



May 11 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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TRANSFIGURATION



Not quite a month ago, during my homily at Mass, I mentioned that we will be focusing as a parish on growing our school's enrollment by specifically concentrating our efforts on preschool and kindergarten. I mentioned that the goal is for us to increase our enrollment by ten students in both preschool and kindergarten as a way of not only increasing tuition for the school's financial health, but more importantly in drawing more families into the environment of Catholic education and building the community of Transfiguration not just as a school, but as a parish. Sometimes it is easy for us to think of the school and the parish as separate corporations or independent organizations, but the fact is that Transfiguration is a Catholic parish that has a school as its largest ministry. As a ministry of the parish, the school offers us the greatest potential to evangelize children and by extension their parents.

As a way of helping to draw all of us into the work of building our school's enrollment, I am inviting everyone in our parish to join us for a town hall to discuss the vision for our school and ways in which we can all help recruit more students into preschool and kindergarten beginning this year. We will have two options for people to attend our school town hall: one will be this Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m. and the other Saturday, May 17th at 9:00 a.m. Both town halls will take place in the Gathering Space and my hope is that more than just current or prospective school families will attend, because each of us has a stake in the school's success. The town halls will have an opportunity for people to share their ideas on how to draw families into our school as well as providing materials and talking points that people can use to help encourage family, friends, neighbors, or even strangers to come and be a part of the great work taking place here at Transfiguration.

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Church: www.transfigurationmn.org

School: www.school.transfigurationmn.org

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.

Confession

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

Daily Masses

Tuesday-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.

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After-hours Emergency:
651-501-2250



mpraska@transfigurationmn.org

School Office Info



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SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the 2nd and 4th weekend of the month following the Saturday 4:00 p.m. or Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you are expecting a child soon, please call the parish office at 651-738-2646 to schedule Baptism and get information to attend a Baptism class.



"Lord, how good it is for us to be here!" Mt 17:4



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday & Thursday:

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary

Wednesday:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Friday:

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel



Financial Update

Weekend Collection Totals:	Collected	Budget
July 1 through May 4, 2025	\$ 957,483	\$ 1,163,000
Surplus/(Deficit)		(205,517)
Percent above(below) budget		-17.67%
Annual Budget		\$ 1,352,500

Long-Term Debt		
Balance June 30, 2024		\$ 698,767
Principal Payments		348,989
Balance on Long-Term Debt as of May 4, 2025		\$ 349,778
Interest Paid FY2025		\$ 18,149

Forward in Hope 2025 - Bring it Home Pledges		
	Pledged	Goal
Amount as of May 4, 2025	\$ 370,909	\$ 400,000

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 11 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Happy Mother's Day!**

MCCL flower sale for Moms after all Masses

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Confession

8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass

10:30 a.m. - Holy Mass (Incense) May Crowning

Monday, May 12

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. - Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

Small Groups meet at various times

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass

9:15 - 11:00 a.m. - Galatians Bible Study

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Adoration

Wednesday, May 14

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Adoration (Chapel)

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, May 15

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Adoration

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Senior 500 Cards

Friday, May 16

8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, May 17

7:30 a.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass

9:00-10:00 a.m. - Town Hall Meeting

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. - Holy Vigil Mass

Sunday, May 18

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

8:30 a.m. - Holy Mass

10:30 a.m. - Holy Mass (Incense)

PASTOR'S COLUMN (continued from page 1)

The reason why we are choosing to focus our efforts on building preschool and kindergarten is because if these numbers increase, it will create a pipeline that carries through to 8th grade. Every Catholic school inevitably experiences some level of attrition as families move to a different city, adjust their educational plans, or can no longer afford tuition despite efforts to help with financial aid. Thus, in planning for the future, a school will always want to have a sufficiently large enough preschool and kindergarten to make the eventual 8th grade class a healthy size that allows for good socialization, various extra-curricular activities, and stimulating class discussions on important topics in theology, history, literature, science, and math. We are blessed to have two excellent new teachers joining our middle school this coming Fall as our principal shifts to working full-time in administration and our middle school numbers will also be increasing next year, which is a wonderful sign for the future. However, the key is to think not just about the 2025-26 academic year, but to think about the 2031-32 academic year. I want these wonderful new teachers to join our current teachers in being ready for a robust and even larger middle school when our next year's kindergarten begins its time in middle school.

