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**January 12, 2025**

## Confessions

Tuesdays 10:30am  
Saturdays 12:00 Noon

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## Mass Schedule

Monday—Friday  
12:00 Noon

Saturday Vigil Mass  
4:30pm

Sunday  
8:30am and 11:00am

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## Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, February 5th  
1:00pm-7:00pm

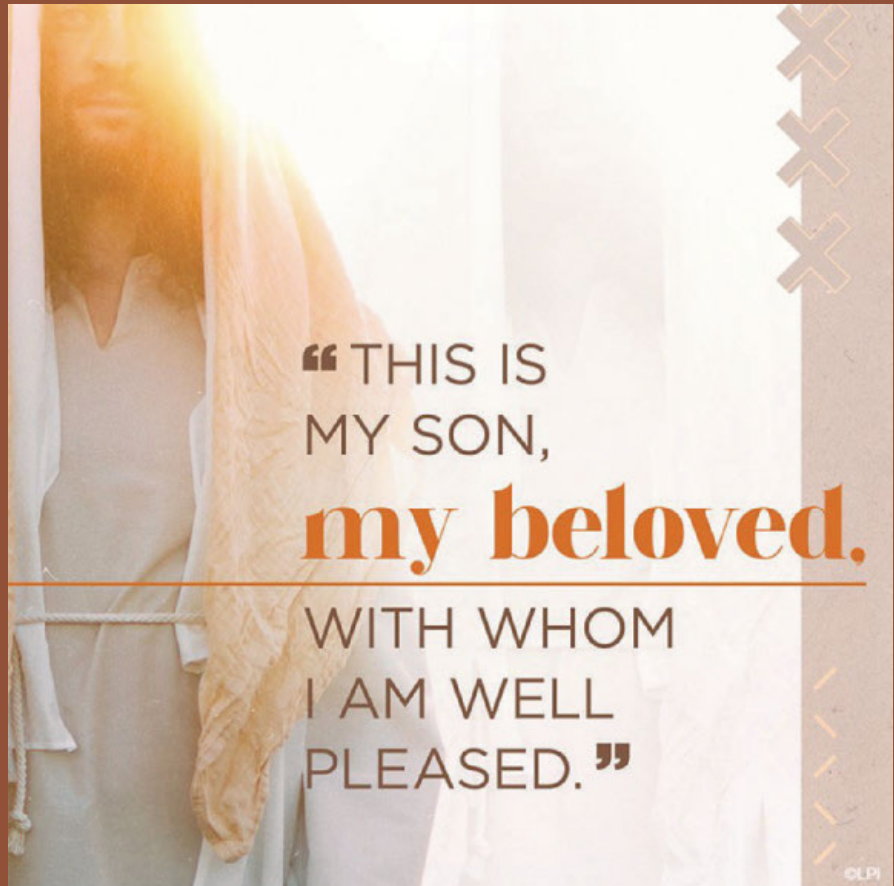
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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

**Church of the Transfiguration**

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**Parish Office Hour**

Monday - 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 aburgin@transfigsflld.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.

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**Open Monday & Wednesday**  
**9:00 am - 11:30 am**



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Our Mother of Perpetual Help

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**January 25 4:30 Mass**

**January 26 8:30 Mass**



*Grateful  
thankful  
blessed*

Thank you for all your generosity to the friars, the staff,  
and the parish at Christmas!

Thanks to those who cleaned, those who put up trees,  
the nativities, and decorations.  
Those who assisted liturgically, sang, and provided music!

Thanks for coming, praying,  
and bringing your family and friends!

We are most grateful for you generous  
Christmas offerings to the parish!

**It was a great Christmas!**  
**May the spirit of generosity continue!**

### **Lessons from Baptizing a Frog**

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. Not to mention that he is a FROG.

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.



## Christmas Flower Offering

**Shelia Salone**

**December 25, 2024**

Christmas: \$38,682

**December 29, 2024**

Offertory: \$2208

Mary Mother of God: \$125

Christmas: \$380

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**We are grateful for your continued generosity!**

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## Readings for the week of January 12, 2024

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20  
**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17  
**Next Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

## Everyday Stewardship Baptismal Grace Beckons You

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.

You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.



