

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025



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THE GOOD NEWS
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— MATTHEW 11:5 —

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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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Weekly Events | Eventos de la Semana

December — Diciembre

Monday 15 — Lunes 15

- Polish Mission 6:00pm (Church)

Tuesday 16 — Martes 16

- Confessions 8:30 am (Church)
- Polish Mission 6:00 pm (Church)
- Polish Bible Study 7:00pm (OWC)

Wednesday 17 — Miércoles 17

- Confessions 8:30 am (Church)
- OCIA Español 6:00 pm (POMR3)
- SOR English 6:15 pm (School)
- Holy Hour / Confessions 7:00pm (Church)
- Polish Choir 8:00pm (Church)

Thursday 18 — Jueves 18

- Music Rehearsal 7:00 pm (Church)
- Knights of Columbus Mtg. 8:00pm (OWC)

Friday 19 — Viernes 19

- Daily Mass 8:00 am (Church)

Saturday 20 — Sabado 20

- Advent Small Group Faith Sharing 9:00 am (Gathering Pl.)
- Carpenters Crafters 11:00am (POMR2)
- SOR Familia Español 4:30 pm (Café)

Sunday 21 — Domingo 21

- Baptismal 11:30am (Church)



PARISH OFFICE

Please stop, call or email at
llugooken@archchicago.org to
set up any mass intentions or
celebrations (Baptismal) or

BEHOLD



"This is the one about whom it is
written: Behold, I am sending my
messenger ahead of you; he will
prepare your way before you."

MATTHEW 11:10

"Porque de él está escrito: He aquí que
yo envío a mi mensajero para que vaya
delante de ti y te prepare el camino".

MATEO 11, 10

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES MISA DOMINICAL

DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH

PARISH GENERAL INTENTION:

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

4:00PM: † Valerie Davis

6:00PM: Por la gente de nuestra parroquia

8:00AM: For the people of Our Parish

10:00AM: † Tom Nolan, † Shari Gaschler,

1:00PM: Zmarli parafianie i duchowni kościoła
Przemienienia Pańskiego

MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKDAY READINGS

INTENCIONES Y CITAS BÍBLICAS DE MISA

Monday, December 15—Advent Weekday

✠ Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a / Mt 21: 23-27

8:00am Communion Service

Tuesday, December 16—Advent Weekday

✠ Zep 3: 2, 9-13 / Mt 21: 28-32

8:00 am For the People of Our Parish

Wednesday, December 17—Advent Weekday

✠ Gn 49: 2, 8-10 / Mt 1: 1-17

8:00 am For the People of Our Parish

Thursday, December 18—Advent Weekday

✠ Jer 23: 5-8 / Mt 1: 18-25

9:30 am FCA Students, Staff and Families

Friday, December 19—Advent Weekday

✠ Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1: 5-25

8:00 am For the People of Our Parish

Saturday, December 20—Advent Weekday

✠ Is 7: 10-14 / Lk 1: 26-38

8:00 am For the People of Our Parish

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.

