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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.

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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 30**
4:00 p.m. †Ann Shema
- Sunday, October 31 31st Sun. in Ordinary Time**
9:00 a.m. †Michael, †Elizabeth & †John Svajhart
- Monday, November 1 All Saints**
8:30 a.m. †David Brengartner
- Tuesday, November 2 All Souls**
8:30 a.m. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
- Wednesday, November 3**
8:30 a.m. †John Scanlon
- Friday, November 5**
8:30 a.m. Malcolm (†Patty) Hope (Wedd. Anniv.)
- Saturday, November 6**
4:00 p.m. †Dezider Szauberer
- Sunday, November 7 32nd Sun. in Ordinary Time**
9:00 a.m. †Rose Bonadio



Jesus replied, “The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*”—Mk 12:29-30



GOSPEL MEDITATION
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God’s devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!” The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven’t learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from “I and me” to “us and we” and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It’s a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven’t learned our primary lessons yet.



Note: There will be a special morning Mass on **Tuesday, November 2nd, at 8:30 a.m.** for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

Sponsor of the 3 Sanctuary Lamp Candles for the Week of October 31st: Nancy Behrens: 1 candle for †Elmer Chu; 1 candle for †Steve Biros, Jr.; and 1 candle for †Steve and †Mary Biros.

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

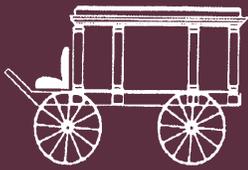
Collection for last weekend was \$2,177. God bless all for your support. All donations are appreciated.

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.



Community Food Pantry: No food items are needed at this time. Cash donations are always accepted and 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 held on Wed., Nov. 17th, from 10 a.m. to noon. The volunteers scheduled are Terry Hudec and Carl Orban.

Fall back Time change is next weekend. Be sure to turn your clocks **back** one hour before you go to bed on Sat., Nov. 6th.



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