



The Wedding Feast at Cana by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld



TRANSFIGURATION



Dear Friends,

This past Friday (January 14), Transfiguration and I commemorated three very important events.

We remembered the death anniversary of Father William Baer, my beloved predecessor, who passed away unexpectedly in 2018. I still remember where I was when I received word of this influential priest's passing –

de-vesting after Mass at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, just down the street, where I was serving as pastor at the time. I was shocked and saddened. Likewise, I remember his beautiful funeral, and assisting at it as MC, and how moved I was by the crowd and by Bishop Cozzens' homily.

Little did I know at the time what the very near future held for me, and how my own life would so soon be connected to Father Baer's own and the continuation of his work. I am immensely grateful for the witness and labors of this man of God, who touched so many lives and continues to inspire through his recorded talks, homilies and legacy. May he rest in peace.

On a bit more personal note, I remembered the birthday of my mother, born in 1940 and who passed away in December of 2015. My mom was an Irish princess if ever there was one, a strong woman of faith, hope and great love, deeply committed to her husband and family, and most of all, to her Jesus. She taught me too many life lessons to count, and I rely upon her intercession even now. I miss her, even as I feel her presence close. I believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the truth that one day, God willing and only through His grace and mercy, I will see her again.

And then there is the fact that on Friday we officially concluded the ask phase of our debt reduction campaign, *Together in Gratitude, Forward in Hope*.

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF
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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.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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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 third 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 **Annabelle Nistler** on Monday, Jan 10. Please keep Annabelle and the Nistler family in your prayers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for **Richard Christensen** on Tuesday, Jan 11. Please keep Richard and the Christensen family in your prayers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for **Kathleen Koliias** on Thursday, Jan 13. Please keep Kathleen and the Koliias family in your prayers.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekend Collection Totals:	Amount Collected	Budget
January 2022	\$ 29,992	\$ 32,000
Fiscal Year Total as of 01/09/2022	678,671	706,000
Surplus/(Deficit)		(27,329)
Percent above(below) budget		-3.87%
Big-Ticket Capital Improvement Fund		
Big Ticket Balance as of December 30, 2021		\$ 111,742
Amount Collected January 2022		1,070
Balance in Big-Ticket Savings Account		\$ 112,812
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 December 30, 2021		\$ 3,120,229
Monthly Payment - January 10th		\$ -
Additional Principal Payments - January 2022		\$ 69,000
Balance on Long-Term Debt as of January 9, 2022		\$ 3,051,229
Together In Gratitude, Forward in Hope Campaign		
Campaign Pledge Goal		\$ 2,500,000
Pledges received as of January 9, 2022		\$ 2,703,719
Pledges received as a percent of goal		108%

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday, January 17 - MLK Jr. Day: Office Closed

8:00 a.m. – Holy Mass

Tuesday, January 18

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 19

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 (Middle & High School)
7:00 p.m. - Women's Bingo Night
8:00-10:00 p.m. – Men's Basketball

Thursday, January 20

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 21

8:00 a.m. – Holy Mass
9:00-1:00 p.m. – Adoration with prayer intention for
the parish debt reduction
7:00-9:00 p.m. – Movie Night (*The Chosen*)

Saturday, January 22

8:00 a.m. – Holy Mass
3:15-3:45 p.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. – Holy Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 23

7:30-7:55 a.m. – Sacrament of Reconciliation
8:30 a.m. – Holy Mass (High Altar)
9:30-11:30 - Faith Formation
10:30 a.m. – Holy Mass (Incense)
11:30 a.m. - Parish Picnic
6:00 p.m. – Holy Mass

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsory: Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued from page 1)

And what a conclusion it has been... Months ago we set a goal of \$2.5 million, every dime of which would go to our long standing debt, and we have done it, with even more than \$2.5 pledged to date. Indeed, as of Tuesday of last week (January 11), we have received a total of \$2.7 million dollars in pledges, with 428 pledges made. \$814,007 of these pledges have already been paid off.

For this awesome achievement, we first of all give thanks to Almighty God, Who has allowed us to do something great for His glory and for the salvation of souls. In addition, we are quick to give humble thanks to mighty Saint Joseph, to whom from the beginning we have relied upon for intercessory power and grace. I offer special thanks as well to the Steier Group, particularly Bridget Klosterman, who has expertly assisted us in the campaign's planning and execution. I am also profoundly grateful to Erin Ethier, Sue Hilo, and the other hard working staff who participated directly in the campaign and made sure that its day to day operations stayed on track and that we fulfilled our promise to use the monies collected to significantly reduce the principal of our debt. The many other volunteers who made phone calls and encouraged their fellow parishioners to give – THANK YOU! We could not have done this without you.