Well being of ill priest, All in Service to our Country, For all those in detention centers, Ann Allen, Kathy Baggio, Chris Bratta, Aly & Tommy Braido, Alan Basford, Brne Family, Bacik Family, Barber Family, Barbara Bechtel, Beard Family, Mario Beisa, Frank Bellina, Mitchell Bienkowski, Tony Bogdanowski, Roger Brunn, David Burton, Eileen Cairns, Jose Cardenas, Rosali Cieply, Joe Cieply, Chesler Family, Civik Family, Anu Dubhashi, Natalie Dewberry, Rev. Lawrence Dunn, Susan Fljut, Gina Furusho, De Ricco Family, Judy De Ricco, Brooks Rowe, Kyle DuPlacey, Joseph Ellis, Dan Eggers, Charles Emmer, Guadalupe Esquivel, Nicole Eringis, Judy Fitzgerald, Fox Family, Eric Fry, Familia Garcia, Sophia Guerra, Jose Gonzalez, Yolanda Gonzalez, Terry Gaughan, Tim Gritzmacher, Scott Grube, Glomski Family, Nancy Jaeger, Helen Jakubek, Jim Kayser, John Kapcia, William Kerwin, Fran Kirkbride, Noreen Klink, Linda Korona Michael Krolczyk, Clair Krzystofiak, Steve Krych, Trina K., Jeff Lange, Dave Lindquist, David Martinez, Hillary Marchel, Francisco Garcia Maldonado, Debbie Maurer, Brian McCarrin, Saul Muñoz, Ed McGinty, Brian McGinty, Brian Medellin, Miller Family, Angie Miller, Krystyna Miodynski, Jane Miedema, T. Mueller Family, Lori Murphy, Gina Needham, Linda Nehnevaj, Joseph Nehnevaj, James Nehnevaj, Agustin Nuñez, Marco Antonnio Ocampo, Lupe Ocampo, Lupe Ocampo, Otto Family, Rochard Owens, Robert Pavesich, Jorge Perez, Dcn. Feliks Pezowicz, Becky Porter, Petra Porcayo, Sharon Powderly, Paul Pwardzik, Donna Quarino, Liza Scheider, Marge Scholla, Shana Salamone, Dan Schmidt, Betty Reckwerdt, Olivia Rivera, Ron Reike, Christopher Reyes, Carlos San Roman, Adam Rosaves, Ron Rosaves, Brooks Rowe, Rudsell Family, Priscilla Russo & Family, Gerardo Silvia, Katie Richards, Joyce Sallak, David Simms, Shari Sullivan, Ellen Sherwin, Scherer Family, Gerardo Silvia, Lenore Speciale, Sperka Family, Sendzlol Family, Elitapia Cisneros Tellez, Magali Tirado, Lynn Tommelleo, Rose Marie Tully, Catelina Solos Villanueva, Santo Vinci, Daisy Walters Jerry Walters Jr., John Wesisbruch, Paula & Wayne Weller, Richard Willett, Queen Williams, Anna Weingardner, Dee Wolf, Betty YaconoTom Yacullo, Eddie Zabielski, Mary Zamet, Dee Zimmerman.

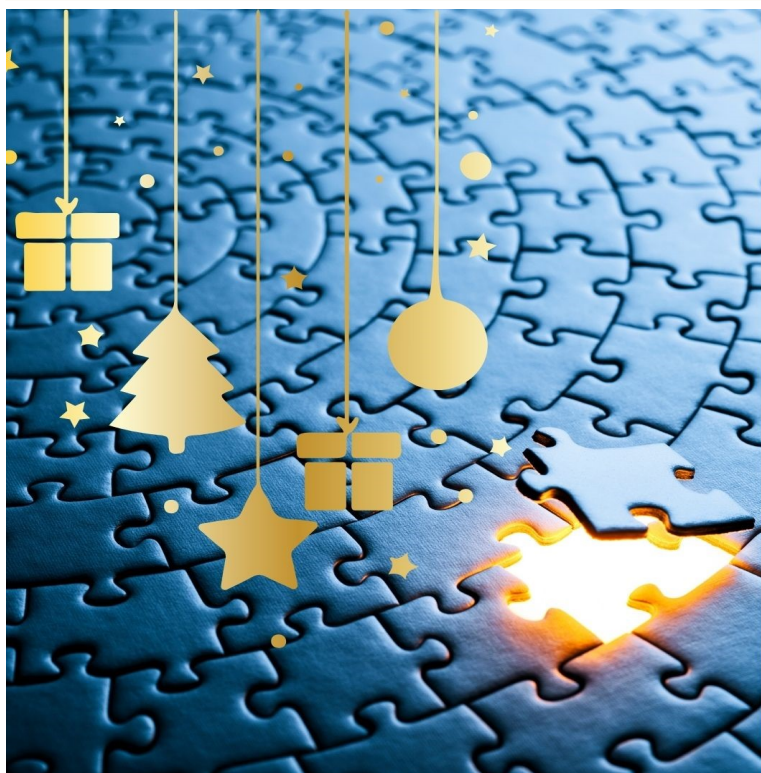
Please call or email the parish office
If you wish to be on the prayer list.
Parish Office Number (847) 526-2400

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. We are asking for \$10.00 per intention. Call us to obtain a date and time. (847) 526—2400

INTENCIONES PARA LA MISA:

Favor de llamar a las oficinas parroquiales para solicitar una o varias intenciones para la misa dominical o entre semana. Recuerde que la oficina esta abierta los LUNES, MIERCOLES Y VIERNES de 8:30am a 4:00pm. Se les pide una donación de \$10.00 por cada intención. (847) 526—2400



Advent Small Faith Group **MISSING PEACE**

Through these weeks before Christmas, we will look at the unique peace only Jesus can give and how to enjoy His peace this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Join us in the Gathering Space at Church from 9am to 10am on November 29, December 6, 13, & 20 as we seek His Peace this Advent.

