

The Pentecost

by Juan Bautista Maino



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Pentecost Sunday
Year B



TRANSFIGURATION

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth.

A very blessed Solemnity of Pentecost to you all! It is a profound mystery we celebrate today – the re-creation of the world through the outpouring of the Spirit. While this rebirth of creation is only seen now in sign and symbol, the work has nevertheless begun, especially within the Church. As the soul is to the human body, so the Spirit is to the Church – animating her, uniting her, and empowering her. And in the Church we truly have the beginnings of the new world to come – a place of joy and peace and love. While our experience of this newness is currently through the medium of supernatural faith, and is often obscured by sin and human weakness, we know that one day all peoples will see the glory of the Lord, a glory of fire and power.

This weekend we bid farewell to Deacon Zeph, who will soon return to his native Uganda to prepare for his ordination to the Holy Priesthood on July 31. While Deacon Zeph has not been with us as often or for as long as we would like, his heartwarming smile, personable nature, and great love for prayer and for Jesus has been a great blessing to me and to this parish. I am proud of him and am truly excited to join him in Uganda in a few months to witness his ordination. While Deacon Zeph may look to us all like a very young man, he has been in priestly formation for many, many years, and he is well prepared to minister to God's Holy People. I know that he is eager to return to his homeland, and to be with the people that nurtured and strengthened his faith and vocation.



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Why do we exist?

Transfiguration exists to lead all those in the East Metro to Christ, the Source and Summit of our daily and eternal lives.

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Be sure to check the weekly calendar for holiday changes.

Church Office Info

6133 15th Street North
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8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms

If you have a child needing to be baptized or if you are expecting a child soon, please call the parish office at 651-738-2646 to make arrangements for an individual Baptism class.

Weddings

If you would like to celebrate your wedding at Transfiguration, please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Interested in becoming Catholic? We invite anyone who has questions about the Faith, or who may be interested in becoming Catholic, to contact our parish office at 651-738-2646.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our Parish:

- **Patrick & Kari Schoen** from Inver Grove Heights
- **Mrs. Kathleen Seitz** from Oakdale
- **Nick & Veronica Mauro** and their daughter, **Lucy** from River Falls, WI

Obituaries

An obituary page is available on the parish website. It can be found at www.transfigurationmn.org/obits



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekend Collection Totals:	Amount Collected	Budget
July through April 2021	\$ 1,102,825	\$ 1,114,000
May 2021	55,415	55,500
Fiscal Year Total as of 05/16/2021	1,158,240	1,169,500
Surplus/(Deficit)		(11,260)
Percent above(below) budget		-0.96%

Big-Ticket Capital Improvement Fund

Big Ticket Balance as of April 30, 2021	\$ 37,004
Amount Collected May 2021	4,144
Balance in Big-Ticket Savings Account	\$ 41,148

Long-Term Debt for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021

Principal payments July 2020 through April 2021	\$ 205,308
Interest Paid on Long-Term Debt since July 1, 2020	157,430
Balance on Long-Term Debt as of April 30, 2020	4,060,622
Principal payments through May 2021	55,427
Balance on Long-Term Debt as of May 16, 2021	4,005,195

While both of his parents have passed away, he still has many brothers and sisters, as well as many nieces and nephews, not to mention many dear friends and extended family members, who are all waiting for his triumphant return. But he will always be welcome at Transfiguration, and I will always have a special love for him and his ministry. Please remember us in your prayers, dear brother! And we will remember you, especially at the altar, where we will remain united until the final days.

In other news... **I don't know about you, but I think the communion rail is exceptional!**



Deo Gratias! As I had hoped, I think it's proved well worth the wait. We plan to begin to use it at Mass on June 6, Corpus Christi Sunday. I want to express again my deepest gratitude to all who had a hand in the rail's completion. To Father Baer, who originally conceived of the idea all the way back in 2014, as the sanctuary's renovations were being envisioned; to Erin Ethier, our Parish Trustees and Finance Council, as well as our hard working parish staff, who all supported the project, asked important questions, created beautiful catechetical materials, and helped to see history through to completion; to Scarfone Contractors, who made the project a reality through hard work and excellent craftsmanship; and especially to the many parishioners who sacrificially and lovingly contributed financially to the effort – I am certain this little token of love for the Eucharistic Lord has made the Little King smile. May it also help us to pray and to worship well.

Once again, the addition of the rail does not foreshadow the necessity of kneeling to receive Holy Communion nor my wish that all receive on the tongue. As long as I am pastor, Transfiguration will enjoy that freedom that Holy Mother Church allows within the United States, that is, freedom to receive communion standing or kneeling, on the tongue or on the hand.

All communicants will line up along the rail, where they may kneel or stand as they see fit. The ministers of Holy Communion, ordained and lay, will then proceed left to right distributing Holy Communion as the next group of faithful wait to come forward. A video will be released soon modeling how this will work, which I fully expect will answer the questions that are rightly on the minds of many. I want the distribution of Holy Communion to be smooth and graceful, and while there will be some bumps in the road as we all learn this new way, I have every confidence that soon it will be old hat. Further information, including diagrams, will be in next weekend's bulletin, and we will speak about the new flow of communion traffic from the pulpit this weekend and next.

