



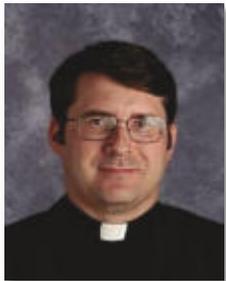
The Blessing of the Wheat in Artois by Jules Breton

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Solemnity of the
Holy Body and Blood
of Christ—Year B



TRANSFIGURATION



Dear Friends,

A very blessed Corpus Christi to you all. May the Little God, found in the tabernacle waiting for our love and devotion, strengthen and guide you on your pilgrimage to your heavenly homeland. Like the Israelites of old, we too are fed by the Lord on our pilgrimage with Bread from heaven. But unlike our ancestors of old, the bread that we feast upon is the

very Body and Blood of the God-man, Jesus Christ, Who by His flesh has saved the world and Who grants to those who believe in Him eternal life. Come let us adore Him!

This weekend marks the first time we are using our communion rail at Sunday Masses. We will solemnly bless the rail at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, though its real consecration is to be found in the presence of so many who will approach it to receive the Eucharistic Lord and have done so already. As you will notice, our communion flow will be a little different with the presence of the rail, though as we have said consistently, no one is required to kneel to receive Holy Communion nor to receive the Host upon the tongue. Instructions will be given at each Mass this weekend and a video is available on our YouTube page modeling our new communion procession.

I am proud of our rail, and believe it fits perfectly in the renovated sanctuary. I continue to be deeply grateful to all who made this project a reality, and in a particular way Scarfone Contractors who will be with us at the 10:30 a.m. Mass this weekend. Please join me in thanking them for their handsome work.

I've written about it before, but I think it bears repeating – one advantage of the communion rail is that it truly brings us together to receive Holy Communion.

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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

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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.

Deaths & Funerals

Alice Gertrude Moris died and was buried from Transfiguration on June 1. Please keep Alice and her family in your prayers.

*May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

NEW PARISHIONERS

We are pleased to welcome *Tim & Christine Carter* of Lake Elmo, as new members to our Parish.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekend Collection Totals:	Amount Collected	Budget
July through April 2021	\$ 1,102,825	\$ 1,114,000
May 2021	101,833	106,000
Fiscal Year Total as of 05/30/2021	1,204,658	1,220,000
Surplus/(Deficit)		(15,342)
Percent above(below) budget		-1.26%

Big-Ticket Capital Improvement Fund

Big Ticket Balance as of April 30, 2021	\$ 37,004
Amount Collected May 2021	8,005
Balance in Big-Ticket Savings Account	\$ 45,009

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	77,494
Balance on Long-Term Debt as of May 30, 2021	3,983,128



Lining up along the rail reminds us all that we are not alone in our pursuit of holiness but are surrounded by many men and women who like us are striving to live in communion with Jesus despite our obvious frailty and weakness. And so I actually think our rail emphasizes in a rather poignant way the communal nature of our Catholic Faith. This runs counter to many of the assumptions and associations made about more traditional piety. At that rail, we are all disciples and all in need of being fed by the Master, elbow to elbow with fellow sinners in need of redemption. And so the rail is not just to remind us of the Presence of the One in our sanctuary and offered upon our altar. It is also for us. May this addition to our life as Church increase within us love of God and love of neighbor.

In other news...

Thank you again to all who participated in the feasibility study coordinated by the Steier Group. The study concluded on May 17, and parish leadership has been presented with a significant report outlining the findings of this extensive survey. The feedback we received regarding was largely quite positive, and there seems to be widespread support for a capital campaign in pursuit of debt reduction. A summary report will be delivered to all parishioners very shortly, which will include the goal of our campaign, a goal suggested by Steier after its review of the data of our feasibility study. Please keep this whole effort in your prayers. Our campaign will begin sometime this fall, and we will need all parishioners to contribute in some way if it is to be a success. By "contribute," I don't just mean your money, though we will gladly take that. I also mean your prayers and good will, as we strive to build up a future here in Oakdale that is as graced as our past. I entrust this effort once again to the paternal care of Saint Joseph.

Finally, I promise you finally...

