



# Church of the Transfiguration

*We are a Franciscan Body of Christ  
embracing all people through liturgy and service.*

*August 22, 2021*

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"  
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.*

*We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."*

*~John 6:67-69*



## PRESENCE: PHYSICAL VS. VIRTUAL

*"For you have made the whole world a temple of your glory, that your name might everywhere be extolled, yet you allow us to consecrate to you apt places for the divine mysteries. And so, we dedicate joyfully to your majesty this house of prayer, built by human labor. Here is foreshadowed the mystery of the true Temple, here is prefigured the heavenly Jerusalem."*

*~Roman Missal, Preface for Dedication for a Church*

### Principles

- The Word became flesh; Jesus is not simply an idea, but a physical reality.
- We experience the presence of Christ in the community assembled together, which is possible through physical gatherings but not fully in a virtual manner.
- The sacraments are physical signs of inner realities - they require created things and people gathered in proximity.
- Sacramental Communion completes our participation in the Eucharist: we meet Christ in Holy Communion at Mass in a way beyond any virtual experience.
- Church buildings are dedicated for our worship and are truly the house of God.

What do I appreciate most about my parish's church building?

What are the benefits receive from physically going to Mass rather than only participating online?

How do I encounter God in my virtual participation in Mass?  
How is God missing if I live only online?

What keeps me from truly appreciating Christ's real presence in the community of believers who gather in the church each Sunday?

*Fr. Jeff*

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 10:30am

Saturdays 12:00pm

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30pm

Sunday

8:30am ~ 11:00am

Monday through Friday

12:00pm

### ADORATION

Wednesday, September 1

1:00—7:00pm

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**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm**  
**Sunday: 8:30 am & 11:00 am**  
**Monday - Friday: 12:00 noon**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

**Tuesday: 10:30 am**  
**Saturday: 12:00 pm**

**Adoration of the Eucharist**

**First Wednesday of the Month: 1:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Parish Office Hour**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by contacting the Parish Office.

**Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist:** Arrangements can be made by contacting the Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office if you or a loved one wishes to be anointed.

**Funeral:** When your loved one passes away, please contact the Parish Office regarding funeral arrangements.

**Bulletin Article Deadline:** 10:00 am on Mondays by emailing [phillman@transfigsfld.org](mailto:phillman@transfigsfld.org)

**Parish Registration:** Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Room and the main office.

If you change your address, phone number, or move to another parish, please notify the Parish Office.



**Who are these masked men?  
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**Transfiguration Organizations**

**Men's Club - John Grden** 248-355-3953  
Meetings held second Tuesday  
of the month in the Duns Scotus Room

**Knights of Columbus - Andrew Martin** 734-743-5274  
Meetings held first Wednesday  
of the month in the Duns Scotus Room

**Usher's Club - Jack Walton** 248-353-9461  
Meetings held third Wednesday  
of the month in the Duns Scotus Room

**St. Vincent de Paul Conference -** 248-416-3468  
Debbie Eagenwest

**Secular Franciscans - Sue Hayosh** 248-790-6066  
Meetings held third Sunday  
of the month in the Duns Scotus Room

**Franciscan Outreach Program** 248-356-6350  
John Grden, Director  
Open Monday & Wednesday  
9:00 am - 11:30 am



### Franciscan Friar Comes to the Church of the Transfiguration with New Musical Project

Join Br. Al Mascia OFM for an afternoon of original stories and songs here at Transfiguration on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. This is the first live performance of Br. Al's since the early days of the pandemic. "*Homeward: A Musical Journey of Return*" gives voice to what it's been like to live through this past year while offering a bold and compelling message of hope for the future!



Registration for all Religious Education classes including high school and the youth ministry group begins this weekend.

All forms are out in the gathering space on a special table. Please pay attention to the correct form for the grade level and media consent that also needs to be signed.

We strongly encourage you to register early this year.

We have a few new catechists and programs and could still use some aides for various grade levels.

