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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

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Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Monday to Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Day Vigil: 6:30 p.m.

Holy Day: 8:00 a.m.

Holiday: 8:00 a.m.

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 3:15 to 3:40 p.m.

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

In a spirit of oneness, we, the members of Transfiguration Parish, a Roman Catholic community, are called to serve God through his Son, Jesus Christ, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We dedicate ourselves to the transformation of our lives and society through worship, evangelization, love of neighbor, and ministry to those in need.

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Distributions are held from 10:00 a.m. to noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month from January to October and on the third Wednesday of the month in November and December. The Food Pantry is located in the lower level of the Rectory.

#### **BAPTISMS**

Call the Parish Office to schedule.

#### **WEDDINGS**

Ordinarily, arrangements must be made six months in advance, according to diocesan policy. Consult clergy. Pre-marriage classes must be attended.

#### **COMMUNION CALLS**

Please call the Parish Office if you or anyone you know would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Confession, or Communion.

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Classes are held on Sunday mornings in the parish hall in the school building. Required for all children in Grades 1-8 attending public school. Call the Parish Office with any questions or for more information.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>October 19</b>	<b>Sts. John de Brébeuf &amp; Isaac Jogues &amp; Companions</b>
4:00 p.m.	Beno Family for †JIM & †JULIE FETTERMAN	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>October 20</b>	<b>29th Sun. in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	Wife, Ann for †JACK COSTO, SR. (5th Anniv.) & Other Deceased Family Members	
10:00 a.m.	Family for Health & God's Blessings on TEOFIL & STEFANIA KIERNOZEK (60th Wedd. Anniv.)	
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>October 21</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Alice Schaefer for a Special Intention	
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>October 22</b>	<b>St. John Paul II</b>
8:00 a.m.	Friend, Karen Delia for †ROBERT SHARKEY	
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>October 23</b>	<b>St. John of Capistrano</b>
8:00 a.m.	Helen A. Smith for †ROSE CHESEBRO	
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<b>St. Anthony Mary Claret</b>
8:00 a.m.	No Morning Mass	
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>October 25</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Daughter, Josephine Kukla for †FRANK & †JOHANNA SVIENTEK	
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>October 26</b>	
4:00 p.m.	Joyce Klotzbach for †VICTOR, †MARGARET & †KATHY VARGO & †MARILYN PAVLUS	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>October 27</b>	<b>30th Sun. in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 a.m.	Joe & Fran Beno for †RUTH ISTOK	
10:00 a.m.	Ron & Marilyn Kulikowski for †JOSEPH A. MISENCIK	

**3 Sanctuary Lamp Candles for the Week of Oct. 20th:**  
 For the Children of the World: 1 candle for the Ill; 1 candle for the Abused; and 1 candle for the Neglected. Thank you.

**Scripture Readings for the Week:**

Mon., Oct. 21st:	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Lk 12:13-21
Tues., Oct. 22nd:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/ Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/ Lk 12:35-38
Wed., Oct. 23rd:	Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Lk 12:39-48
Thurs., Oct. 24th:	Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Fri., Oct. 25th:	Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68b]/Lk 12:54-59

**Collection** for last weekend was \$3,772. God bless all for your support. All donations are appreciated.

**Special Collection for World Mission Sunday** will be taken this weekend. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the missions in your prayers and be generous in this week's collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Please use the envelope in your packet. The basket will be passed twice.

**All Souls' Day** is Sat., Nov. 2nd. There is a special envelope in your packet. Please turn it in as soon as possible. The envelopes will be placed on the altar and your loved ones remembered during the month of November.

**Donut Sunday:** Donuts and coffee will be served following the 8 a.m. Mass **this Sunday** in the parish hall. All parishioners are welcome to come for fellowship!

**Protecting God's Children:** The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers, or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via e-mail at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org). You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

**Readers**

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>October 26</b>
4:00 p.m.	Anne Nolan
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>October 27</b>
8:00 a.m.	John Kosko
10:00 a.m.	Jenniver Sparano

**Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>October 26</b>
4:00 p.m.	Joyce Klotzbach, Tom McKenna & Anne Nolan
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>October 27</b>
8:00 a.m.	John Maline, Art Thomas & Laure Wasserbauer
10:00 a.m.	Pat Cudnik

**Altar Servers**

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>October 26</b>
4:00 p.m.	Ed Nolan
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>October 27</b>
8:00 a.m.	Carl Orban
10:00 a.m.	

