





THE FAMILY IS THE KEY TO CHRISTMAS

Beloved Transfiguration family and friends these are troubling times, and everything makes us afraid, but we are people of hope, and hope gives us the certainty that God's love and life is stronger than evil forces. The people of Israel had waited for a Messiah for thousands of years and the creator of the humankind came into the world to dwell among his people. The all- powerful God became a baby, born of a woman. Jesus just like every man and every woman who comes into this world did not start from zero. When he came to this world, the Son of God, brought with him a family past. Jesus is the center of the Christmas story, but along with Jesus, the family plays a fundamental role in Christmas. These days, while watching the images on the news of parents running as they held their children to protect them from the brutal attacks of which they were victims on Holy Land, came to my mind something I read from Scott Hahn: The family is the key to Christmas. In the manger we heard about the swaddling bands and know they are for a baby, but someone had to do the swaddling. In the Gospels we read of baby Jesus' exile to Egypt, but someone had to take him there, someone had to protect him, and someone had to work hard to support the mother and the child in a foreign land. So, we have a mother and a child. We have a father. We have a household.

The scenes of Jesus's early life, Mary's crisis pregnancy, Joseph's dreams and provident decisions, Herod's persecution, are dramatic precisely because they involve the intersection of so many individual lives. When God came to save us, he made salvation inseparable from family life, manifest in family life, he came to share it, redeem it, and perfect it. My dear Transfiguration family, the truth of Christmas begins with a family. The events turned historically on the decisions of a husband and father, a wife and mother. The truth of Christmas was passed on by way of families. And now the heritage is ours, we are Christ's family and so the joy of Christmas belongs to us.

By His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man. He worked with human hands, He thought with a human mind, acted by human choice, and loved with a human heart. Born of the Virgin Mary, He has truly been made one of us, like us in all things except sin. We must become His voice, his hands, his eyes, his feet, his mouth, in the middle of the troubling world. Christmas means that Christ must be born in you. He must shine on your face, your hands, and in your heart. He needs to transform the world into something beautiful, more human, more just. The best way to "celebrate" Christmas is being instruments that help Christ to be born in today's world.

Thanks for being members of our family in Transfiguration and for having allowed us to be part of your family. May the Holy Family of Nazareth Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless your family.

Fr. Javier Alexander García.
Fr. Javier Alexander García.
Associate Pastor

Christmas 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also celebrate the birth of our hope. When he came among us as one like us in all things but sin, he lifted us up to new and transformed life. In fact, he opened for us the way to share in the very life of God. One of the prayers of the Mass gives us these words: "...may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." The struggles that we face in our personal lives and in our wounded world do not have the last word. We are meant for more. We are meant for full and eternal life. I pray that our celebration of the Lord's birth will remind us of the glory that will carry us beyond the challenges, sometimes truly significant challenges that mark our lives and our world.

We must also remember that the Lord did not just come among us once and long ago. He continues to walk with us as we walk with each other. Our celebrations of the Eucharist remind of that. And he will never abandon his people. He is now and always Emmanuel, our God with us. Our journey is his journey. And this year, having celebrated the first of two synods of the Church, we are especially aware that he accompanies us as we accompany one another.

In this holy season, I invite you to pray. Take time, create a quiet space, look on the creche, read the gospels, and allow yourself to know that he is near and that he walks with you. If you do so, I can assure you that you will know his peace. Then, take what you learn from him to your family, to your workplace, to your community, and to entire world. The gift of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, is not something we can hold for ourselves. We are called and destined to share it with others.

As I celebrate the Eucharist, I will remember you and pray that you will have a living sense of the Lord among us, the one who walks with us and draws us forward into the fullness of his life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

Archbishop of Chicago

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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Transfiguration Catholic Community Christmas & New Years Schedule

Liturgy for the Fourth Sunday in Advent Saturday, December 23, 2023

4:00pm (English)

6:00pm (Español)

Sunday, December 24, 2023

9:00am (English)

Liturgy for The Nativity of Our Lord Sunday, December 24, 2023

3:00pm (English)

6:00pm (Español)

10:00pm (English)

Monday, December 25, 2023

12:00am (Polish)

8:00am (English)

10:00am (English)

1:00pm (Polish)

Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Saturday, December 30, 2023

4:00pm (English)

6:00pm (Español)

Sunday, December 31, 2023

8:00am (English)

10:00am (English)

1:00pm (Polish)

Liturgy for the Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Sunday, December 31, 2023

6:00pm (Español)

Monday, January 1, 2024

8:00am (English)

1:00pm (Polish)



Transfiguration Catholic Community



Welcome to Transfiguration!

Transfiguration Parish established in 1841. We wanted to THANK YOU for attending one of our services. We trust that you were welcomed with warmth and open arms, as is our mission at Transfiguration Catholic Community.