After six years of noble service as our school's principal, Mr. Andy Jacobson has accepted a position as Associate Principal at Nativity in Saint Paul. In doing so, he joins his long-time mentor Kate Wollan in the administration of one of the largest and most successful parochial schools in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. "Mr. J" has been a beloved part of our school community, and his love for our students and your children is a true inspiration to me. I am sad to see him go. But I am also delighted to announce that Mrs. Eileen Douglass, who served as our middle school English teacher this past year, has accepted my invitation to become Transfiguration's next principal. Mrs. Douglass brings with her both administrative and teaching experience to this new role, and a clear understanding of the Catholic Church's authentic vision of education, which always include a clear understanding of who the human person is and the destiny and meaning of every man and woman. I am truly excited to work with Mrs. Douglass as we continue to build up and strengthen our beloved school. Our future is bright.

In Christ, the Transfigured and Transfiguring One,

Fr. Erickson

Monday, June 7

8:00 a.m. – Mass
5:30-6:00 p.m. – Confessions*
7:00-8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Tuesday, June 8

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, June 9

8:00 a.m. – Mass
8:00-10:00 p.m. – Men's Basketball

Thursday, June 10

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, June 11

8:00 a.m. – Mass

Saturday, June 12

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

Sunday, June 13 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

* 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.

Graduating 8th Graders

What did you like about Transfiguration and where are you going next year?



“The best thing about Transfiguration is all the people I get to see each morning and the teachers are awesome! I will be attending Hill Murray for high school.”

~ Seamus M.



“What I loved most about going to Transfiguration was being a part of a faith-filled school. I loved participating in the walkathon and going to the fall festival. We did so many great things and I loved all my teachers. I will really miss it here and will cherish all memories.”

~ Tristan R.

If you are looking for an alternative to public education and want your child to have a faith-filled education, consider Transfiguration Catholic School. We currently have open enrollment for 6th-8th grades. At Transfiguration, our middle school students are taught to exhibit the Three Pillars of our School: Christian Discipleship, Academic Excellence, and Great Love. In addition to traditional classroom learning, students attend Mass weekly, have the opportunity for confession and adoration, cultivate a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith, and much more. For more information call 651-501-2220 or email us at tiger@transfigurationmn.org to set up a virtual tour and to learn about our affordable tuition.

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 by scanning the QR Code below or through the link on our website.



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.

SSVM Missions



SSVM Missions (Servants of the Lord) will be coming to Transfiguration on June 26/27 for the mission appeal.

From their beginnings in San Rafael, Argentina in 1988, The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará (www.servidoras.org or www.ssvmmissions.org), a missionary Institute of religious sisters, have grown to over 1,500 sisters missioning in almost 40 different countries throughout the world. They strive to go where the presence of religious sisters is most needed. Although they are an international community,

they have been blessed with many vocations from the United States, a bit over 100 at present. Our appeal the weekend of June 26/27 allows the Sisters the opportunity to speak about their mission work in the Philippines, which stands in great need of Transfiguration's support. The sisters work with children and poor families in human and religious development, specifically providing medical care, education on hygiene, manage a large feeding program, and teach catechism to children and adults. The Philippines are at present not economically stable, which means missionaries do not receive much help from the local people who very often themselves lack even basic necessities.



Thank you in advance for your support and generosity of the SSVM Missions, and for welcoming Mother Faith to Transfiguration. As they daily strive to help those in need, the Sisters are most grateful to all of us for our prayers, contributions and generosity, truly a grace from God and a consolation for our missionary sisters, and assure of their prayers!

Mass Intentions

Masses will be offered for each of these intentions.

