

"The Exhortation to the Apostles" by James Tissot



TRANSFIGURATION



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'm writing this week's column from beautiful Winona,

Minnesota, where I am participating in the biennial presbyteral assembly of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Every two years, all the priests serving the Archdiocese gather together with the archbishop to share in fraternity, prayer, and mutual support. I always enjoy these days, and I look forward to them. While for most of my priesthood we have gathered in Rochester, MN, since 2021 we have met on the campus of Saint Mary's University (SMU) in Winona, surrounded by the majestic hills of southeastern Minnesota. While living in a college dormitory 21 years since my own graduation from college has its inconveniences and challenges, the campus is beautiful, and the staff have been more than accommodating. The current president of SMU is a priest of our Archdiocese, and Father Burns has been eager to make our stay as pleasant as possible. The assembly began on Monday evening and will conclude on Thursday, allowing me and Father Lynch to get home just in time to participate in the Oakdale Summerfest Parade.

We've been blessed this week by some fine speakers, most notably the bishop of Winona-Rochester, Bishop Robert Barron, who spoke to us on Tuesday morning about figures from the Old Testament that shed light on the mystery of Christ and the priesthood. It was a very moving presentation, combining the intellectual satisfaction of a well thought out exegesis with spiritually challenging and inspiring insights. On Tuesday afternoon, the bishop of Duluth, Bishop Daniel Felton, spoke to us about the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and the priest. Regrettably, Bishop Felton had two strikes against him – not only did he have to follow Bishop Barron, but he was also condemned to speak at 130 in the afternoon, after a full morning and right after lunch. I am sorry to say that he probably did not find the most attentive audience... Shocking as it may seem to the reader, I even found myself meditating on my eyelids for some of the talk.

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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.

Confession

Sunday: 7:30-7:55 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday: 12:00-12:30 p.m. Saturday: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. & 3:00-3:30 p.m.

Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday: 8:30 a.m. Please check the weekly calendar on page 3 for ongoing updates to the schedule.

Church Office Info

6133 15th Street North Oakdale, MN 55128

Monday-Thursday:

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday:

Open around Masses. *Doors open 7:30 a.m. Mon-Sun.

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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.

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).

Interested in Joining Transfiguration Catholic Church?

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekend Collection Totals:	Amount Collected	Budget
July 1 through May 31, 2023	\$ 1,136,552	\$ 1,160,000
June 2023	\$ 70,714	\$ 71 , 550
Fiscal Year Total as of 06/18/2023	\$ 1,207,266	\$1,231,550
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$ (24,284)
Percent above (below) budget		-1.97%

Big-Ticket Capital Improvement Fund

Big Ticket Balance as of June 30, 2022	\$ 119,924	
Big Ticket Funds used for Parking Lot	\$ (119,924)	
Amount Collected as of June 18, 2023	\$ 14, 129	
Balance in Big-Ticket Savings Account	\$ 14,129	

Long-Term Debt for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023

Interest Paid on Long-Term Debt since July 01, 2022	\$ 69,720
Balance on Long-Term Debt as of May 30, 2023	\$ 1,612,947
Monthly Payment - June 10	\$ 15,625
Additional Principal payments - June 2023	\$ 21,916
Balance on Long-Term Debt as of June 18, 2023	\$ 1,575,406

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 25 - 12th Sunday in OT 7:30 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, June 26 8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass Tuesday, June 27 8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass 9:00 a.m. - Bible Study Noon-12:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation Noon-1:00 p.m. - Private Prayer/Adoration Wednesday, June 28 8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer (chapel) 8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass (incense) 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. - Adoration - prayer intention for parish & school Thursday, June 29 - Sts. Peter & Paul 8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Church) 8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass (incense) Noon-12:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation Noon-1:00 p.m. - Private Prayer/Adoration 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Senior 500 Cards Friday, June 30 8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel) 8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass (Incense) 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Private Prayer/Adoration 7:00 p.m. Catholics at the Cinema Saturday, July 01 7:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 a.m.- Holy Mass 3:00 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 p.m. - Holy Vigil Mass Sunday, July 02 - 13th Sunday in OT 7:30 a.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass 10:30 a.m. - Holy Mass (Incense) 6:00 p.m. - Holy Mass

Saturday, July 1! Change to Saturday morning Mass and Reconciliation time

Saturday, July 1, 2023, our Saturday Morning Mass time will move to 8:30 a.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be from 7:30 a.m. until just before the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued from page 1)

Nevertheless, His Excellency is a gifted speaker and clearly a man of great love for the Lord, and we were blessed by his presence and graciousness. This morning, that is, Wednesday, Bishop Chad Zielenski of New Ulm will speak to us. His talk is entitled, "I have called you by name."