Finally, I promise you finally....

We continue to roll back our protocols at Mass in recognition of continued guidance from the state and from our own Archdiocese. As I mentioned last weekend, for some, these roll backs are proceeding much too slow, while for others, they are a cause of concern. Please continue to pray for me and my leadership team as we discern the best way forward. And please, let us continue to assume the best of each other and to pray for patience and mutual understanding. It has been a hard year for us all, but I have been proud of how we have come together as a parish. Let's finish strong.

In Christ, Transfigured and Transfiguring One,

Fr. Erickson

Monday, May 24

~ No confessions today ~
8:00 a.m. – Mass
7:00-8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 25

8:00 a.m. – Mass
Noon-12:30 p.m. – Confessions*
Noon-1:00 p.m. – Private Prayer/Adoration
5:00 p.m. – Mass

Wednesday, May 26

8:00 a.m. – Mass
7:00-8:30 p.m. – Apolgetics Talk
8:00-10:00 p.m. – Men's Basketball

Thursday, May 27

8:00 a.m. – Mass
Noon-12:30 p.m. – Confessions*
Noon-1:00 p.m. – Private Prayer/Adoration
7:00-8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Friday, May 28

8:00 a.m. – Mass

Saturday, May 29

8:00 a.m. – Mass
4:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 30 – The Most Holy Trinity

7:30-7:55 a.m. – Confessions*
8:30 a.m. – Holy Mass
10:30 a.m. – Holy Mass (incense)
6:00 p.m. – Holy Mass (high altar)

* Except when noted, confessions will be offered:

- Sundays 7:30-7:55 a.m.
- Mondays 5:30-6:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays & Thursdays noon-12:30 p.m.

**All times subject to change.
Please check our parish website
daily for time changes.**

ACCESSIBLE, AVAILABLE, MULTIPLE POINTS OF ENTRY

We are committed to providing many opportunities for as many people as possible to encounter the Lord through programs and offerings that are accessible, friendly, and convenient.

Smoker Poker

Join us for this fun annual event on **Friday, June 18**, Father's Day Weekend. Tasty foods, great drinks, attractive raffles and phenomenal community.

\$50 includes dinner, drinks, cigars, and entry into a Texas Hold'em tournament. Bring extra cash for worthwhile raffles. We are limiting this event to 50 people, so sign up early. Sign up in person or through the link on our website.



Help Needed for Donut Sunday



After the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses on the first Sunday of each month, we are in need of two volunteers (per Mass) to assist with our Donut Sunday. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old; the duties do not involve a lot of time, and volunteers are still able to attend Mass.

If you are interested, please see our website to sign up for a date or contact Melissa Phinney at mphinney@transfigurationmn.org if you have any additional questions.

Looking for a Gift?

Looking for something for an upcoming graduation gift? Give them something you know they will love – and help Transfiguration at the same time.

Transfiguration has partnered with *ShopWithScrip*, a company that sells gift cards for many of your favorite stores and restaurants; a portion of each purchase goes directly to Transfiguration. Buying your gift cards through this program is an easy way to give back the parish.

You may purchase gift cards by contacting the parish, or by downloading the *RaiseRight* mobile app and using this code: 4E86559D58L8



TRANSFIGURATION ANNUAL EVENT

Save the Date

Feast Day Festival Saturday, August 7

Join us as we celebrate
The Feast of the
Transfiguration - our
parish Feast Day!

More information to
come in future bulletins,
on our parish website
and social media.

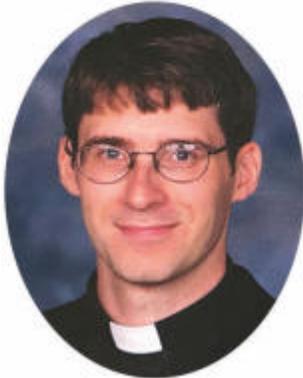


TRANSFIGURING SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

We recognize that the Sunday Mass is the true source and summit of our liturgical life in the Church, and we are committed to providing transcendent and transfiguring worship that also builds up our community as one.

15 Year Anniversary

On Thursday, May 27, both Fr. Erickson and Fr. Lynch will be celebrating their 15-year anniversary of priestly ordination. Throughout the last 15 years, each has served at a variety of parishes in the Archdiocese and we are blessed to have both of them here at Transfiguration. Congratulations, and thank you for your service and dedication to the Church!



Rev. Mr. John Paul Erickson
Theology IV
St. Mark, St. Paul



Rev. Mr. Brian Lynch
Theology IV
St. Michael, West St. Paul

Apologetics Talk

Is anger a sin? What is righteous anger?

