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July
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2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B



TRANSFIGURATION



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Father Lynch, Deacon Dan, and all the staff here at Transfiguration, I want to wish you and your families a very blessed and restful holiday weekend. While the loyalty of the Catholic heart must always first extend to the Catholic Church, patriotism is still a great virtue, and there is so much to be proud of as we thank God for the gift of this great country. To

be sure, our history bears the mark of sin and human brokenness, and we even now find the grave evil of abortion protected by our laws. Like any nation, ours is not perfect. And yet, even now, it is a beacon of hope and liberty for millions around the world. Please join me in praying for the United States, under the special patronage of the Immaculate Conception. May we as a nation truly live up to the noble ideals given to us in our founding.

In 1987, Pope Saint John Paul II visited the United States, and made the following remarks while visiting Detroit. They are fitting words to reprint on Independence Day.

America the beautiful! So you sing in one of your national songs. Yes, America, you are beautiful indeed, and blessed in so many ways:

- in your majestic mountains and fertile plains;
- in the goodness and sacrifice hidden in your teeming cities and expanding suburbs;
- in your genius for invention and for splendid progress;
- in the power that you use for service and in the wealth that you share with others;

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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.

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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.

Congratulations!

Praise God for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ given to *Charlotte Leighton Baulos*, daughter of Casey and Jenna.

Weddings

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

Wedding Banns Announcement III:

Karen Vanderzanden & Kyle Bernhardt will be joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony here on July 10, 2021.

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

Paul Alwin Lehman died and was buried from Transfiguration on June 30. Please keep Paul and his family in your prayers.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekend Collection Totals:	Amount Collected	Budget
July through May 2021	\$ 1,204,658	\$ 1,220,000
June 2021	99,574	94,000
Fiscal Year Total as of 6/27/2021	1,304,232	1,314,000
Surplus/(Deficit)		(9,768)
Percent above(below) budget		-0.74%

Big-Ticket Capital Improvement Fund

Big Ticket Balance as of May 31, 2021	\$ 45,009
Amount Collected June 2021	6,262
Balance in Big-Ticket Savings Account	\$ 51,271

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

Principal payments July 2020 through May 2021	\$ 282,802
Interest Paid on Long-Term Debt since July 1, 2020	171,369
Balance on Long-Term Debt as of May 31, 2020	3,983,128
Principal payments through June 2021	15,637
Balance on Long-Term Debt as of June 27, 2021	3,967,491



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 4 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30-7:55 a.m. – Confessions*
8:30 a.m. – Holy Mass
9:30 a.m. – Blessing of Expectant Mothers
10:30 a.m. – Holy Mass (incense)
11:30 a.m. – Blessing of Expectant Mothers
No 6:00 p.m. Mass

Monday, July 5 – **Parish Office Closed**

8:00 a.m. – Mass

Tuesday, July 6

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, July 7

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

Thursday, July 8

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, July 9

8:00 a.m. – Mass

Saturday, July 10

8:00 a.m. – Mass
3:15-3:50 p.m. – Confessions*
4:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass

Sunday, July 11 – 15th 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.
- Tuesdays & Thursdays noon-12:30 p.m.
- Saturdays 3:15-3:50 p.m.

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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

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- *in what you give to your own, and in what you do for others beyond your borders;*
- *in how you serve, and in how you keep alive the flame of hope in many hearts;*
- *in your quest for excellence and in your desire to right all wrongs.*

Yes, America, all this belongs to you. But your greatest beauty and your richest blessing is found in the human person: in each man, woman and child, in every immigrant, in every native-born son and daughter.

For this reason, America, your deepest identity and truest character as a nation is revealed in the position you take towards the human person. The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless ones.

The best traditions of your land presume respect for those who cannot defend themselves. If you want equal justice for all, and true freedom and lasting peace, then, America, defend life! All the great causes that are yours today will have meaning only to the extent that you guarantee the right to life and protect the human person:

- *feeding the poor and welcoming refugees;*
- *reinforcing the social fabric of this nation;*
- *promoting the true advancement of women;*
- *securing the rights of minorities;*
- *pursuing disarmament, while guaranteeing legitimate defense –*

all this will succeed only if respect for life and its protection by the law is granted to every human being from conception until natural death.

Every human person - no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or how old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society - is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival – yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn.

With these sentiments of love and hope for America, I now say goodbye in words that I spoke once before: "Today, therefore, my final prayer is this: that God will bless America, so that she may increasingly become - and truly be - and long remain one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In Christ, the Transfigured and Transfiguring One,

Fr. Erickson



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 Wrap-up

Smoker Poker 2021 was a great success!

We had 51 men for the 5th Annual event. Steve S. was the big winner of the Texas Hold'em tournament and many other men won raffles. One of the men said "One of the best if not the best church group event I've gone to. Got to meet a lot of good guys and it looks like you have a solid men's group at Transfiguration."

Thank you to all the men that helped make it happen, and if you missed this year's event, make sure to mark your calendar for next summer's Father's Day weekend.



Welcome, Daniel Orsinger!

This past Monday, we welcomed a new Transfiguration staff member, Daniel Orsinger. Daniel will be serving as the Communications Coordinator. His responsibilities include



managing and preparing communications and marketing materials and strengthening our brand identity in the community as we work toward our goal of bringing all those in the East Metro to Christ. Michelle Jwanouskos has been working part-time for the past several years on some of these tasks and has done a wonderful job improving communications. Daniel is a full-time staff member and will be working with communications for the entire parish, which includes school communications and marketing.

Daniel is a 2018 graduate of Benedictine College and spent two years as a missionary with St. Paul's Outreach. Daniel and his wife, Madeline, are parents to Ruth and are members of Transfiguration. Please help us welcome Daniel to the Transfiguration community!