**Fr. Ted's Corner . . . Saint Rose and Saint Hedwig . . .**

Once again, we have an opportunity next weekend for us to gather together, to work together, and to celebrate as a parish family—our 10th annual *Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle*—which continues a tradition which is rooted in both the Saints Cyril and Methodius and Saint Hedwig communities. And so also, as we have in past years, we will use this opportunity to celebrate in our weekend Masses two of our parish patrons—the feast of Saint Hedwig (whose day occurred on October 16th) and the feast of Saint Rose of Lima (whose memory was kept on August 23rd). Celebrating these special patrons gives us a chance to remember, to give thanks for, and to be strengthened by the prayer and example of these holy women—to be renewed in our dedication and commitment to living out together our life as faithful disciples—supporting one another in all our efforts to be the people Jesus calls us to be and to do and to carry on the work that Jesus calls us to do. I am certainly looking forward to our celebrations next weekend—and I hope you are, too!

**Help with the Grand Raffle . . . Thank You!!** Last weekend, in this space, I made a request—once again, as I did last year, asking if someone might be willing and able to help in providing the prizes for our *Grand Raffle*. I am very pleased to write, this week, that the prizes for our *Grand Raffle* this year—the \$1,500 prize and the five \$100 prizes—have been provided for! I am **extremely grateful** to those (who wish to remain anonymous) who so quickly and generously responded to that request and have helped our parish community in this way. May God bless you and reward your kindness!

And sincerest thanks, too—and prayers for blessings—for **all** those who continue to give so generously of their time and effort in so many different ways to prepare for and ensure the success of this very special event—which is only a week away!

I am grateful, too, to all of you who picked up your envelopes and tickets in church the past two weekends—and also helped to make sure that some of our parishioners who weren't able to pick up their tickets still received them.

Finally, a couple of reminders: if you haven't already done so, to purchase your dinner ticket or tickets **as soon as possible** . . . to contact the Parish Office for extra raffle tickets . . . to return your raffle tickets **as soon as possible**. With regard to returning those tickets: the easiest way to return them is by putting them in the collection basket (last chance next weekend); you can also certainly drop them off at the Parish Office if you wish; and, although we are not permitted to send them out in the mail, you can certainly use the mail to return them to the parish. Thanks so very much!

**Our Stained-Glass Windows . . . Thank you!!** Last week in this space, I wrote about the restoration of two of the stained-glass windows on the upper west wall of the church—which had been affected by the summer's heat and had come loose from their frames. I had mentioned that both windows had been removed, been reset and strengthened, and been reinstalled—and that that process for each window came at a cost

of \$5,125—a total bill of \$10,250. We paid for that expense with funds from our savings/investments—and I had written of my hope that somehow we might be able to replace those funds in the future. I shared with you that I had been blessed with kind donations from my high-school seminary classmates when I was with them for our reunion a few weekends ago—and that, along with those donations, I was intending to use the donations from the *Giving Tuesday/We Give Catholic* fundraiser this year to help with the cost of this project. However, while all of that is still quite true, it happens that we will be able to replace those funds much sooner. For a very generous person (also wanting to remain anonymous) came to me this past week with a gift which will cover the entire cost of the restoration of the two stained-glass windows.

As I sit at my desk writing this column, I don't know what else to say. I am at a loss for words. As I wrote last week, I am overwhelmed by and truly humbled by such kindness and such generosity. I learn again, in this experience, the lesson of trust and confidence in the goodness and the providence of God—who never fails in that providence, inspiring in open hearts the kindness and the generosity that provides for our needs. I am truly and deeply grateful, beyond words to express.

And I hope that that is true for all of us. In my homily last week I spoke of the thanksgiving that is always in the heart and always on the lips of those who belong to Christ as his true disciples—thanksgiving for countless gifts, unmerited and unearned (and so often taken for granted), that surround us at every moment. I pray that that thanksgiving will indeed be always in my heart and on my lips—thanksgiving for those generous givers whom I have written about this week; thanksgiving to the God (who knows well who they are) who has graced them (and will continue to do so) and given them to us to bless our lives—each of us and all of us in the Transfiguration Parish family. Let us join together in grateful prayer and praise for one another, for all who bring us each day God's blessings of peace and everything good.



- Sun., Oct. 20 **Donut Sunday**, following the 8 a.m. Mass, hall
- Sun., Oct. 20 **Catholic Order of Foresters Baby Shower for Birthright**, 1 p.m., hall
- Tues., Oct. 22 **Harvest Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle Meeting**, 7 p.m., hall
- Wed., Oct. 23 **Community Food Pantry**, 10 a.m. to noon, Rectory (basement stairwell door)
- Sat., Oct. 26 **Set Up for Harvest Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., hall
- Sat., Oct. 26 **Confessions**, 3:15-3:40 p.m., church
- Sun., Oct. 27 **10th Annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner and Raffle**, serving from 12:00-3:30 p.m., hall

## TRANSFIGURATION PARISH



**Scripture Verse:** “A widow in that town used to come to him and say, ‘Render a just decision for me against my adversary.’ For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, ‘because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.’”—Lk 18:3-4b, 5

**Family Perspective:** The widow in today’s Gospel was successful because she was persistent. Children tend to be naturally persistent; they will repeat the same request over and over until an exhausted parent gives in, and then later will feel guilty for not being stronger. The Gospel encourages us to pray always and not lose heart. Our challenge is to be a *good—not perfect*—parent.

