



The Adoration of the Kings Artist Unknown

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...The door opened and Jim stepped in. He looked thin and very serious. Poor man, he was only twenty-two and he had to care for a wife. He needed a new coat and gloves to keep his hands warm.

Jim stopped inside the door, as immovable as a dog smelling a bird. His eyes were fixed upon Della. There was an expression in them that she could not read, and it frightened her. It was not anger, nor surprise, nor fear, nor any of the feelings that she had been prepared for. He simply looked at her with a strange expression on his face. Della went to him.

"Jim, my love," she cried, "do not look at me that way. I had my hair cut and sold because I could not have lived through Christmas without giving you a gift. My hair will grow out again. I just had to do it. My hair grows very fast. Say 'Merry Christmas! Jim, and let us be happy. You do not know what a nice-- what a beautiful, nice gift I have for you."

"You have cut off your hair?" asked Jim, slowly, as if he had not accepted the information even after his mind worked very hard.

"Cut it off and sold it," said Della. "Do you not like me just as well? I am the same person without my hair, right?"

Jim looked about the room as if he were looking for something.

"You say your hair is gone?" he asked.

"You need not look for it," said Della. "It is sold, I tell you--sold and gone, too. It is Christmas Eve, boy. Be good to me, for it was cut for you. Maybe the hairs of my head were numbered," she went on with sudden serious sweetness, "but nobody could ever count my love for you. Shall I put the meat on, Jim?"

Jim seemed to awaken quickly and put his arms around Della. Then he took a package from his coat and threw it on the table.

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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

Becoming Catholic (R.C.I.A.)

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact our parish office to sign up for our R.C.I.A. classes (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

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. Announcing for the first time, *Justine Nwosu and Zachary Wistl* will be joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on January 22, 2022

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Due to an early bulletin submission date this past week, updates to the parish financial numbers are not available in this week's bulletin. These numbers through Jan. 2 will be available in the Jan. 9 bulletin.

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“Lord, how good it is for us to be here!”

-MATTHEW 17:4

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 2: The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30-7:55 a.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:30 a.m. – Holy Mass
9:30 a.m. – Blessing of Expectant Mothers
10:30 a.m. – Holy Mass (High Altar) (Incense)
11:30 a.m. – Blessing of Expectant Mothers
6:00 p.m. – Holy Mass

Monday, January 3

8:00 a.m. – Holy Mass
7:00-8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Tuesday, January 4

8:00 a.m. – Holy Mass
Noon-12:30 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation
Noon-1:00 p.m. – Private Prayer/Adoration
5:00 p.m. – Holy Mass

Wednesday, January 5

8:00 a.m. – Holy Mass
9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. – Adoration with prayer
intention for our parish school (**in chapel**)
3:30-5:00 p.m. - Youth Group
8:00-10:00 p.m. – Men's Basketball

Thursday, January 6

8:00 a.m. – Holy Mass
Noon-12:30 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation
Noon-1:00 p.m. – Private Prayer/Adoration
6:00-8:00 p.m. - Band Christmas Concert
7:00-8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting
7:00-8:30 p.m. – R.C.I.A.

Friday, January 7

8:00 a.m. – Holy Mass
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Adoration with prayer intention
for the parish debt reduction

Saturday, January 8

8:00 a.m. – Holy Mass
10:00-12:00 p.m. - Pre-School Open House
3:15-3:45 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. – Holy Vigil Mass
5:00-8:00 p.m. - Young Adult Christmas Party

Sunday, January 9

7:30-7:55 a.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:30 a.m. – Holy Mass
9:30-10:30 a.m. – Faith Formation
10:30 a.m. – Holy Mass (Incense)
10:30 a.m. – Parish Picnic (High Altar)
6:00 p.m. – Holy Mass

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued from page 1)

"Do not make any mistake about me, Dell," he said. "I do not think there is any haircut that could make me like my girl any less. But if you will open that package you may see why you had me frightened at first."

White fingers quickly tore at the string and paper. There was a scream of joy; and then, alas! a change to tears and cries, requiring the man of the house to use all his skill to calm his wife.