### **Our Parishioners**

Marge Ahern  
Courtney Atlas  
Fred Boehle  
Rudy & Precy Borja  
Grace Bostic  
Clyde Bostick  
Al Brankiewicz  
Sr. Ellen Burke  
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Kay Flogus-Dailey  
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Raymond Kanaby  
Judy Kelly  
Sharon Laing-Mackey  
Laida Laranang  
Jane Loiselle  
Ann Massad  
Margaret Michalski  
Vern and Lynda Newman  
Joanne Paquette  
Barry Parmeter  
Ken Peterson  
Jerry Rattenbury  
Sonny Stewart  
Sr. Mary Fran Uicker IHM  
Richard Urquhart  
Loretta Wallace

### **Friends & Family**

Seeketa Anderson  
Sr. Mary Ann Ankoviak, CSJ  
Donna Armitage  
Charles Barron, Jr.  
Hans Braun  
Cheryl Brown  
Carter Cybulski-Artis  
Ann Beatrice David  
James Dominic  
Jaymie Dyer  
Brenda Effetavia  
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Evelyn Faris  
Geraldine Faulkner  
Donna Frazier  
Diane Gabriel  
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Janette Harwell  
Carolyn Hewitt  
Ayden Vander Hulst  
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Kathy Isham  
Mike Isham  
Madeline Joseph  
Diane Kaminski  
Gary Kasminski  
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Rachel King  
Jennifer Krukowski  
Sue Kuehnel  
Ruby Lay  
Lily  
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Linda Twigg  
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Phyllis Williams  
Barb Yanes



### **Military Service**

Meredith A. Clark,  
Captain US Army

Airmen Alexandria Rankin  
Airmen William Rankin

Remember to pray for  
the safety of our troops

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For residents of:  
Evergreen Nursing Center  
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Lahser Hills  
Brookdale  
Lakeland Center

### **It's time to review our Friends and Family Prayer List**

Hopefully our continuous prayers for your loved ones have provided comfort and healing. The following names have been on the list for over two years and will soon be removed, however, if you would like them to remain on the list, please contact Amy at the parish office. [aburgin@transfigsfd.org](mailto:aburgin@transfigsfd.org) or 248-356-8787.

Seeketa Anderson  
Donna Armitage  
Donna Frazier  
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Diane Kaminski  
Rachel King  
Jennifer Krukowski

Sharie Marrs  
Joel Petoskey  
Giovanni Rankin  
Ariel Simmons

Antoinette Stubbs-Hardy  
Phyllis Williams  
Barb Yanes

**Mass Intentions This Week****Monday, January 13: St. Hilary**

12:00 +Marie Jabbour

req. by Vivian &amp; Laith Shammas

**Tuesday, January 14: Weekday**

12:00 Special Intention of Rhonda

**Wednesday, January 15: Weekday**

12:00 +Virginia Schim

req. by Her Children

**Thursday, January 16: Weekday**

12:00 +Ann Wadelton

req. by Marilyn Schepansky

**Friday, January 17: St. Anthony**

12:00 +Julie Victorio

req. by Cora Lim

**Saturday, January 18: Weekday**

4:30pm +Jack Faris

req. by Marilyn Schepansky

**Sunday, January 19: Baptism of the Lord**

8:30a People of Transfiguration Parish

11:00a Lorenzo Lim (birthday)

req. by Cora Lim

**+ denotes deceased****Sacristans**

January Sacristan: Marie Poole

**Week of January 13-18****Brookdale & Franklin Terrace**

Mike &amp; Kay Sweeney

**Lakeland Center**

Sr. Ellen Burke

**Evergreen Nursing Center**

Kay Sweeney

**Vigil Candles January 11-18****Liturgical Assignments**

	<b>Saturday</b> January 18 4:30 pm	<b>Sunday</b> January 19 8:30 am	<b>Sunday</b> January 19 11:00 am	<b>Please keep the office informed about any future dates that you will not be able to serve.</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Tim Cahoon	Mike Dillon	Debbie Belian Chizzy Okafor	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Br. Phil Marie Poole Ellen Mangold Julie Garmo	Ellen Mardeusz Linda Piotrowski Ryan Cousino Bona Opatich	Margie O'Connor Imma Amanze Mary Urquhart Bill Cybulski Mercellina Aguwa	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Margaret Rankin	Cousino Family	Joan Cash Chiedo Akalefu	
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