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PASTOR

Rev. Theodore J. Haag, O.F.M.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

First Saturday of the Month: 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

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COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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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.

Mass Intentions



- Saturday, October 23**
4:00 p.m. †Ruth Istok
- Sunday, October 24 30th Sun. in Ordinary Time**
9:00 a.m. Deceased: Semicek & Babski Families
- Monday, October 25**
8:30 a.m. †Peter Hudec
- Wednesday, October 27**
8:30 a.m. †Joseph Puzak
- Friday, October 29**
8:30 a.m. †Pauline Gelatka
- Saturday, October 30**
4:00 p.m. †Ann Shema
- Sunday, October 31 31st Sun. in Ordinary Time**
9:00 a.m. †Michael, †Elizabeth & †John Svajhart



“Son of David, have pity on me.” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.” Jesus said to him in reply, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied to him, “Master, I want to see.”—Mk 10:48c-49, 51

GOSPEL MEDITATION 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!” We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It’s all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that “to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement.” We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God’s mercy is always available. It doesn’t matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God’s, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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Sponsor of the 3 Sanctuary Lamp Candles for the Week of October 24th: Ann Costo: Continued Health and Perseverance of Our Faith, Especially Because of the Trials the Pandemic Continues to Give Us All in This New Decade.

Candles: The large red and blue globe candle inserts are \$4 each. The small votive candles are 25 cents each.

Collection for last weekend was \$3,076. God bless all for your support. All donations are appreciated.

Special Collection: Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Thank you for your generosity.

All Souls’ Day is Tues., 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.

In Memoriam: Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of James Seidowski, 32, who died on Oct. 7th and Evelyn (Repasky) Zachowski, 86, who died on Oct. 17th. May our Lord grant them eternal rest.

50/50: Only \$5 per 50/50 envelope makes you eligible for half of the money collected 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. Our parish benefits from the profits.

Fr. Ted's Corner . . . Saint Rose and Saint Hedwig . . . In recent years, as we gathered to celebrate our annual *Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle*, we have also celebrated, at our weekend Eucharist, the feast days of our parish patrons, Saint Rose of Lima and Saint Hedwig. Even though we won't be gathering as we usually do for our pork chop dinner next Sunday, we will still celebrate these patrons of our parish at our weekend Masses next weekend. The Church celebrates the feast day of Saint Rose of Lima on August 23rd and the feast day of Saint Hedwig on October 16th. Celebrating these special patrons together each year gives us a chance to remember, to give thanks for, and to be strengthened by the prayer and example of these holy women - and so to be renewed in our own dedication and commitment to living out together our life as faithful disciples. As a parish community, we make use of all the opportunities to support 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 in our own time, just as Saint Rose and Saint Hedwig did in theirs.

*O God, you set Saint Rose of Lima
on fire with you,
so that, secluded from the world
in the austerity of a life of penance,
she might give herself to you alone.
In the wonderful life of Saint Hedwig,
you have given us an example of humility
in her generous service to the poor and needy
and her faithful care for your Church.
Grant us the help of
their example and intercession,
that we too may faithfully imitate
your Only Begotten Son,
be counted at last among
the blessed of your Kingdom.
Amen.*

All Saints and All Souls . . . As the month of October comes to an end next Sunday, so we begin the month of November with the celebration of All Saints on Monday, November 1st, and the commemoration of All Souls on Tuesday, November 2nd.

The Bishops of the United States have, in recent years, made it a general practice that, if a Holy Day of Obligation falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass (with some exceptions) is removed. Therefore, since the **Solemnity of All Saints** falls on Monday this year, **it is not a Holy Day of Obligation**. Consequently, the only Mass for the celebration of All Saints will be the usual Monday **morning Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

Parish weekday morning Masses are currently on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. However, there will be a **special morning Mass on Tuesday, November 2nd, at 8:30 a.m.** for the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**.

May the Lord make us holy, as he did for Saint Rose and Saint Hedwig and all his saints - strengthening us in faith and faithfulness, filling our open hearts with every grace and blessing, blessings of peace and everything good.

Community Food Pantry: No food items are needed at this time. The next distribution will be held on Wed., Oct. 27th, from 10 a.m. to noon. The volunteers scheduled are Anne Davalla and Marilyn Rudnick.

Harvest Festival - 2021: If you would like to participate in the Split-the-Pot, Gift Raffle, and/or Festival Patron opportunities, please return the form and/or envelopes provided in Fr. Ted's recent mailing along with your donation no later than Sun., Oct. 31st. These items can be placed in the weekend collection basket or sent to/dropped off at the Rectory. The drawings will be held on Mon., Nov. 1st. Thank you for your participation in this annual event for the support and the benefit of Transfiguration Parish.

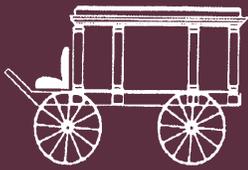
Open House featuring Lakewood Catholic Academy's Early Childhood and Kindergarten Programs will be held this Sun., Oct. 24th, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Families with children ages six weeks through five years old are invited to tour the school and learn more. Registration is required. Go to **admissions.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com/FallOpenHouse**.

Annual Birthright Baby Shower: The Catholic Order of Foresters (COF), a fraternal charitable organization, will hold its annual baby shower to benefit mothers seeking help through the Lakewood office of Birthright this Sun., Oct. 24th, from 2-4 p.m. at St. Clement Parish at 2022 Lincoln Ave. in Lakewood. COF volunteers will offer crafts, activities, raffles, and door prizes to make your Sunday afternoon enjoyable family fun - and all for a great cause! Party foods and a shower cake will be served to complete the afternoon. There is no cost to attend. Donations of diapers, baby wipes, and newborn clothing can be deposited in bins provided in Lakewood Catholic churches the weekends of October 9th/10th and 16th/17th. Donations can also be brought in person to the event. Go to COF's website, <https://www.catholicforester.org/courts/1630/events>, for all of this information and more. Please call Dr. Jeff Koloze at 216-262-3511 or Randy Nix at 216-905-3712 with any questions. Hope to see you there!

Walking With Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic women's Bible study that enables women to know Jesus Christ through personal study, small group discussions, and real-life application. Join the **free Kick-Off** on Thurs., Oct. 28th, at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Lower Church at 17514 Detroit Ave. in Lakewood. Come discover the "more" that has changed the lives of thousands of Catholic women! For more information, contact WWPLakewood@gmail.com.

Lakewood Knights of Columbus will be meeting on Thurs., Oct. 28th, starting at 7:30 p.m. in St. Luke's school building, Room 204. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Forgiveness Retreat: Catholic Renewal Ministries (CRM) invites all to a Forgiveness Retreat presented by Deacon Dave Pecot next Sat., Oct. 30th, at St. Adalbert Church, Keller Center Hall, 66 Adelbert St. in Berea. The retreat will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. The retreat registration fee is \$20. Lunch will be on your own. PayPal registration is available through the CRM website, crmweb.org. Call CRM at 440-944-9445 with questions.



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