Contact Diane if you are interested. 248-356-8787 x3112 or [transfigdiane@att.net](mailto:transfigdiane@att.net)

### Stewardship Thoughts

In today's First Reading, Joshua gives the ancient Israelites a choice either to serve their God, the God of Israel, or the pagan gods *beyond the River*. Joshua then boldly professes, *As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord*. In St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he describes marriage as a sacrament and likens the marital bond in love between husband and wife to Christ's love of His Church. In St. John's Gospel, many of the disciples find Christ's truth on the everlasting gift of His Body and Blood hard to accept and leave His company. Jesus questions His Apostles to see if they, too, will leave Him and go back *to their former way of life*. Discipleship in the Lord is challenging, but Simon-Peter proclaims to Jesus, *Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life*. Being Christ's disciple has a definite cost, but He assures us He will give us strength to accept that cost. Jesus' strength, peace, and joy can be attained through Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction in your parish.

### Virtual Pilgrimage

Mesfin Belay, Carolyn Romzick, David Clark, Laura Dutton, Pat Helson,  
Bona Opatich, Anne Knutson, Sheila Fallon, Sharon Hall, Joe Mardeusz, Fr. Jeff  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City: 2500 miles!**  
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**& Prayers  
to the Family & Friends of:**

**Emil Wieleba**

**Father of  
Sr. Karen Wieleba OSF**

WHOEVER  
BELIEVES  
WILL HAVE  
*eternal life*



## “This Week In and Around Transfiguration”

**Monday, August 23 - Sunday, August 29, 2021**

**Monday, August 23 thru Friday, August 27  
12:00 noon Mass**

**Saturday, August 28  
4:30 pm Mass**

**Sunday, August 29  
8:30 am & 11:00 am Masses**

**Confessions: Tuesday 10:30 am  
Saturday 12:00 noon**

**Masses will continue to be livestreamed  
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Transfigsfld.org  
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## FAMILY OF PARISHES Effective: July 1, 2021

**Thank you to all who came to the 1<sup>st</sup> Family of Parishes Gathering.  
We had a great Transfiguration turnout!**

### Gathering Three

Witnessing with Support and Encouragement  
**Tuesday, September 14, 7-9 pm**  
Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

**All gatherings will be in person**

**Please Register at FOPGATHERINGS.ORG**

## Other Events

*Pastoral Council Meeting*  
7:00 pm  
Duns Scotus Room

*Concert With Br. Al Mascia OFM*  
Sunday, August 29, 3:00 pm

*Knights of Columbus*  
Wednesday, September 1, 7:30 pm

*Labor Day*  
Monday, September 6  
Mass 9:00 am  
Parish Office Closed  
Franciscan Outreach Program Closed



## Parishioners

Chuck Ahern  
Grace Bostic  
Bob Citron  
Connie Curto  
Bill Cybulski  
Lisa Cybulski

Robert Darwood

Arlene Duff

Kay Flogus-Dailey

Bernadette Frasier

Florica Glodean

Stephanie Berry Horton

Ellen Kanaby

Laida Laranang

Romy Laranang

Jane Loiselle

Edith Mansfield

Claude Paquette

Joanne Paquette

Jerry Rattenbury

Mary Rembecki

Delores Schmidt

Loretta Wallace

Elizabeth Yohannes

## Friends & Family

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Seeketa Anderson

Donna Armitage

Nettie Bell

Judith Benvenger

Delores Doria

Natalie Grace Duff

Donna Frazier

James Gilmartin

Jack Gorro

Peg Hoban-Cameron

Ayden Vander Hulst

Carole Iheagwara

Diane Kaminski

Rachel King

Kevin Knight

Jennifer Krukowski

Sharie Marrs

Joel Petoskey

Rev. Jerry Rankin

Giovanni Rankin

Ariel Simmons

Antoinette Stubbs-Hardy

Phyllis Williams

Barb Yanes

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Remember to pray for  
the safety of our troops  
around the world.

May they return home soon.