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Events This Week

Sunday, December 24:

- Sunday 9:00am Mass (English 4th Sunday of Advent Liturgy)
- Sunday 3:00pm Christmas Mass (English)
- Sunday 6:00pm Christmas Mass (Español)
- Sunday 10:00pm Christmas Mass (English)

Monday, December 25: Merry Christmas FCA No School / Parish Office Closed

- Christmas Day Mass (Polish) 12:00am
- Christmas Day Mass (English) 8:00am
- Christmas Day Mass (English) 10:00am
- Christmas Day Mass (Polish) 1:00pm

Tuesday, December 26: FCA No School / Parish Office Closed

- Daily Mass 8:00am
- Confessions at 8:30am-9:15am

Wednesday, December 27: FCA No School / Parish Office Closed at 1:30pm

- Daily Mass 8:00am
- Confessions at 8:30am-9:15am
- Holy Hour 7:00pm (Church)
- Polish Choir Practice 8:00pm (Church)

Thursday, December 28: FCA No School / Parish Office Closed at 1:30pm

- Daily Mass 8:00am
- Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm (TBA)

Friday, December 29:

FCA No School / Parish Office Closed at 1:30pm

- Daily Mass 8:00am
- Confessions at 8:30am-9:15am

Saturday, December 30:

- Daily Mass 8:00am
- Vigil Mass 4:00pm
- Vigil Mass (Español) 6:00pm



Winter Holiday Office Hours:

Please Take Note the Parish office will be closed on Monday, December 25th, 2023 and Tuesday, December 26th, 2023. Parish office will reopen on Wednesday, December 27, 2023.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Frassati Catholic Academy will be out from Thursday, December 21, 2023 at noon till January 9, 2024.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

Psalms: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith.

Gospel: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 23RD & 24TH

PARISH GENERAL INTENTION:

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

4:00PM: † Roger Olson,
† Walter John Bedtke,
† Catherine H. Bedtke,
† Walter Joseph Bedtke,
† LaVerna Richards

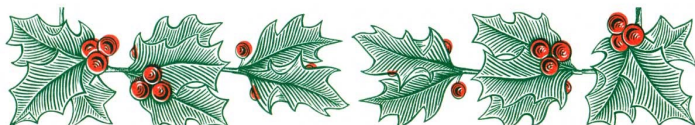
6:00PM: † Maria Adela Garcia,
† Amador Zamudio,
† Jose Zamudio,
† Enrique Solache,
† Raquel Carmona

9:00AM: † Bill Scholla

3:00PM: † George Mueller

6:00PM: Por La Gente de Nuestra Parroquia

10:00PM: For the People of Our Parish



WEEKDAY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord

✠ Is 52: 7-10 / Heb 1: 1-6 / Jn 1: 1-18 or 1: 1-5, 9-14

12:00am Dla mieszkańców naszej parafii

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

10:00am For the People of Our Parish

1:00pm Dla mieszkańców naszej parafii

Tuesday, December 26—St. Stephen

✠ Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59 / Mt 10: 17-22

8:00am † Enriqueta Rivera

Wednesday, December 27—St. John the Apostle

✠ 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20: 1a, 2-8

8:00am † Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 28—Holy Innocents

✠ 1 Jn 1: 5—2:2 / Mt 2: 13-18

8:00am For the People of Our Parish

Friday, December 29—

Fifth Day Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

✠ 1 Jn 2: 3-11 / Lk 2: 22-35

8:00am For the People of our Parish

Saturday, December 30—

Sixth Day Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

✠ 1 Jn 2: 12-17 / Lk 2: 36-40

8:00am Priest and Religious Vocations

MASS INTENTIONS:

Are available for anyone who would like their intentions to be remembered at Mass. Intentions are available for those who have died or for someone who is living. Call us to obtain a date and time. (847) 526—2400

PRAYER LIST:

You may be aware that the names of persons on the parish prayer list are scheduled to remain on that list for 1 month. The list has grown quite long and we would appreciate updates about your loved ones and friends. Please call our office at 847-526-2400 or email transfiguration-mill@archchicago.org with your input. Thank you!

Stewardship

WEEKLY OFFERING PER MASS Week of December 10, 2023

OFRENDA SEMANAL

OFIARA TYGODNIOWA

4:00 PM	\$1,754	1:00pm	\$900
6:00 PM	\$1,418	Mail In / Drop off	\$135
8:00 AM	\$1,715	Give Central	\$4,289
10:00 AM	\$1,743		

Total Collection: **\$11,954**

Weekly Budgeted : \$11,000



The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Parish Prayers

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Amy Sosnowski, Louise Sandelski, Elizabeth Anders, Vince Arizzi, Tony Arizzi, Monica & Bill Clarke, Bev & Jack Wilson, Dawne & Neville Creese, Kieran Doyle (Butch), Harry & Julia Feranski, Don & Sylvia Bechtel, Barbara Sikorski, Carol Ann Gburek, Fr. Philip Kuczek, O.S.M., Bill Scholla, Slowinski Family, Char Weber, John Fanella, Virgina Fredrickson, Harold Fredrickson, Mary Therese Kelly, John T. Kelly, Gerald V. Walters, Darlene McCook, Cheri Stasiek, Jerome Stasiek, Fulara Family, Gutierrez Family, Urbaitis Family, Emilia & Jozef Pyrdek, Gerald Fohlmeister, Dick & Mary Ann Sherwin, Larry Brumm, Sarah Tetkoski, Shirley Johnstone, Marge Hiliger, Gil Wagner, Louis Lucente, Georgianna Webster, Lorraine Tuttle, Rose Wibiral, Harold Wibiral, Lillian Farina, John Farina, Allan Wibiral, Sroka Family, Cabel Family, Richard & Katherine Gorrell, Mary & Patricia Moran, Joseph & Jeanette Yacullo, Marianne Dalian, Theodore Korda, Furusho Family, Ludwig Family