Sunday, June 6

Art Sousa †
Bev & Dave Spencer †
The People of Transfiguration

Monday, June 7

Amy & Roman Wirkus †

Tuesday, June 8

Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sarah Salminen

Wednesday, June 9

Rosario Busque †

Thursday, June 10

Dick, Sue & Kathy Smith

Friday, June 11

Dean & Margaret Sonnek

Saturday, June 12

Anna & Vern Kolb †
Dick Holt †

Sunday, June 13

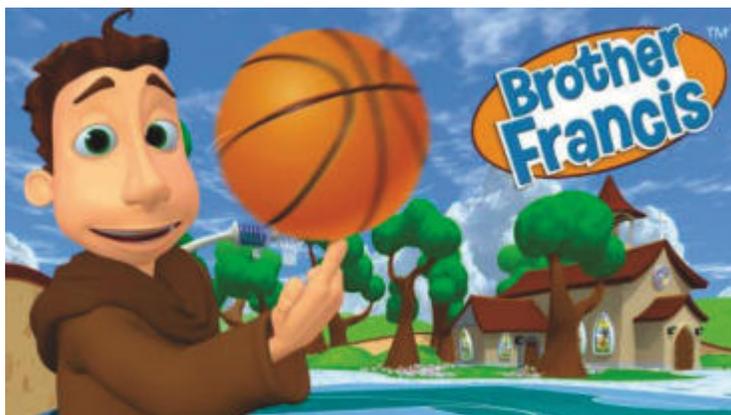
Fr. George Welzbacher
Ben Weichman †
The People of Transfiguration

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Do you enjoy family T.V. time with the kids? Want to find a more faith-based show to watch?

If so, "Brother Francis" is a series available for free on FORMED® that helps children up to eight years old understand our Catholic faith.



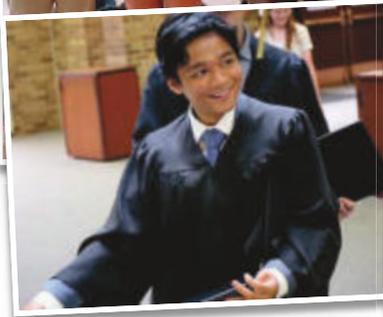
To signup for your free subscription, go to www.transfigurationmn/formed.org. This series can be found at watch.formed.org/brother-francis-1.

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.

Transfiguration 8th Grade Graduates

Congratulations to our 8th grade Transfiguration Catholic School graduates! We wish them all the best and an abundance of God’s grace as they begin the next chapter of their lives.



GARRETT AHERN
AVA BIAS
ABIGAIL CHINN
DOMINIC GUPILAN
DOMINIK HIESTAND
BENJAMIN JOHNSON
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FEAST DAY Festival

Our parish festival is only two months away! In past years, this festival had been held as a ‘Fall Festival’ in September, but now the Festival will become a part of our parish Feast Day celebration.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our new and exciting **Feast Day Festival** on August 7, 2021. Although it may look a little different than past years, it will still be the same fun you have grown to love, and will be a perfect opportunity for us all to come together as a community. Watch future bulletins and social media for more details.

We can’t wait to see you there!

Totus Tuus

The Totus Tuus program is a wonderful mix of faith and fun, and offers a “week-at-camp” right here on our campus in Oakdale. It is led by a team of college students and seminarians (two men & two women) who aim to make the faith real to our youth as a way of life and love, not simply a set of rules and obligations; the team effectively enthuses our youth, drawing them into a deeper relationship with Christ.



This year Transfiguration will be offering Totus Tuus June 28-July 2 from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for preK-6th grade; and June 27-July 2 for middle school and high school. We are also in need of a few adult volunteers to help during the day; if you are interested, please contact Melissa Phinney at mphinney@transfigurationmn.org.



FROM ERIN ETHIER, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Each week you can find the balance of our building mortgage on page two, along with the principal and interest payments for the current fiscal year. The current mortgage was taken out in 2012 and is the result of the 2005 building project that added the Pre-K through 5th grade wing and the remainder of the 1999 mortgage.

A History of Transfiguration Debt

1986 – New Church built in Oakdale; School remains at Maplewood site on Harvester Avenue

1999 – First Addition added to Oakdale site

This project consisted of expanding the church and gathering space, and adding the middle school classrooms, school offices, and gym. At the conclusion of construction in 1999, we had a mortgage of \$4.8 million.

2005 – The K5 wing is added to the Oakdale building and the Maplewood campus is sold.

This addition cost approximately \$2.4 million and the construction loan was refinanced into a tax-exempt bond with interest-only payments

2012 – Refinanced tax-exempt bond and 1999 mortgage

In November of 2012, we faced rising debt payments and a line of credit balance that we could not pay down. The decision was made to refinance the bond and mortgage into one mortgage of \$5,130,393. At this time, we also had short-term debt on a line of credit of \$284,665.

In the next bulletin, I will cover how we paid off the line of credit and how that effort led into the Big Ticket Capital Improvement fund.

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