We have plenty of work to do in order to build our school's enrollment and there will be plenty of challenges, especially as there are simply so few children being born now (the U.S. is averaging a 1.66 birth rate right now and the fertility rate has decreased to an historic low in the past few years). Nevertheless, each challenge presents its opportunities and as we reflect upon the challenge and opportunity to rebuild our school's enrollment in the upcoming years, I cannot think of a better time of the year to embark upon this than during the Easter Season. We are currently hearing about the early decades of the Church when we read from the Acts of the Apostles at Mass each weekend. The passages from Acts remind us that, with God's grace and our faithfulness, nothing is impossible. If a handful of disciples from Galilee could become the vessels by which the Gospel would overtake the world, then certainly several thousand parishioners in Oakdale can use their time, talent, and treasure to breathe new life into their parish school. Together, let us make Transfiguration a guiding light for all who live in our community so that our school may thrive and draw many families to Christ and His Church.

In Christ,
Fr. Meyers

TOWN HALL MEETING

Join us in the Gathering Space for one of our town hall meetings to discuss the vision for our school and ways in which we can all help recruit more students.

WEDNESDAY

MAY 14
6:30 P.M.

OR

SATURDAY

MAY 17
9:00 A.M.



ACCESSIBLE, AVAILABLE, MULTIPLE POINTS OF ENTRY

We are committed to providing opportunities for as many people as possible to encounter the Lord through programs and offerings that are accessible, friendly, and convenient.



Do you shop at Menards?

Please consider placing your Menards rebate receipts in the box by the Gathering Space. We will turn them in for credit to go towards our landscaping needs. Thank you!

Transfiguration Marriage Ministry

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SUNDAY ● JUNE 8 ● 11:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.

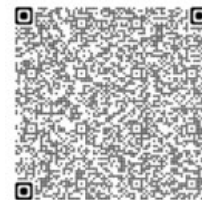
All married and engaged couples are invited.
Please bring food & drink for your family.
Yard games will be provided.
If you would like childcare, you must **RSVP** # and ages in registration comments.

- Childcare 0-4 will be in the Harvester Room
- Ages 5-10 yrs Coordinated outdoor games



Transfiguration Small Groups (in addition to those not already advertised)

- Lectio Divina
- Catholic Fellowship
- Varsity Men's Group 50+
- JV Men's Group
- Young Adult Bible Study Group

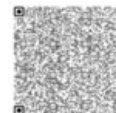


Please scan the QR code or contact Deacon Dan Brewer at dbrewer@transfigurationmn.org.

Save the date! Galatians, Set Free to Live
New Bible Study Tuesday mornings beginning
Tuesday, May 6 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Cost is \$35 for the study.



For more information and to register, please scan the QR code.



Jesus and the Eucharist
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

MAN NIGHT
Sunday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.

BRATS AND BREWS

Enjoy Brats, Hotdogs and drinks in fellowship with other men in the parish & their friends.

Don't miss the fun!
SMOKER POKER
Friday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.

Transfiguration Gathering Space & Patio



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please help serve donuts on Sunday, June 1

Donut Sundays happen the First Sunday of the month, and volunteers are needed to run these mornings.

Please contact Martha Praska at 651-738-2646 to volunteer.



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.

Prayer Request List

Below is a list of those requesting prayers. 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**.

Sally Anderson	Tony Garcia	Lily Rose Lopez	Dan Salava
Joe Anderl	Diane Golaski	Linda Diane Lopez	Mary Kay Sandberg
Ray Bennett	Kaylin Graham	Mario Lopez	Joseph Schepers
Paul Berglund	Judy Graybill	Tessa Lovitt	Gloria Schneller
Larry Bernauer	Jackie Heintz	Audrey Lydon	Betty Schramel
Jim Binstock	Tom Hoffman	Molly McLaughlin	Jim Schramel
Shirley Bixby	Chuck Jasper	Al Mangine	Dave Seidel
Joe Blanda	Pat Jensen	Kitty Massara	Sue Smith
Veronica Brown	Rachel Jensen	Casey Mencke	Frances Snively
Claire Celski	Tim Jensen	Dick Mogren	Bill Steinmeyer
Evelyn Cieslak	Tim Jesinek	Kevin Oie	Sandy Steinmeyer
Tom Clark	Richard Johnson	Ron & Dian Parent	Shirley Taube
Kim Claseman	Abby Kaiser	Gerry Parenteau	Steven Teeters
Dick Chlebeck	Pam Kammeyer	Roger Pearson	Alejandrina Vazquezte
Lois Chlebeck	Melissa Little	Neil Pechmann	Bill & Ruth Veilleux
Pam Chlebeck	Brian Koepemick	Jeff Peltier	Karla Walters
Susanne Dahlberg	Don Krieger	Tom Pevan	Anne Waring
Madeline Dahlberg	Nancy Krieger	Ignacio Rodriguez	Linda Weiss
Roberto Estrada	Lyle Kubat	Cathy & George Rosch	Diane Zdrazil
Lindsey Falzone	Cesario Lopez, Sr.	Carolyn Rose	Jake
Joyce Garcia	Cesario Lopez, III	Charles Roth	Dexter