But most of all, of course, I thank YOU, the parishioners of Transfiguration, young and old, new and longstanding, who have sacrificed for this noble effort. Whether your gift was small or great, you gave – and because so many gave, we have achieved a remarkable goal. Thank you for manifesting your gratitude for the good that God is doing at Transfiguration, and for pledging to move forward in hope towards the even brighter future that awaits a debt free Transfiguration.

Speaking of debt free... we are not there yet. As we said from the start of our campaign, \$2.5 million is not and was not the sum of our debt, and we still have work to do to eliminate it completely. As of January 7, we still have a little over \$3 million dollars left to pay off due to construction costs incurred years ago. Of course, every dime of every pledge that will come in over the next three years will significantly reduce this amount.

Which brings me to a plea – even though we have met our goal, there are still many registered households who have not yet made a pledge to our campaign. And so please – if you are still waiting to give or to pledge, now is the time. Imagine if we could raise the total amount of our debt in pledges? And I think we can, but only if ALL give.

Truly, we have much to be grateful for as a parish and a people. Pastors who led us with courage and vision. Loved ones who formed us and encourage us still. And generous souls who have given of their limited resources to invest in a future full of hope. Saint Joseph, the Beggar – THANK YOU!

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.

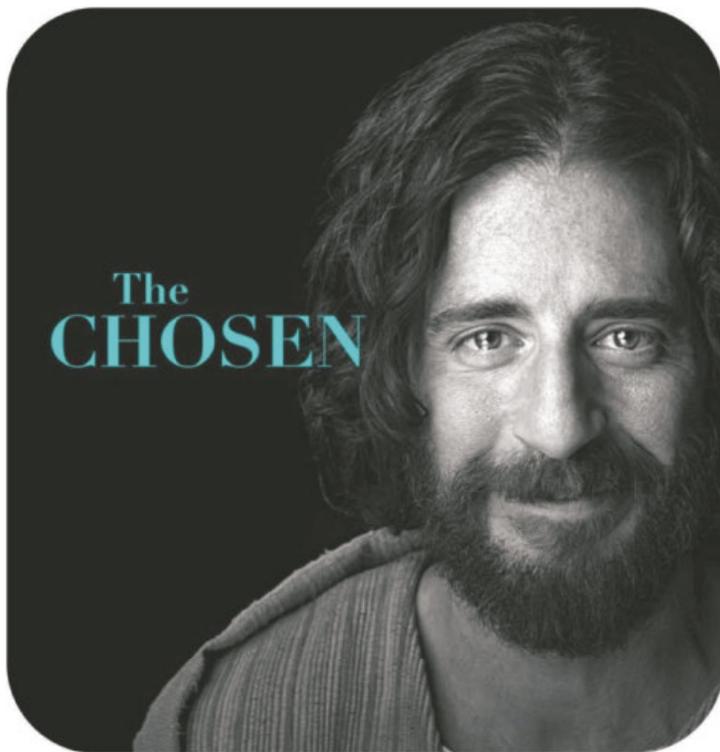
Attention Ladies!

Ladies, are you looking for a fun evening out?

Join us **Wednesday January 19 at 7:00 p.m.** for Women's Night! This month, we will be playing **Bingo**. We will have a variety of prizes available to win such as: Gift cards, paid registration for you and a guest for the winter, *Walking With Purpose* Small Group, bottles of wine, a saint statue, and much more. There is no cost to play. You do not need to be a parishioner or Catholic to come and enjoy this fun evening, so invite your friends! Food and beverages will be provided throughout the night courtesy of the Transfiguration Council of Catholic Women. If you have any questions, please contact **Melissa Phinney** at mphinney@transfigurationmn.org or 651-501-2202.

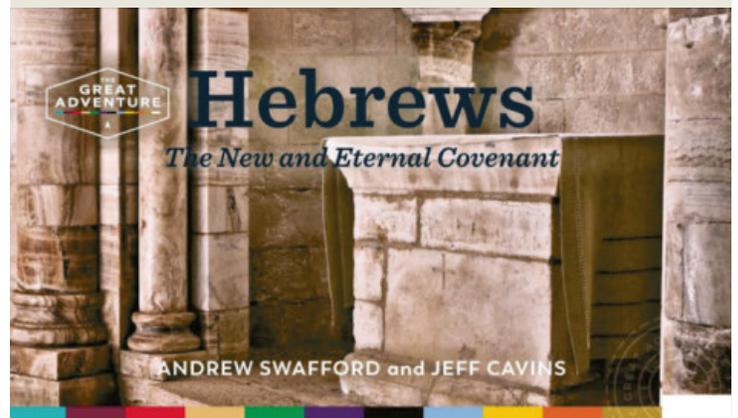


Parish Movie Night



Come out to Transfiguration Friday **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 Bible Study!



