



The Baptism of Christ by Joachim Patinir

January

9

2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
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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.



TRANSFIGURATION

On this Feast Day weekend of the Baptism of the Lord, I thought it would be appropriate to spell out clearly the Church's teaching on the effects of baptism. From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* -

For the forgiveness of sins . . .

1263 By Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin.⁶⁶ In those who have been reborn nothing remains that would impede their entry into the Kingdom of God, neither Adam's sin, nor personal sin, nor the consequences of sin, the gravest of which is separation from God.

1264 Yet certain temporal consequences of sin remain in the baptized, such as suffering, illness, death, and such frailties inherent in life as weaknesses of character, and so on, as well as an inclination to sin that Tradition calls concupiscence, or metaphorically, "the tinder for sin" (fomes peccati); since concupiscence "is left for us to wrestle with, it cannot harm those who do not consent but manfully resist it by the grace of Jesus Christ."⁶⁷ Indeed, "an athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules."⁶⁸

"A new creature"

1265 Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the neophyte "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a "partaker of the divine nature,"⁶⁹ member of Christ and co-heir with him,⁷⁰ and a temple of the Holy Spirit.⁷¹

1266 The Most Holy Trinity gives the baptized sanctifying grace, the grace of justification:...



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

Funerals

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for **John P. Humphrey** on Thursday, Jan 6. Please keep the Humphrey family in your prayers.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekend Collection Totals:	Amount Collected	Budget
December 2021	\$ 151,859	\$ 163,000
Fiscal Year Total as of 12/26/2021	648,679	674,000
Surplus/(Deficit)		(25,321)
Percent above(below) budget		-3.76%

Big-Ticket Capital Improvement Fund

Big Ticket Balance as of November 30, 2021	\$ 104,596
Amount Collected December 2021	7,146
Balance in Big-Ticket Savings Account	\$ 111,742

Long-Term Debt for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022

Interest paid on LT Debt since 7/1/21	\$ 67,220
Balance on Long-Term Debt as of November 30, 2021	\$ 3,715,342
Monthly Payment - December 10th	\$ 11,998
Additional Principal Payments through December 30, 2021	\$ 583,115
Balance on Long-Term Debt as of December 30, 2021	\$ 3,120,229

Together In Gratitude, Forward in Hope Campaign

Campaign Pledge Goal	\$ 2,500,000
Pledges received as of December 6, 2021	\$ 2,532,055
Pledges received as a percent of goal	101%

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 9: The Baptism of the Lord

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)
6:00 p.m. – Holy Mass (High Altar)

Monday, January 10

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

Tuesday, January 11

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 12

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

Thursday, January 13

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

Friday, January 14

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

Saturday, January 15

6:30-8:00 a.m. – Men's Small Groups
8:00 a.m. – Holy Mass
10:00-12:00 p.m. - Middle School Open House
3:15-3:45 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. – Holy Vigil Mass (High Altar)
5:00-7:00 p.m. - New Member Dinner

Sunday, January 16

7:30-7:55 a.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:30 a.m. – Holy Mass
10:30 a.m. – Holy Mass (Incense)
6:00 p.m. – Holy Mass

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

-MATTHEW 17:4

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued from page 1)

- enabling them to believe in God, to hope in him, and to love him through the theological virtues;
- giving them the power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit through the gifts of the Holy Spirit;
- allowing them to grow in goodness through the moral virtues.
Thus the whole organism of the Christian's supernatural life has its roots in Baptism.

Incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ

1267 Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ:

"Therefore . . . we are members one of another."⁷² Baptism incorporates us into the Church. From the baptismal fonts is born the one People of God of the New Covenant, which transcends all the natural or human limits of nations, cultures, races, and sexes: "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body."⁷³

1268 The baptized have become "living stones" to be "built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood."⁷⁴ By Baptism they share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission. They are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that [they] may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called [them] out of darkness into his marvelous light."⁷⁵ Baptism gives a share in the common priesthood of all believers.