But the real heart of the week is being with the brothers. We are a varied bunch, with just about every personality and background you can imagine. We don't all get along, and we aren't all friends. At times, especially out in the field of pastoral work, we can be like old biddies, committed to gossiping about each other and assuming the worst, especially about those brothers who may have a different ideological or liturgical slant than we do. But during this week, it seems to me that we set some of that aside and try to remember that we all have been called by the Lord Who loves us and has summoned us by name to be His priests. The priesthood is a beautiful, challenging gift, and it can never be lived alone. It requires the support and love of the faithful to truly flourish, and I am so thankful to you all for the many ways you offer these precious gifts to both Father Lynch and to me. But in a very real way, I think the support of our fellow brothers is even more needed. At the risk of sounding clerical (that most dreaded word of these days...), only another priest really understands the many dynamics of our life and call. I would imagine in a way that it is the same for married couples or parents, or even members of a specific family of origin – at some fundamental level, only those who have been through it really know what it's like. This is not to say that others cannot speak on these mysteries, and oftentimes the most practical insights into another's life come from those who can look at it objectively and are not affected by personal experience. But still, the experiential knowledge of being a priest oneself allows perspective into the vocation of another priest that really can't be found elsewhere. Added to this is the natural desire to be respected and accepted by one's peers, which is found in every vocation and career, and the importance of the support, challenge and friendship of brother priests becomes clear.

Mercifully, our union as a presbyterate (a technical term that means the collection of priests serving a diocese under the direction of the local bishop) is found in the personal love and invitation of Jesus to be His priests, and not our personality or backgrounds. None of us are worthy of this call, and all of us fall short in some way or another. But the call is not based on our merit or talent or family of origin. It is an unmerited grace from a God who is love. And I am so thankful to Him for this grace, and continue to grow in wonder at its meaning even as I enter my 18th year of priesthood. It is a call to serve and to sacrifice, as the vocation to the priesthood is always for the sake of the faithful and not for our own glory or self-aggrandizement. Please pray for me, and pray for Father Lynch, that we may be the priests we are called to be.

See you soon.

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.



Come enjoy the day with your family and evangelize by inviting your neighbors to share in the fun!

- Smoked Ribs
- Pulled Pork
 Sandwiches
- Corn on the •
 Cob
- Eggrolls
 French
 Fries
- Chicken
 Kabobs
 Fresh Baked
 Cookies
 Walking
- Tacos • Beer
- Garden

 Bingo
 50/50
- 50/50 Raffle

- Karaoke
- Yard Games
- Door Prizes Kids Games
- Face
- painting Cake Walk
- Cake wa
 Craft
- Station

Volunteer for the Festival

The festival planning process is underway and we could use your help. If you would like to volunteer for the festival in any way, please contact Sue Hilo at 651-501-2224 or shilo@transfigurationmn.org.



Sunday Funday Festival Update



Parishioner Pierre Hilo joined his wife Sue, staff member and parishioner, on Monday, June 19 to build a new outdoor bar for the Community Sunday Funday Festival on August 6. Pierre donated his time and they used pallets along with supplies in

the parish garage to build it for next to nothing! Sue has plans to paint the bar with the Transfiguration logo in time for the Sunday Funday festival. Thank you, Pierre and Sue!

Do you have ideas and skills that can help us make Sunday Funday amazing? Contact Sue Hilo at <u>shilo@transfigurationmn.org</u>. She would love to hear from you!

Fun Fact from Festival History:

Pierre and Sue are pictured with a treasure found in the garage, a pink flamingo! The pink flamingos debuted in 2001 as a way to create interest in the festival out in the community, and raise some money to help fund it. The flamingoes (there are several) were left in front yards and a ransom had to be paid to have it moved to another yard.

Catholics at the Cinema, 4th of July Edition! Friday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.

Lights, Camera, & the Pursuit of Happiness?

Just in time for Independence Day, come see how three classic American films (*It's a Wonderful Life*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, and *There Will Be Blood*) explore the Declaration of Independence's inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Fr. Nate Meyers from St. Francis Xavier in Buffalo, and an amateur film critic, will discuss these movies from a Catholic point-of-view showing how they can teach us how to pursue our rights as informed Catholic citizens.

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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.

Pray for the success of our 2023 Festival

Heavenly Father, as we plan our Sunday Funday, we ask for Your guidance and wisdom through the Holy Spirit.

May Your divine agenda come to fruition. Bless us with good weather, many volunteers, and help us evangelize our neighbors, and bring them closer to Christ.

We humbly pray for the Father's blessing on all aspects of our Sunday Funday, so we may glorify You through our work together. Amen.

Walking with Purpose will be hosting summer monthly, "Truth with Handles." In July, the topic is *Discerning God's Will*. Come as you are, no sign up required, except if you need childcare. Please contact the parish office at 651-738-2646 for childcare sign up or sign up at the gathering space desk.



WWP Summer Studies 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday July 19: Discerning God's Will
Wednesday August 16: Battling Shame

What is Walking with Purpose?

A ministry for women of all walks of life.

An opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ personally through Scripture.

Authentic communities nurtured in small groups

B So much more than a Bible study.

"At Walking with Purpose, we believe relationships matter, truth matters and you matter." Lisa Brennickmeyer

Blessing for expectant mothers and those praying for the gift of a child



Blessings for expectant mothers and those praying for the gift of a child, will be held **Sunday**, **July 2**, after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you wish to receive a blessing, please meet by the Mary statue in the back of the Church. We praise God for His gracious gift of life, and ask for the intercession of His Mother in answering the prayers of those who await the gift of a child!