Hebrews Bible Study is an 8 week study that embarks on a guided tour of the "Holy of Holies" of biblical theology in *Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant*, an eight-part Bible study presented by **Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins!** In this study, Catholics will be able to see, appreciate, and take hold of the riches God has given them in the New Covenant. Highlighting the critical distinctions between the Old and New Covenants, Hebrews will help Catholics get to know the generosity of the Father's heart in a deeper way than ever before.

Our study will be on Tuesday mornings, from 9-10:30 a.m in the Gathering Space. The study will start on **February 15.** Registration can be found at the parish or on our website or by scanning the QR code.



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.

Archdiocesan World Day of the Sick At Transfiguration

On this 30th anniversary of the establishment of the World Day of the Sick by Saint John Paul II, Transfiguration will host the annual **Archdiocesan World Day of the Sick Mass** on **February 11**, The Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, with Archbishop Hebda presiding and preaching. Mass will be held at 5:15 p.m. with a reception and talk to follow given by Deacon Stephen Najarian on the Christian meaning of human suffering. The event will also be livestreamed on the Transfiguration YouTube channel. Sponsored by Curatio, an apostolate of Catholic Health Care Professionals, as well as the Order of Malta, the Mass is especially for the sick, caregivers, chaplains and health care workers, but ALL are welcome. No RSVP is necessary.

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.

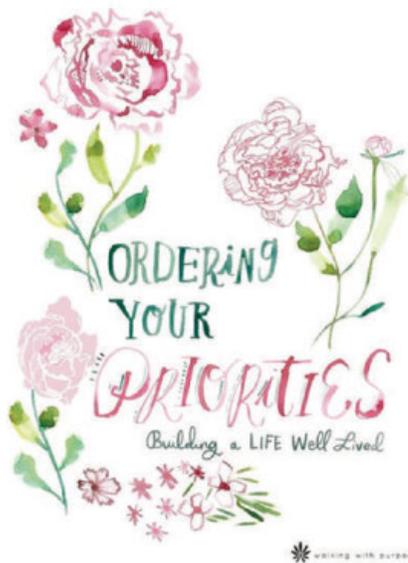
Come, bring your family and friends, and get to know other parishioners and build lasting relationships over a delicious meal! Our next two picnics are **January 23 & February 20 at 11:30 a.m.** We will provide a good amount of food, but please feel free to bring other food.

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 **651-501-2209** or eethier@transfigurationmn.org for more information.



Mass Intentions

Masses will be offered for each of these intentions.

Sunday, January 16

Karen Spangenberg's Private Intention

John Humphrey †
The People of Transfiguration

Monday, January 17

Bruce Haug †

Tuesday, January 18

Michael Winn †
Jeanette Gloege †

Wednesday, January 19

Fielding Holmes †

Thursday, January 20

Dorothea Kaiser †

Friday, January 21

Brigitte Laabs

Saturday, January 22

Ted Harbers †

Protection of the Unborn

Sunday, January 23

Albert and Caroline Eberhard †

The People of Transfiguration

Eleanor Grudnoske †



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

Is your son or daughter looking for a fun after school group?

At Transfiguration, our Youth Group seeks to create an atmosphere of community and a place 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. Youth Group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month and is open to middle and high school students.

You do not need to be a parishioner or Catholic to attend, so have your son or daughter bring a friend. The next

Youth Group will meet on **Wednesday January 19**, 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 mpheinney@transfigurationmn.org

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



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

Help Those in Need



Please support the mission of **Options for Women East** of empowering women and their families during their entire pregnancy journey. On the weekend of **January 22-23** baby bottles and envelopes will be available to take home with you to fill with cash, checks, or change. You may place your donations in the large baby bottle located in the gathering space on the weekends and in the parish office during the week. Donations will be accepted through **February 13.**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We have truly been touched to witness the vast generosity of so many parishioners throughout our *Together in Gratitude, Forward in Hope* campaign. It began with the campaign volunteers who faithfully accepted the challenge to assist the parish in this effort. We are grateful for your commitment to the parish over the last several months.

In addition, we would like to thank everyone who generously made a pledge or gift to the effort. We recently hosted our Commitment Weekend and during Masses throughout the weekend we were able to raise an additional \$121,127 from 38 families towards the campaign! As a result of this successful event our campaign total has reached \$2,703,719 in funds raised and we have made \$845,865 in additional principal payments since October 1, 2021.

TOGETHER IN GRATITUDE FORWARD IN HOPE

A Campaign for the Future

Thank you for graciously accepting this opportunity to serve as good stewards of God's varied graces. It is our hope that you will join us in doing all that we can to complete our parish's promise for the future.

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