**50/50:** Only \$5 per 50/50 envelope makes you eligible for half of the money collected during the month of October through the 50/50 envelopes. There is a 50/50 envelope in your packet of envelopes each month, and there are extra envelopes by the church doors.



**Community Food Pantry:** We continue to collect the following non-perishable food items: canned goods, such as soups, broth, pasta sauce, vegetables, fruit, fish, and meats; boxed dry goods, such as cereal, pasta, beans, macaroni and cheese, and crackers; peanut butter (18-28 oz. size); and jelly or jam.

**At this time, we are especially in need of canned pasta sauce and fruit and boxed cereal.** Please check the expiration dates on the food items you donate, and please no glass items due to possible breakage. The designated container for your donations is located at the west entrance of the church. Cash donations are accepted, too, if you are unable to shop for needed items. Cash donations can be dropped in the collection basket. We do not accept clothing donations. The Community Food Pantry is located in the lower level of the Rectory. The next distribution will be on Wed., Oct. 23rd, from 10 a.m. to noon. The volunteers scheduled are Anne Davalla, Donna Gluvna, and Pat Liegl.

**Open House:** Lakewood Catholic Academy will host an Open House featuring their Early Childhood and Kindergarten Programs this Sun., Oct. 20th, from 12-2 p.m. Families with children ages six weeks old through five years are invited to tour the school and learn more. Call 216-521-0559 or go to [lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/FallOpenHouse](http://lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/FallOpenHouse).

**Baby Shower Event:** Please join the Catholic Order of Foresters (COF) for a Baby Shower this Sun., Oct. 20th, at 1 p.m. in the parish hall at Transfiguration Parish as we respond to Matthew 25’s call to service through Feeding God’s Children! At the shower, we will be assembling baby bags along with no-sew baby blankets and cards for mothers in need at Birthright. If you cannot attend, please pray for the event’s success. All are invited to participate—children, adults, and COF members and non-members.

**10th Annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle** will be held next **Sun., Oct. 27th**, in the parish hall. Dinner will be served from **12:00-3:30 p.m.** Please mark your calendars. Remember to invite your family and friends.

**Dinner Tickets:** Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$7 for children ages 5 to 12, and free for children 4 and under. Advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended for dine-in and for take-out dinners. Only a limited number of dinner tickets will be available at the door. Any unclaimed tickets/reservations will not be held past 3:00 p.m. Please call Anne Davalla at 216-287-1127 or Pat Liegl at 216-269-9801 for tickets. Tickets will be sold before and after Masses this weekend, too. **Please purchase your dinner tickets as soon as possible but no later than Tues., Oct. 22nd.**

**Parishioner Envelopes:** If you have not picked up your letter and raffle tickets inviting your participation in and support of the dinner and raffle this year, please pick up your envelope at the west entrance of the church this weekend. **All parishioners, please return your raffle tickets to the Parish Office as soon as possible.** Thank you.

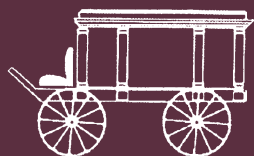
**Basket Raffle:** We are requesting donations from parish families for our Basket Raffle. Please consider assembling a basket with an approximate value of \$25. If \$25 is too much, think about purchasing a \$5 gift certificate to be used for a door prize. **Please note that no alcohol (beer, wine, or liquor) or lottery tickets are permitted as prizes in any of the baskets.** Any donation is very much appreciated. Baskets can be dropped off at the Parish Office at your earliest convenience but no later than this Sun., Oct. 20th. Thank you.

**Patrons Needed:** Envelopes are available in the church pews if you would like to be a patron in the 10th Annual Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle program booklet. Patron support levels of \$100 (Platinum), \$50 (Gold), \$25 (Silver), and \$5 (Bronze) are available. Please fill out the envelope, enclose the money (make checks payable to “Transfiguration Parish”), and return it to the collection basket or to the Parish Office no later than this Sun., Oct. 20th.

**Volunteers Needed:** There are sign-up sheets at the church entrances for volunteers to work at the event (even for an hour or two is very helpful) and for bakers. Single-layer cakes (9”x13”—chocolate is a favorite) and brownies are requested, but any bakery donations will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. If you plan to bake, we really need you to sign up or call the Parish Office at 216-521-7288 to let us know. Bakery can be dropped off next Sat., Oct. 26th, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. while volunteers are setting up or on Sunday morning, Oct. 27th, in the parish hall.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on **Tues., Oct. 22nd, at 7 p.m.** in the parish hall. Please come and get involved! The success of this event depends on many hands and many feet working together.

**Candles:** The large red and blue globe candle inserts are \$4 each (available in the sacristy). The small votive candles are 25 cents each.



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