Open Enrollment!

We currently have open enrollment!

At Transfiguration, our students are taught to exhibit the Three Pillars of our School:

- *Christian Discipleship*
- *Academic Excellence*
- *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.

Please contact tiger@transfigurationmn.org to set up a virtual tour and to learn about our affordable tuition.

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.

Saturday Morning Men's Groups

Looking for a group of men to share your faith with and hold you accountable to become the man God created you to be? Looking for some support in your vocation as a father and husband? Transfiguration has two men's groups that meet every other Saturday morning from 6:30-8:00 a.m. for prayer, study, and mutual support. The groups are filled with great men who will be a benefit not only to you, but to your family. You might even find friends to help you with weekend projects at your house.

Contact Justin Kortuem for more information and to be included in the upcoming communications. Or you can just show up at 6:30 a.m. starting July 17.



Group Rosary

All are invited to pray a group Rosary with other parishioners in the Church following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays.

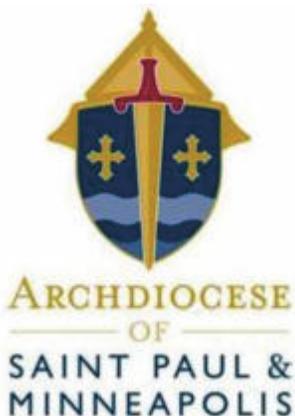
There is a lot to be thankful for, and a lot to pray for, and bringing our prayers together under the protection and guidance of Our Blessed Mother is a perfect opportunity to offer such prayers and invite others to join in praying with you.



Return to Sunday Obligation

Archbishop Hebda announced that the dispensation given during the pandemic was lifted July 1, 2021 – this is the first weekend affected by the lift; Catholics in our archdiocese will be again under the normal Sunday obligation to attend Mass every Sunday on and Holy Days of Obligation.

For Archbishop Hebda's full statement, including exceptions to the obligation, please visit www.archspm.org/returning-to-mass-july-1-marks-end-of-dispensation-in-minnesota/



Mass Intentions

Masses will be offered for each of these intentions.

Sunday, July 4

Kaylee Herdina
Betty Bollard †
The People of Transfiguration

Monday, July 5

Ryan Matara †

Tuesday, July 6

Wendy & Tim Meers Family
Louis & B.J. Haak †

Wednesday, July 7

Donald Zimmerman †

Thursday, July 8

Colleen McLaughlin †

Friday, July 9

Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, July 10

Mary Blauert †
Paul Novotny †

Sunday, July 11

The People of Transfiguration
Poor Souls
JoAnn Preiner †

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.



Date: Saturday, August 7, 2021

Time: 2:00-9:00 p.m.

What: Festival to celebrate the Feast of Transfiguration (our parish feast day!). There will be live entertainment, games for kids, food and beverages, and much more!

Theme: “Welcome Home” – A Family Reunion



WIN \$7,500!



It is that time of year: the annual festival raffle! This year we will only be selling 1,000 tickets – and this means your chance of winning is greater. Tickets will be available after Masses and during parish hours through the office. We can only accept cash or check (made out to Transfiguration). You must be 18 to enter and win; a complete list of rules may be found on our website. If you have any questions, please contact our parish office at: 651-738-2646.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To make our Feast Day Festival a success, we need you! **We are looking for many volunteers to work short shifts.** This allows everyone plenty of time to enjoy the festival. Visit our website to see volunteer opportunities available. **SCHOOL FAMILIES:** Volunteering for the festival counts toward your required school volunteer hours. We also have volunteer opportunities for middle and high school students.



Raffle cost: \$50

Prize money: 1st - \$7,500
2nd - \$5,000
3rd - \$2,500

Drawing: August 7, 2021, at
7:30 p.m. (need not
be present to win)

Max number of tickets sold: 1,000



Calling All Young Adults!

All young adults (**ages 21-39**) are invited to join us following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, July 17**. We will be having a potluck and yard games on the patio of the parish.

All young adults, single, married, families are invited to join us.

No need to R.S.V.P. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Phinney at mphinney@transfigurationmn.org.

FROM ERIN ETHIER, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

The table below shows the most recent history of our long-term debt. As noted in recent bulletins, we were working in 2012 toward reducing operating expenses and paying off the line of credit and back parish assessments. Therefore, we needed a monthly loan payment that we could afford while we put our operating finances in order. The current loan achieved that goal, and next year, with the help of a debt-reduction campaign, we will move on to the next phase – eliminating the debt.

June 2008 Refinance Summary	Amount	Term	Int Rate	Monthly Pmt
Catholic Order of Foresters Loan	\$ 2,849,875	16 yr	6.50%	\$ 23,912.60
Premier Bank—Tax-Exempt Bond	2,725,000	20 yr*	4.19%	9,500.00
Total Loan Principal as of 6/8/2008	\$ 5,574,875			\$ 33,412.60

* Interest-only yrs 1-10, Principal & Interest yrs 11-20

In November 2012, the two 2008 loans were consolidated at a lower interest rate.

	Amount	Term	Int Rate	Monthly Pmt
North American Bank Loan 11/28/2012	\$ 5,130,393	10 yr*	4.05%	\$ 24,764.23

* Payment calculated on a 30-year amortization

Father Erickson and I met with another bank this spring to review the existing loan terms and determine if it would be to Transfiguration's advantage to refinance the loan prior to the maturity date. We determined that there is no advantage at this time. We remain hopeful that the balance next fall will be substantially lower, and we will be in a position to choose a payment that will pay off the remaining principal within five years.

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