1269 Having become a member of the Church, the person baptized belongs no longer to himself, but to him who died and rose for us.⁷⁶ From now on, he is called to be subject to others, to serve them in the communion of the Church, and to "obey and submit" to the Church's leaders,⁷⁷ holding them in respect and affection.⁷⁸ Just as Baptism is the source of responsibilities and duties, the baptized person also enjoys rights within the Church: to receive the sacraments, to be nourished with the Word of God and to be sustained by the other spiritual helps of the Church.⁷⁹

The sacramental bond of the unity of Christians

1271 Baptism constitutes the foundation of communion among all Christians, including those who are not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church: "For men who believe in Christ and have been properly baptized are put in some, though imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church. Justified by faith in Baptism, [they] are incorporated into Christ; they therefore have a right to be called Christians, and with good reason are accepted as brothers by the children of the Catholic Church."⁸¹ "Baptism therefore constitutes the sacramental bond of unity existing among all who through it are reborn."⁸²

An indelible spiritual mark . . .

1272 Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation.⁸³ Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated.

1273 Incorporated into the Church by Baptism, the faithful have received the sacramental character that consecrates them for Christian religious worship.⁸⁴ The baptismal seal enables and commits Christians to serve God by a vital participation in the holy liturgy of the Church and to exercise their baptismal priesthood by the witness of holy lives and practical charity.⁸⁵



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.

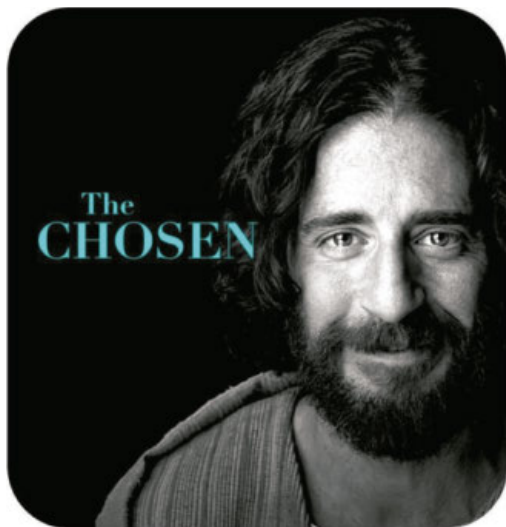
Women's Night



All ladies 21 and over are invited to join us for our first Women's Night of 2022 on **January 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

Come play **Bingo** (no cost) for a chance to win fabulous prizes! You do not need to be a parishioner or Catholic to come and enjoy this fun evening. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the night. If you have any questions, please contact **Melissa Phinney** at mphinney@transfigurationmn.org or 651-501-2202.

Parish Movie Night



Come out to Transfiguration **January 21 at 7:00 p.m.** to watch the world renowned "The Chosen" TV series which chronicles the life of Jesus and His disciples. Popcorn and drinks are provided. Spread the word and invite your neighbors, strangers, family, and friends!

New Member Dinner



Join us for our annual New Member Dinner Saturday, **January 15 from 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 are welcome to join us for this exciting evening. Space is limited, so we encourage you to register soon.

We are also in 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** (contact at bottom.) Registration for new members, table hosts, and all others is now open.

You do not need to be a member of the parish 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.

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 42:1-4, 6-7
Responsory: Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Prayer Request List

Transfiguration has a list of those needing prayers available on our website; the list is updated upon request. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers and would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact **Martha Praska** at our parish office at **651-738-2646**

Monthly Parish Picnic

All are invited to join us for our monthly picnics!

Our parish is meant to be a community of believers that not only worship together, but also share life together.