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

OREMOS POR LOS ENFERMOS

MODLITWA ZA CHORYCH

Compassionate and Loving Father, In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Fr. Juan Pablo, Fr. Alexander Garcia, Becca B., Brne Family, Bacik Family, Barber Family, Barbara Bechtel, Mitchell Bienkowski, Tony Bogdanowski, David Burton, Eileen Cairns, Jean Covers, Chesler Family, Civik Family, Mary Dennehy, Teri Dodds, David De Ricco, Judy De Ricco, Kyle DuPlacey Dan Eggers, Charles Emmer, Guadalupe Esquivel, Nicole Eringis, Judy Fitzgerald, Helen Fritz, Fox Family, Terry Gaughan, Glonski Family, Harry Haidt, Helen Jakubek, John Kapcia, Fran Kirilbride, Linda Korona, Michael Krolczy, Claire Krzystofick, Jeff Lange, Don Martel, Louise Mayer, Ed McGinty, Brian McGinty, Brian Medellin, Angie Miller, Krystyna Miodynski, Jane Miedema, Michael Morris, T. Mueller Family, Linda Nehnevaj, Otto Family, James Nehnevaj, Dcn. Feliks Pezowicz, Sharon Powderly, Adam Rosaves, Ron Rosaves, Joyce Sallak, Ellen Sherwin, Scherer Family, Sperka Family, Sendzlol Family, Diane Thelen, Steve Trager, Paula Watson, Daisy Walters, Jerry Walters Jr, Wayne Weller, Dee Wolf, Betty Yacono, Tom Yacullo, Dee Zimmerman, All in the Service to our Country, For all those in detention centers

Please call or email the parish office
If you wish to be on the prayer list.

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With Sympathy

Most Rev. Raymond Goedert

Martha Lopez

Teddi Lee Wolfram

Judith A. Motley

Francis "Frank" Lyons

Clare Elena Miller

James Michael Hanrahan



Transfiguration School of Religion Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday , Thursday.....9:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday..... 1:00pm - 8:00pm
Friday **Closed**
Saturday.....1:00pm - 8:00pm

School of Religion Up-Coming Classes

Wednesday Class
6:15pm-7:30pm

January 10, 17, 24, 31

Communion:

January 27, 2024 First Reconciliation in Church

Confirmation:

January 20, 2024 4:00pm Presentation of Gifts Holy Spirit

Escuela de Religión Próximas clases

Clase de los Sábados 4:30pm-5:45pm

Enero 6, 13, 20, 27

Comunión:

27 de enero de 2024 Primera Reconciliación en la Iglesia

Confirmación:

20 de enero de 2024 6:00 pm
Presentación de los Dones Espíritu Santo

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Catholic School's Week

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Preschool-8th Grade



Join us to learn more about the Frassati Difference

All adults are invited to join us at
2024 COLLEGE LIFE EDITION

TRIVIA NIGHT



Friday, January 26, 2024
doors open at 6:30pm
trivia begins at 7pm

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Golden Apple Gala

Friday, April 19, 2024

The Club at Wynstone
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Ministries & Activities at Transfiguration Catholic Community

Making church matter by facing our challenges and boldly reimagining what it means to be Church **today**. We are **committed to** a renewal of faith, active participation, engagement in a broader and more diverse family of families and, most importantly, to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are people called to build a Catholic Faith Community by seeking Christ and sharing His Gospel through Prayer, Education, Service and Social Activities.

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	A Safe Place, Domestic Violence Crisis Line.....847-249-4450

Sacraments & Celebrations

Sacraments of Baptismal, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick please call the parish office at (847) 526-2400 or send inquiries to Transfiguration-Mill@Archchicago.org

For Anniversaries, Quinceañeras or Blessings please call us for more information.





"Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was Transfigured before them."

— Mark 9:2

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SUNDAY LITURGIES:

Saturday: 4:00pm (English)

6:00pm (Español)

Sunday: 8:00am (English)

10:00am (English)

1:00pm (Po Polsku)

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday-Prayer Service.....8:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday.....8:00am

Thursday only when school is in session.....9:30am

DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Misa en la Vispera.....7:00pm (Español)

Holy Day.....8:00am (English)

10:00am (English and only when school is in session)

7:00pm (English)

THANKSGIVING

9:00am (English) / 11:00am(Español)

CONFESSIONS

CONFESIONES

SPOWIEDŹ

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30am—9:00am English & Español

Wednesday

7:00pm—8:00pm English & Español

Niedziela

12:30pm—1:00pm Po Polsku

Christmas Day & Easter Sunday

NO CONFESSIONS