For there were the combs -- the special set of objects to hold her hair that Della had wanted ever since she saw them in a shop window. Beautiful combs, made of shells, with jewels at the edge --just the color to wear in the beautiful hair that was no longer hers. They cost a lot of money, she knew, and her heart had wanted them without ever hoping to have them. And now, the beautiful combs were hers, but the hair that should have touched them was gone.

But she held the combs to herself, and soon she was able to look up with a smile and say, "My hair grows so fast, Jim!"

Then Della jumped up like a little burned cat and cried, "Oh, oh!"

Jim had not yet seen his beautiful gift. She happily held it out to him in her open hands. The silver chain seemed so bright.

"Isn't it wonderful, Jim? I looked all over town to find it. You will have to look at the time a hundred times a day now. Give me your watch. I want to see how it looks on it."

Instead of obeying, Jim fell on the couch and put his hands under the back of his head and smiled.

"Dell," said he, "let us put our Christmas gifts away and keep them a while. They are too nice to use just right now. I sold my gold watch to get the money to buy the set of combs for your hair. And now, why not put the meat on."

The magi were wise men--wonderfully wise men--who brought gifts to the Baby Jesus. They invented the art of giving Christmas gifts. Being wise, their gifts were wise ones. And here I have told you the story of two young people who most unwisely gave for each other the greatest treasures of their house. But in a last word to the wise of these days, let it be said that of all who give gifts, these two were the wisest. Everywhere they are wisest. They are the magi.

O. Henry – Taken from the conclusion of "The Gift of the Magi"

Stay Informed with MyParish

The most up-to-date information about Transfiguration can be found using the **MyParish App**. Access the app by scanning the QR code on the right.



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.

New Member Dinner

Join us for our annual New Member Dinner Saturday, **January 15 at 5:00-7:00 p.m.** to welcome all new members who have joined us this past year. This dinner is an annual event where we take time to recognize all who have joined the parish in the last year and welcome them into the community. The evening includes a social hour, music, dinner, drinks, games, and a short program. All our welcome to join us for this exciting evening. Space is limited, so we encourage you to register earlier.

We are also in the need of table hosts. This \$200 donation per table will help cover the cost of food and drinks for the evening. New members received an invite, if you are a new member and have not received an invite, please contact Melissa Phinney at mphinney@transfigurationmn.org. Registration for new members and table hosts are now open.

Registration for the rest of the parish will be open starting **January 5**. You do not need to be a member or even Catholic to attend. Please visit our website or scan the QR code to register.

If you have any questions, please contact **Melissa Phinney** at mphinney@transfigurationmn.org or 651-501-2202.



Young Adult Christmas Party



Christmas does not end on December 25; in fact, the season is just beginning! Our young adult group (ages 21-39) at Transfiguration will be celebrating Christmas with a PARTY on **January 8 at 5:00 p.m.** This will be an evening of community with fun activities. Dinner is provided, but feel free to bring a dessert to share. All young adults (single, married, kids, no kids) are invited to join. You do not need to be a parishioner to attend, so invite your friends!

Wednesday Night Men's Basketball



Join other men from Transfiguration in our great gym to play basketball on Wednesday nights from **8:00-10:00 p.m.** All skill levels are welcome. For more information, please contact **Justin Kortuem** at jkortuem@transfigurationmn.org to be added to the weekly email list.

Transfiguration Podcast



Have you listened to our parish podcast *Transfiguration in Oakdale*? Whether you are on your daily commute, hitting the gym or the trails, or just sitting at home, we've got you covered with awesome content to keep you engaged and informed. Check out our recent uploads on your favorite podcast app and look for new episodes every Sunday!

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.

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Responsory: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Thank you!

Merry Christmas and a most blessed happy 2022 to all our Liturgical Ministers, environment team, and linen launderers. Thank you for your gifts of hospitality, talent, time, and most importantly prayer and faithfulness to our Lord and all of our guests and parishioners that call Transfiguration home.

-Shantel Schallenkamp

Interested in joining Transfiguration? We would love to have you join us!

Call 651-738-2646 to learn more about our Parish and how to get involved.
Welcome!