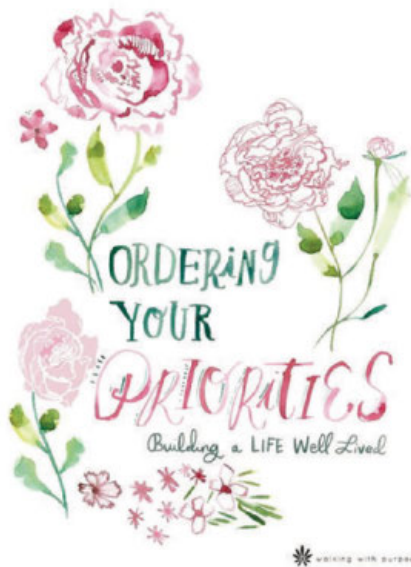
Come, bring your family and friends, and get to know other parishioners and build lasting relationships over a delicious meal! Our next two picnics are **January 23 & February 20 at 11:30 a.m.** We will provide a good amount of food, but please feel free to bring other food.

Experience Community at Transfiguration Through a Women's Bible Study

Another glass of wine, just one more episode on Netflix, a little more scrolling on Instagram... Women are numbing out at ever-increasing rates. Why? What is it about our lives that makes us feel so overwhelmed? What might change if we figured out how to build lives that we like?

Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived is an immensely practical Bible study that will help you put the most important things first. We'll begin by paying attention to the One who made us, because He can best tell us what we need for our lives to run well.

Groups will begin meeting on **February 1 and 2** and sign up information is available online (scan QR code with your phone) or forms are available in the gathering space. Please contact **Lynn Osborne** at losborne43@gmail.com or **Erin Ethier** at eethier@transfigurationmn.org for more information.



Mass Intentions

Masses will be offered for each of these intentions.

Sunday, January 9

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

Monday, January 10

Living and Deceased Members of the C.R. Johnston Family

Tuesday, January 11

Ben Achterling †
Don Leedy †

Wednesday, January 12

Rita Zwak †

Thursday, January 13

Colleen McLaughlin †

Friday, January 14

Fr. William Baer †

Saturday, January 15

Logan Radke

Paul Novotny †

Sunday, January 16

Karen Spangenberg's Private Intention

John Humphrey †

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.



School Open House

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 school pillars of: Christian Discipleship, Academic Excellence, and Great Love;

are meant to be a foundation on which our students can build their lives for Christ.

Our Middle School will have an open house **Saturday**

January 15, 2022

from

10:00– 12:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us and learn that

Transfiguration Catholic School is an exceptional and affordable institution for your children!

“What can you do to promote world peace?
Go home and love
your family.”
– St. Teresa of Calcutta

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Welcome to Commitment Weekend! The formal push for our Together in Gratitude, Forward in Hope campaign is winding down and we continue to be amazed by the generosity of the Transfiguration community. We kicked off our effort 16 weeks ago and since then we've seen the fundraising totals gradually climb. As of January 4, we have received \$2,532,055 in total commitments from 364 families! Each gift, each pledge, each display of sacrifice has been an inspiration and blessing to our parish. Due to the overwhelming display of stewardship, we are getting closer eliminating our debt.

We now join together to celebrate Commitment Weekend. It is important to honor the families who have given so generously to this campaign. If you have made a pledge or gift, thank you! If you have yet to join our cause, we invite you to make your commitment today. Supporting our campaign isn't an expectation – it's an invitation to invest in the future of our parish. We need your help!

Each of you will receive a commitment card during Mass this weekend. Each of you will be asked to complete the card. Before doing so, I ask that you review it carefully and discern what you might be able to do to help secure a brighter future for Transfiguration. Please know that your donation, no matter the size, will have a positive impact on the entire parish community.

Thank you for your investment into Transfiguration, its mission and its ministries. With your support, our Together in Gratitude, Forward in Hope campaign will continue to be a huge blessing.

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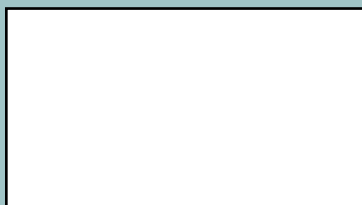
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