TRANSFIGURATION
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 13th, 2026

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday
8:30 am - 3:30pm

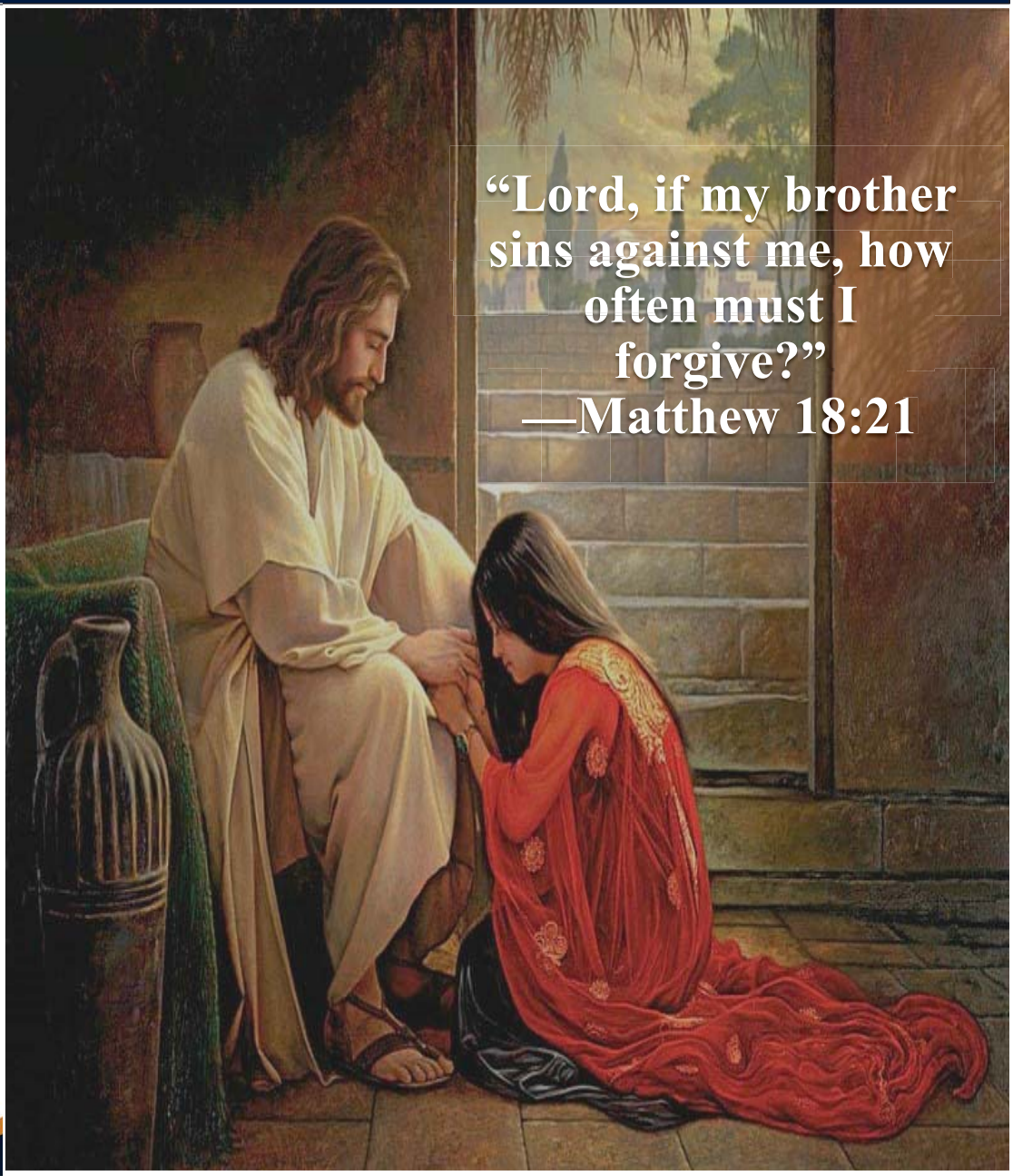
DAILY MASS TIMES
Monday-Saturday
8am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
4pm-English
6pm-Español

SUNDAY MASS
8am-English
10am-English
1pm-Polish

FCA MASS THURSDAY
(During School Only)
9:30am

CONFESSIONS
Wednesday
7pm
Thursday & Friday
8:30am-9:00am



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Letter From:

Fr. Emanuel Torres-Fuentes

“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?” —Matthew 18:21

Peter’s question is also our question. How many times must I forgive the person who has hurt me? Once? Seven times? What if the wound is deep? What if the person never apologizes?

Jesus teaches us that Christian forgiveness has no limit because God’s mercy toward us has no limit. We forgive not because the offense was insignificant, but because we do not want anger and resentment to imprison our hearts.

Forgiveness does not mean pretending that nothing happened, excusing harmful behavior, or allowing someone to continue hurting us. We may still need healthy boundaries, accountability, and justice. Forgiveness means surrendering our desire for revenge and placing the person—and the wound—into God’s hands.

Sometimes forgiveness happens immediately, but often it is a journey. We may need to forgive the same person many times in our hearts as painful memories return. In those moments, we can pray: “Lord, I am struggling to forgive. Heal my heart and help me desire the freedom that forgiveness brings.”

On the Cross, Jesus showed us the true face of forgiveness. He did not wait for His persecutors to apologize. He prayed, “Father, forgive them.” When we forgive, we imitate Christ and allow His mercy to work through us.