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the health of these people

Helen Alberg	Elijah Dressel	Tim Jensen	Neil Pechmann
Steve Alberg	John & Mary Duvlea	Tim Jesinek	Jeff Peltier
Doug Adams	Lerot Eichens	Richard Johnson	Leo Pierre
Carla Amaya	Sage Erie	Pam Kammeyer	Karen Pineda
Sally Anderson	Roberto Estrada	Patrick Kavanagh	Lars Romo
Jovita Barbosa	Lindsey Falzone	Greg King	Charles Roth
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Mike Bernauer	Kathy Fleck	Cody Klotz	Kaye Sauer
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Denny Borich	Margaret Frank	Brian Koepemick	Jim Schrammel
Claire Celski	Joyce Garcia	Joyce Kortuem	Joan Schuebel
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Emily Cook	Chad & Kathy Houston	Linda Diane Lopez	Steven Teeters
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Roxanne Domini	Pat Jensen	Casey Mencke	Barbara Winkle
Danny Dressel	Rachel Jensen	Ron and Dian Parent	Roger Zedlik

Mass Intentions

*Masses will be offered for
each of these intentions.*

Sunday, January 2

Art Sousa †
The People of Transfiguration
Donald Conley †

Monday, January 3

Karen Gutmair †

Tuesday, January 4

Loretta Pierre †
Henry Brzezinski †

Wednesday, January 5

Butch Schmidtbauer †

Thursday, January 6

Arnold Nelson †

Friday, January 7

Spencer Nelson

Saturday, January 8

Aline Therrien

Mark Ryan

Sunday, January 9

Dorothy Brandt †
Frank W Heintz, Sr †
The People of Transfiguration

*If you would like to add a loved one to our prayer list,
please contact Martha at (651)738-2646 or mprask.a@transfigurationmn.org.*



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.

Youth Group – 5th-12th Grade

Having a strong community can help students thrive as they grow in their faith. At Transfiguration, our Youth Group seeks to create an atmosphere of community and where students can grow in their personal relationship with Jesus.



Youth Group is not just catechesis, we also spend time with friends enjoying games and good food.

Starting **January 5**, we will be moving Youth Group for both **Middle and High School students to the First and Third**

Wednesday of each month from 3:30-5:00 p.m. We will also be allowing 5th graders to join us the **First Wednesday** of each month. All parents need to fill out the 2022 permission form available on our website or by scanning the QR code.

For more information contact Melissa Phinney at mphinney@transfigurationmn.org.



Youth Group Vision Statement: Create an atmosphere of community and a place where students can grow in their personal relationship with Jesus.

School Open Houses

Our Pre-School and Kindergarten students are loved, nurtured and encouraged to be their best selves with emphasis on curiosity, integrated subjects and developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Our Middle School forms students in a culture of joyful rigor and true freedom, providing our students with both the grounding of solid academic formation and the wings of faith. Our Pre-School and Kindergarten open house is **Saturday January 8, 2022 10:00 a.m. – Noon** and our Middle school’s open house is **Saturday January 15, 2022 10:00 a.m. – Noon**.

We hope you will join us!

Substitute Teachers Needed

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

**Christian Discipleship,
Academic Excellence,
& Great Love.**

All persons interested in leading our students in these pillars as a substitute teacher, please contact our school office at tiger@transfigurationmn.org

“What can you do to promote world peace?
Go home and love
your family.”

– St. Teresa of Calcutta

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Transfiguration Catholic Church is quickly approaching the final weeks of our *Together in Gratitude, Forward in Hope* campaign. Thank you to the many volunteers and donors who have stepped up with extreme generosity and sacrifice. As of December 19, our campaign total sits at \$2,171,000!

As our community winds down this important effort, we'd like to ramp up the level of participation. If you haven't had the chance to join your fellow parishioners in supporting our campaign, it's not too late. On January 8 and 9, during all Masses, we will celebrate Commitment Weekend. This event allows us to honor the many families who have helped our parish reach this point in the campaign, while offering everyone a final chance to invest in the future of Transfiguration. Please prayerfully consider supporting this critical effort. No gift is too small! In order to significantly reduce our debt, we need your help. Join us for **Commitment Weekend on January 8 and 9!**

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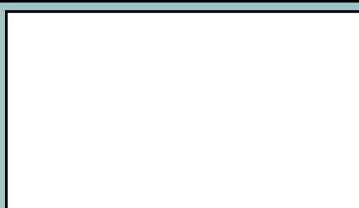
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