From 10am to 10:30am, in the Church, immediately following our reflection time together, please join us in praying for peace. We will pray for peace in our own hearts, in our families, and in a special way for the members of our Parish Family at Transfiguration.

Visit our website for more information:
transfigurationwauconda.com

Transfiguration Catholic Community, 316 West Mill Street
Wauconda, Illinois 60084

MISSING PEACE

Christmas Tea: Fr. Michael's Stories of the Birth of Jesus



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House

December 15, 2025

9 am - 3 pm

Day of Reflection for Adults

An Advent favorite for many years now, Fr Michael and his talented friends Terri, Dev, and Paula reprise his imaginative retelling of the Christmas story. Back from popular demand, this day of prayer, songs, and stories is sure to touch your heart, tickle your funny bone, and deepen your appreciation of what this holy season is all about.

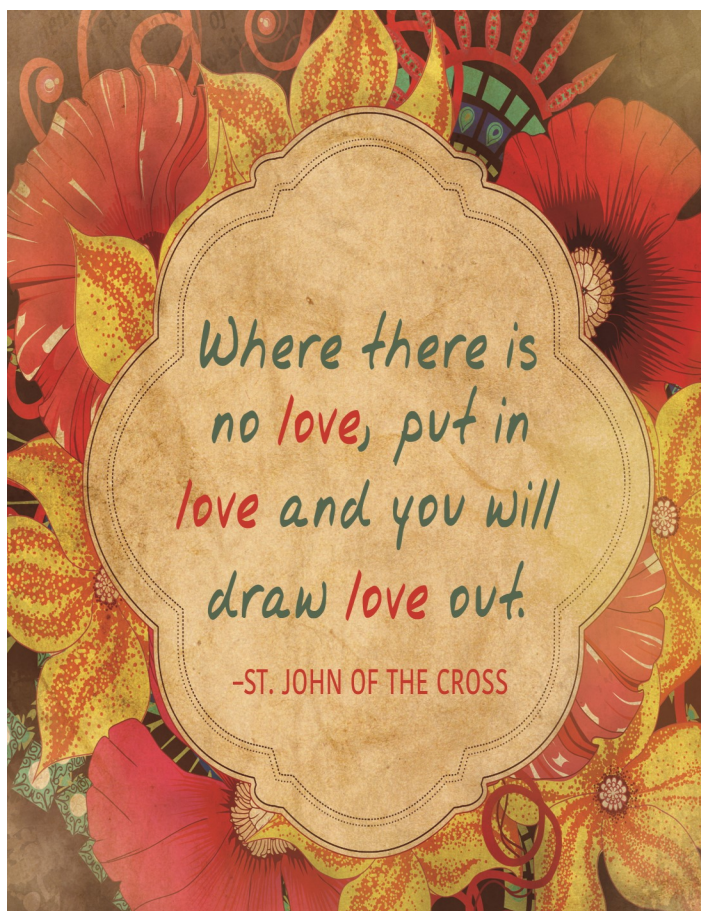
Retreat Leaders:

Fr. J. Michael Sparough, SJ | Terri Davis
Dev Kennedy | Paula Kowalkowski

To register for this retreat, scan the QR Code
or visit jesuitretreat.org/retreats



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— **Christmas Liturgies** —
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

- 3:00pm—English
- 6:00pm—Español
- 10:00pm—English

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25, 2025

- Pólnoc—Po polsku
- 8:00am—English
- 10:00am—English
- 1:00pm—Po polsku



— **New Year Liturgies** —
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God

AÑO NUEVO

Miércoles, Diciembre 31, 2025

- 6:00pm—Español

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday, January 1, 2026

- 9:30am—English
- 1:00pm—Po polsku



POINSETTIA MEMORIAL

DONATE and help us to beautify the Transfiguration Altar for Christmas.
With your donation we will remember a loved one on January 3 at 6:00pm and
January 4 at 10:00am