Need Prayers?

We invite you to place your prayer intentions on the Prayer Board located by the drinking fountains as you enter the Gathering Space. Staff and parishioners will pray for your intentions during the week.

Mass Intentions

Masses will be offered for each of these intentions

Sunday, June 25 Lynda Eberhard † Marge & Joe Ecker † The People of Transfiguration Monday, June 26 Karen Pineda † Tuesday, June 27 Jeramie Burgoon Wednesday, June 28 Barb Houle & Family Thursday, June 29 Pope Francis & Archbishop Hebda Friday, June 30 Joan Schuebel † Saturday, July 1 Andy Palmer Leroy Eischens † Sunday, July 2 Albert & Caroline Eberhard † The People of Transfiguration Donald & Michelle Conley †

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading: Jer 20: 10 - 13 Responsory Psalm: 69 Second Reading: Rom 5: 12-15 Gospel: Mt. 10: 26-33



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 Catholic School News

Our School Mission Statement

As an Apostolate of Transfiguration Catholic Church, Transfiguration Catholic School exists to lead our students to Christ through Christian Discipleship, Academic Excellence, and Great Love.



Enrollment is open for the 2023-2024 academic year



Considering Catholic education for your children? Transfiguration Pre-K through 8th grade enrollment is open for

our 2023-2024 academic year. Transfiguration exists to lead all those in the East Metro to Christ, The Source and Summit of our Daily and Eternal lives, and we are here to offer families a great Catholic education for their children. Please call 651-501-2220 or email

tiger@transfigurationmn.org for more information.

Summer Stress?

While students get excited about the prospect of Summer Break, when it's finally here, it can also bring frustration and bickering. Here are a few suggestions to decrease stress this summer:

- Schedule a few things each day, so children generally know what to expect. A schedule, even a loose one, can really help children settle into the new routine.
- Set two or three goals for the summer, and help children monitor their progress.
- Lean on the Lord! Prayers such as, "Jesus, be with me and guide me;" "Mary, be a mother to me now," "Guard me, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy." This helps them get into a habit of prayer, and turn their thoughts to the Lord.



VOLUNTEEROPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Funday August 6

Now is the Time! Families are encouraged to sign up to volunteer to make our Sunday Funday event amazing! There are jobs for every interest - we need help with:

- constructing tents and games
- parking assistance
- supervising games
- baking cookies
- calling Bingo
- and more!



Help for an hour, or the whole afternoon - all time spent helping at this festival counts toward your school volunteer hours requirement! Use this QR code to sign up through Sign Up Genius. This will be a very fun event!

Totus Tuus Wrap up!



Every Catholic has the responsibility to know and serve God. TOTUS TUUS is an excellent tool for the spiritual growth of Catholic youth. Last week was an exciting opportunity to experience our faith for us teachers, students, and the community. As a team, we have received tremendous hospitality and support from parishioners, for

which we are eternally grateful. It is wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work in each and every one of our lives! Thank you so much for this wonderful week. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue Jesus' ministry on Earth.

-Andy, Andrew, Jacinta, and Julia (Totus Tuus Team)



Peter's Pence Collection weekend July 1 & 2

Next weekend, July 1/2, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your support and generosity. For more information, please visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html. Checks should be made out to Transfiguration with Peter's Pence Collection in the memo.

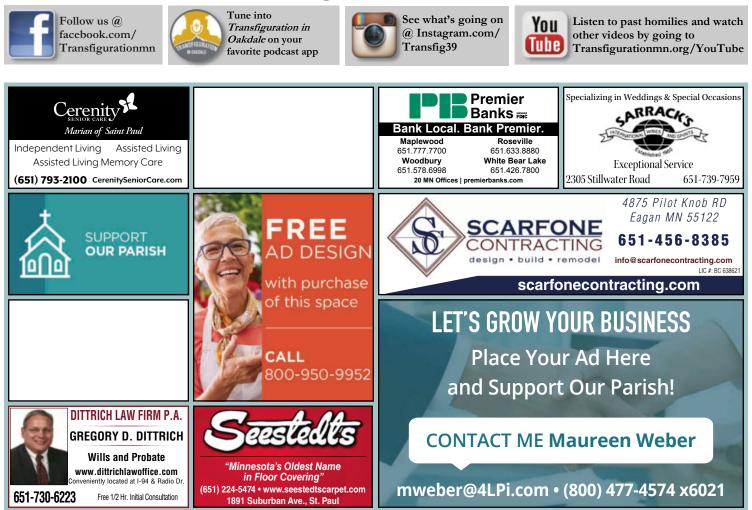




Donut Sunday

Following both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses next **Sunday, July 2,** enjoy some Sunday fellowship with parishioners over a hot cup of coffee and glazed or chocolate donut. Volunteers are needed to run donut Sundays. Please contact Martha Praska in the parish office at 651-738-2646 or mpraska@transfigurationmn.org.

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