We also pray for world  
leaders to have the  
wisdom to find peaceful  
solutions to the  
conflicts around the world



Reading Scripture is not like reading any other book, because Scripture is a *living* word through which God speaks to each of us personally, *right here and now*.

-Archbishop Vigneron

### Join a **Catholic Biblical School of Michigan** Sept to May Class

Wed 1-3 pm Shrine Royal Oak, Tue 7-9 pm OLQM Beverly Hills, or Fully-Online Class

**Info Nights:** Wed 8/25 7 pm at OLQM Beverly Hills or Fri 8/27 8 pm on Zoom  
CBSMich.org/join | 586-438-3085



**& Prayers  
to the Family & Friends of:**

**Elizabeth Winkler Davis**



**August 8, 2021**

**Sunday Collection: \$4,980.00**

**Maintenance: \$205.00**

**Christmas: \$140.00**

We understand these are difficult times, and some of you are being financially strained. If you are able to contribute to the support of the Church, we will be grateful. You can contribute electronically and you can find out how to do that on the Parish website clicking on 'Donate Online.' You can also use Good old fashioned 'snail mail.'

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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### **Pastoral Council**

*Percy Williams—Chair*

*Courtney Atlas*

*David Clark*

*Ernest Gargaro, Jr.*

*Mac Mangrum II*

*Mavis Onuoha*

*Cora Lim—Discipleship*

*Commission*

*Mesfin Belay—Education*

*Commission*

*Jon Fox—Finance Council*

*John Grden—Worship Commission*

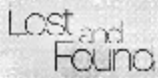
*Laura Dutton—Christian Service*

*Joseph Kariuki—Vicariate*

*Representative*

*Grace Bostic—Vicariate*

*Representative*



### **People Lose Stuff**

...and sometimes we find it... we are in the process of cleaning out the lost and found ... IF you think you have lost something at church in the last year or so ... or even before then ... please contact Paula with a description of the item ... if we have it we will be glad to return it.

**All leftover items will be disposed of on  
September 14, 2021.**

**Mass Intentions This Week****Monday, August 23: Weekday**

12:00 +John Hartnett

req. by Patricia Brooks

**Tuesday, August 24: St. Bartholomew**

12:00 In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

req. by Tom Mandapathil

**Wednesday, August 25: Weekday**

12:00 +Robert &amp; +Mary Bodden

req. by Jane &amp; Paul Loiselle

**Thursday, August 26: Weekday**

12:00 +Daniel Theriault

req. by the Family

**Friday, August 27: St. Monica**

12:00 +Donald E. Schmaltz, +Gwendolyn Schmaltz, +JoAnne Schmaltz

&amp; +Karen Orsi Schmaltz

req. by Kathy Schmaltz

**Saturday, August 28: St. Augustine**

4:30 +Calvin Simpson

req. by Shirley &amp; Garry Simpson

**Sunday, August 29: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 Sr. Gemma Legel

req. by Anne Knutson

11:00 For the People of the Church of the Transfiguration

+ denotes deceased

**Sacristans**

August 28

Contact will be made for time of cleaning.

**Nursing Home Assignments**

August 28

Brookdale &amp; Franklin Terrace—Sheila Fallon

Lahser Hills &amp; Lakeland Center—

August 26

Evergreen Nursing Center—Kay &amp; Mike Sweeney

**Vigil Light Intentions**

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intention (both lights)

St. Anthony: Special Intention (both lights)

**Liturgical Assignments**

	Saturday August 28 4:30 p.m.	Sunday August 29 8:30 a.m.	Sunday August 29 11:00 a.m.	
Eucharistic Ministers (*Captain)	Cathy Faris	Marie Poole		
Lector	David Schnell	Debbie Belian		
Servers	Clyde Bostick	Daniel Hughes Noah Hughes		
Ushers	Jack Walton John Buffone Tom Orosz	Paul Loiselle Fletcher Parkman Sonny Stewart Vern Newman	Starla Tyler Joyce Fox	

**Readings for the week of August 22, 2021****Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22**Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30**Next Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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