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 11

The People of Transfiguration
All Mothers of the Parish

Monday, May 12

No Mass

Tuesday, May 13

Charlene Parenteau †

Wednesday, May 14

Fr. Stephan Adrian †

Thursday, May 15

Fr. Michael Sauber †

Friday, May 16

Eugene Sitzmann †

Saturday, May 17

Marge Hels †

Catherine Mogren †

Sunday, May 18

Dennis St. George

The People of Transfiguration

Mass Readings

First Reading:

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Responsory Psalm: 100

Second Reading:

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

St. Monica Prayer Group



The St. Monica prayer group meets by the Blessed Mother Statue after all Masses the third weekend of each month to pray for the return to the faith of family members and loved ones through the intercession of St. Monica.

Liturgical Ministry Opportunities

Transfiguration has many liturgical ministry opportunities that could benefit from your gifts and time. Please contact Shantel Schallenkamp at 651-501-2206 or sschallenkamp@transfigurationmn.org for more information.

How can we pray for you?



We invite you to place your prayer intentions on the Prayer Board in the Gathering Space. Staff and parishioners will pray for your intentions throughout the week.

Senior 500 Cards



Join other adults playing 500 cards 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays. New to the game of 500? We will teach you. Everyone is welcome!



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.

Please join us for the 2nd Annual



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Saturday, June 21, 2025
9:00 a.m. Shotgun start

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Transfiguration Women’s Group
Plant Sale Orders will be available for
pick up at Transfiguration on May 17 from
9:00–11:00 a.m. & after 4 p.m. Mass and
Sunday, May 18 after all Masses.



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EEthier@transfigurationmn.org
Event date - June 21, 2025

\$5,000 **Tournament** (1) One Available

- Named sponsor of event
- Logo & name included in tournament promotion & media
- Logo and name on beverage cart
- Custom can koozies with your logo
- (1) Foursome Included

\$2,500 **Luncheon** (1) One Available

- Signage in Banquet area
- Logo & Name included in tournament promotion & media
- Coasters at all tables with your logo
- (1) Foursome Included

\$1,500 **Contest** (3) Three Available

- Named sponsor for Longest Drive, Closest to Pin & Longest Putt contests
- Logo & name on contest signage & promotions
- (1) Foursome Included

\$400 **Course** (18) Eighteen Available

- Named Sponsor on hole(s) of choice
- Acknowledgement in tournament materials and at luncheon



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Sisters' Plant Sale

29TH ANNUAL!



Saturday, May 17, 2025
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
265 Century Ave. S., St. Paul

- Crafts made by Sisters
- Perennials, Houseplants
- Herbs, vegetables
- Eggrolls \$22/dz
- Chicken Curry w/Rice \$10
- Hot Dogs, Chips
- Baked Goods & Soda

Catholic Youth Summer Program Totus Tuus 2025

Preschool-6 Grade - July 21-25 Days
7-12 Grade - July 20-24 Evenings



Totus Tuus is our Catholic, week-long summer program for kids in grades Preschool to 12th grade, led by a team of four college students who aim to make the faith real to the youth as a way of life and love and not simply a set of rules and obligations.

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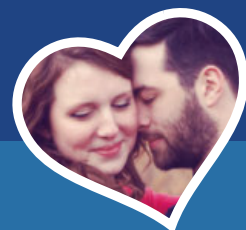
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