Join us on Wednesday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m., for our monthly Apologetics Talk to get answers to these questions. These talks are given by both Fr. Erickson and Fr. Lynch, and will educate and assist you with in defending our Catholic faith.



Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute

Ever wonder what God has planned for your life? This fall, the Archbishop Flynn Catechetical Institute will offer the two-year Pillars Program in-person at Transfiguration Catholic Church in



Oakdale on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Taught by the best instructors in the Twin Cities, including Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Jeff Cavins, Deacon Joe Michalak, Fr. John Klockeman, Dr. Bill Stevenson, Deacon Dan Gannon, Dr. Todd Flanders, Christina Smith, Alyssa Bormes, Linda Corrigan, and Fr. Steven Hoffman, the program follows the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and layout the roadmap to heaven.

The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications for the Class of St. Joseph beginning in September are now being accepted through August 1, 2021.

If need be, the lectures will be live-streamed. For more information and an application, visit www.CIstudent.com or call (651) 962-5072.

Mass Intentions

Masses will be offered for each of these intentions.

Sunday, May 23

Gail Oie
Bev & Dave Spencer †
The People of Transfiguration

Monday, May 24

Alfred Therrien †

Tuesday, May 25

Fr. William Baer †
Richard Holt †

Wednesday, May 26

Mary Sue Lind †

Thursday, May 27

Fr. John Paul Erickson
Fr. Brian Lynch

Friday, May 28

Graybill Family

Saturday, May 29

Mary Vandagriff
Christine Jansky †

Sunday, May 30

Dustin Kadlec †
Donald Zimmerman †
The People of Transfiguration

PRO-FAMILY CULTURE

We are committed to being a truly “pro-family” culture, a culture that recognizes parents’ primary role in the education of their children, encourages and promotes a radical openness to life, and strives to support families in their efforts to be holy and to form their beloved children into saints.

Help Needed for Totus Tuus

We are need of adult catechists to assist our Totus Tuus program. Totus Tuus is a Catholic-based summer program focused on the virtues of the Saints and the beauty of our Catholic faith. Four college students volunteer their summer to travel around the Archdiocese to lead these week-long programs in parishes, sharing their faith, enthusiasm, and joy for the Catholic Church.

In order to make this event a success, we are in need of adult volunteers to assist in the classrooms throughout the week. The elementary students will be here Monday-Friday from 9-2:30 p.m., and the middle and high school students will be here Sunday-Thursday from 6:00-8:30 p.m. If you are able to assist at any time, please contact Melissa Phinney at mphinney@transfigurationmn.org



Transfiguring Conversations

This June, we will be holding small group meetings for the Transfiguring Conversations. These three conversations last 90 minutes each, one per week for three weeks; meetings may be held in-person or virtually. Watch future bulletins and social media for more information, or contact Melissa Phinney at mphinney@transfigurationmn.org.

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Beth B.

“Transfiguring Conversations was a great way for me to connect with parishioners I have not met before! I enjoyed learning about others’ walk with faith and ideas about how to live out my own faith in everyday life. I would definitely recommend to other parishioners!”

“

Mary Ann W.

“Our women’s Walking with Purpose (WWP) Bible Study group was invited to meet a couple weeks longer and discuss the Transfiguring Conversations. These conversations gave me the courage to use our WWP “Spirit of Welcome,” to invite our group and their spouses to socialize at our home and deepen our Christian friendships.”

Make This Father’s Day Extra Special

Did you know you can find Dad the perfect gift and raise money for Transfiguration at the same time?

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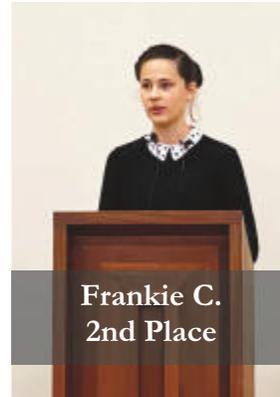
OUR SCHOOL

On Friday May 14, our 7th and 8th grade students presented their declamations. A declamation is a public speaking event where students deliver a portion or portions of a speech previously delivered; commencement addresses, historical speeches, and political speeches are common examples that students may use when selecting their declamation. Each student prepared a short introduction naming the work and the author and describing the circumstances under which the original speech was presented. With the exception of shortening the speech, the student was not permitted to alter the original speaker's words.

For many years, Transfiguration students have been memorizing and performing declamation as an annual component of our middle school literature curriculum; the students are encouraged to use backgrounds, costumes and other props to enhance their presentations. Students were given maximum time limit of 10 minutes (with a 30 second grace period), and were evaluated on their introduction, presentation style, vocal and physical delivery, and overall effect. The declamations were judged by a panel of 4 judges who chose the Top 11 students, and on May 17, the top 3 students presented their speeches again in the finales. The winners are: Molly M. 1st Place, and Frankie C. and Hannah L. tied for 2nd Place. Congratulations! The video of the final three is available on our YouTube Channel.



Molly M.
1st Place



Frankie C.
2nd Place



Hanna L.
2nd Place

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