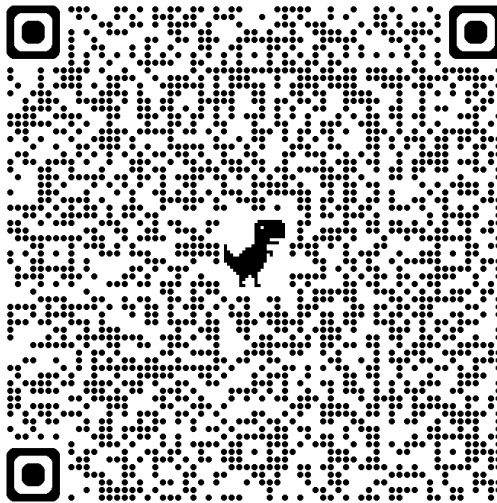
- **Pedal Palooza** – Join us for a morning of fun and festivities on August 23rd. This event is a bike rally and festival that we are putting on in memory of Barb Barnes, who was a member of this parish and an avid cyclist. The event will include fun activities for everyone, whether you are a cyclist or not.

For cyclists, there will be:

- 25 Mile Route: Check-in at 7:30am | Ride begins at 8:00am
- 5 Mile Route: Check-in at 9:00am | Ride begins at 9:30am

There will also be food, games, kid's bike races and safety demos, face painting, a DJ, open mic (acoustic, no drum kit), and more.

All riders must bring their own functional bike and helmet. This is a free event, but anyone planning to ride must register. For more details and to register scan the QR code below:



- **Sign up for Coffee Hour** – Please sign up for coffee hour. The nursery girls make the coffee, and simple instructions are emailed every week when you sign up. THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR DOING SO!!!!



Jubilee Happenings

August 23rd – Bike Rally

September 19th-20th – Autumn in the Park (Palos Park);
Parade at 1 PM on the 20th.

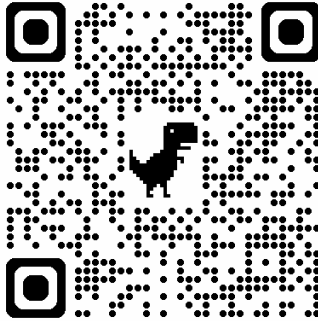
September 24th – Potluck and Concert with Singer-
Songwriter, Bobby Jo Valentine

October 11th – Chili Cook Off

November 8th – Bunco

December 10th – Christmas Cookie Exchange

Online Giving:



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