NAME OF LOVED ONE TO BE REMEMBERED

QUANTITY OF PLANTS:

_____ 7 1/2": \$15.00

_____ 10": \$25.00



WEEKLY OFFERING PER MASS

Week of November 30th, 2025

LIMOSNA SEMANAL POR MISA

Semana del 30 de Noviembre, 2025

4:00pm	\$671	1:00PM	\$1,136
6:00 PM	\$747	Mail In/ Drop Off	\$3,477
8:00 AM	\$520	Give Central	\$3,691
10:00 AM	\$770		

Total:	\$11,012
Weekly Budgeted: Presupuesto semanal:	\$11,000



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Archdiocese Special Collections

Religious Retirement.....December 14

On these weekends, if you would like to give more in your regular collection, this will help cover the 10% the parish will be mailing in. In our stewardship report in the bulletin, we will inform you of the collection for that week and the amount we have mailed to the Archdiocese for that particular collection.

This is a new way of fulfilling our obligation and financial help to these special ministries and our broader church.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give.

You can't pour from an empty cup.

All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



The Religious Education program will be as follows. Dates will be separated by the language you registered your child in: English or Spanish

English Classes will be Held on Wednesdays from 6:15pm till 7:30pm.

November: 5, 12, 19

December: 3, 10, 17

Family Catechist Once a month, during the regular scheduled class time, families will come together for a special session where parents and children learn side by side. These sessions will be mandatory for both parents and children.

November 19, 2025 6:15 pm-7:30 pm in PLC

Breakfast with Santa December 14, 2025 9am-12pm

Las clases de Español se impartirán los sábados de 4:30pm-5:45pm.

Noviembre: 1, 8, 15

Diciembre: 6, 13, 20

Catequista Familiar Una vez al mes, durante el horario regular de clases, las familias se reunirán para una sesión especial donde padres e hijos aprenderán juntos. Estas sesiones serán obligatorias tanto para padres como para hijos.

22 de Noviembre de 2025 de 4:30pm-5:45pm

Desayuno con Santa 14 de diciembre 9:00 a 12:00p horas



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Advent Wreath



What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreaths adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.



"This is the one about whom it is written:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

- Mt 11:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah taught his community to "be strong, fear not!" because God has planned a remarkable future where both the people and the land will be restored. Is there a friend or co-worker who needs your encouragement this week?

Second Reading:

James encourages his community to be patient and firm of heart in waiting for the coming of the Lord. What are you waiting for during this Advent season?

Gospel:

In prison, John the Baptist seemed uncertain about who Jesus is. Who do you talk to when you have questions about Jesus?



Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Archdiocese of Chicago

GOLDEN ROSE AWARD



An event that honors high school girls who are extraordinary examples of faith in action.

Vicariate II, III, IV, and V
Saturday, February 7, 2026, at
Chevy Chase in Wheeling, IL

[For more information call Joan Billingham, ACCW President at (312) 534-8325 or email Evelyn Getty, Vicariate I at evelyngetty@yahoo.com

Help us recognize young women in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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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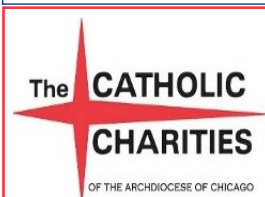
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Al-Anon or Al-Ateen.....**847-249-4450**
A Safe Place, Domestic Violence Crisis Line.....

Sacraments & Sacramentals | Sacramentos y Sacramentales

Baptisms, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick please call the parish office at (847) 526-2400



Para Bautismos, Bodas, Aniversarios, Quinceañeras, Presentaciones, etc. llamar a las oficinas parroquiales.

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MASS TIMES

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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 (Communion Service).....8:00am
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday.....8:00am
 Thursday.....9:30am

DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Misa en la Víspera.....7:00pm (Español)
Holy Day.....9:30am (English) & 7:00pm (English)

THANKSGIVING

9:30am (English) / 11:00am(Español)

CONFESSIONS

CONFESIONES

SPOWIEDŹ

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday (English and Spanish)
 8:30am—9:15am

Wednesday (English and Spanish)
 7:00pm—8:00pm

By appointment (English and Spanish)
Call the Parish Office

Niedziela
 12:30pm—1:00pm Po Polsku

Christmas Day & Easter Sunday
 NO CONFESSIONS