Forgiveness may not change the person who hurt us, but through God’s grace, it can transform us. It releases us from the past, brings peace to our hearts, and makes room for healing and new life. Jesus, I trust in You!

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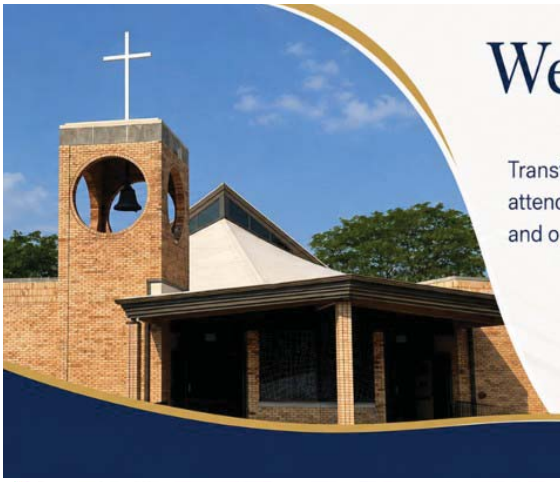
Over the past two weeks, we have been renovating the narthex and enhancing the beauty of the church’s main entrance with new flowers and landscaping.

In our liturgical life, students from Frassati Catholic Academy will begin serving as altar servers at the 8:00 a.m. daily Mass and at funeral liturgies.

The annual Seminary Appeal will take place on the weekend of September 19–20. Our seminarians—Joseph, Emmanuel, and Fortunatus—will share their vocation stories with us. Thank you for your prayers and generous support of our seminarians and their formation for priesthood.



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.

Please Follow us on our Social Media

Web-Site: www.transfigurationwauconda.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TransfigurationParishWauconda

Weekly Events

September

MONDAY 14	• Rosary / Devotions 7pm (Church)
TUESDAY 15	• Evangelization Mtg 7pm (POMR-3)
WEDNESDAY 16	• SOR English Classes (School) • Holy Hour / Confessions 7pm (Church) • Polish Choir Rehearsal 8pm (Church)
THURSDAY 17	• Knights of Columbus Mtg. 8pm (OWC) • Choir Rehearsal 7pm (Church)
FRIDAY 18	• Reunión Luz del Mundo 6:30pm (POMR 1-3)
SATURDAY 19	**Second Collection Seminarians** • Carpenter Crafters 11am (POMR-2) • Catecismo en Español 4 pm (Escuela) • SOR Rite of Enrollment at 4pm Mass • Adoración Nocturna 8pm
SUNDAY 20	**Second Collection Seminarians** • Misa de Adoración Nocturna 5:45am • Scarecrow making 10am (PLC Hallway) • Reunion de Monaguillos 10am • OCIA 11:15 am (POMR-03)

WELCOMING
our future scholars

Greetings, dear parishioners! My name is Emmanuel Legarreta, a seminarian for the Diocese of El Paso, Texas. I am 23 years old. I was born and raised in Meoqui, Chihuahua, Mexico, in a family of eleven members. I have four sisters and four brothers, and I am the youngest of them. Most of my family still lives in Mexico, but I am blessed to have two of my brothers living in El Paso; one of whom is a Catholic priest. Some of my hobbies are playing sports and reading literature. My favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." I am excited to start serving Transfiguration community, and to continue growing in the person that God wants me to be. Thank you and God bless you!

I am Fortunatus Chisom Nnadi, a cradle Catholic from Southeastern Nigeria. I am the second child & second son among my parents' five children. In 2021, I arrived in the Bay Area, California, for studies. My parents, both cradle Catholics, raised us with daily prayers. Most evenings, we gathered at bedtime to pray the Rosary and read some Psalms. What I consider God's call for me to serve as a priest was birthed and nurtured within my family, especially during those moments of prayer. My favorite Bible verse is John 3:16, and I love to play soccer. I ask your prayers for myself and my fellow seminarians, and for all who are discerning how God might be calling them to holiness.

My name is Joseph Nguyen, a pre-theology seminarian at Mundelein Seminary studying for the Diocese of San Jose, California. I was born in Saigon, Vietnam, and my family moved to San Jose in 2019 when I was 19. While pursuing my degree in molecular biology and working in cancer research, I could not help but see the immense love through the architecture of God. This awe awakened in my heart the question of vocation, and shortly afterward, I packed my things and entered seminary in Chicago. Many surprises came along the way! I ran the Chicago Marathon, listened to country music, and tried the beloved deep-dish pizza!

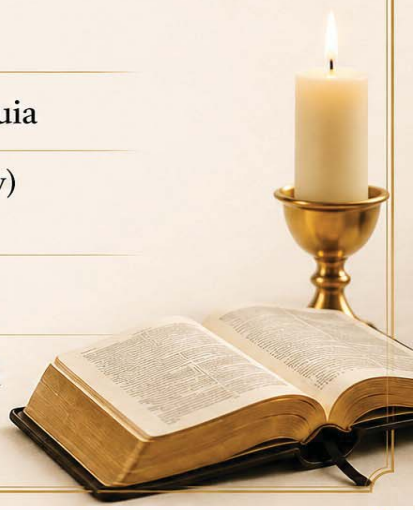
From my background, you can tell how excited I was to experience the winter of Chicago, when snow is abundant (also looking for it to be over), but I am even more excited to get to know and serve you all at Transfiguration! Please say hi if you have a chance, and know of my prayers for you!

In Christ, Joseph Nguyen

WEEKEND *Mass Intentions*

SEPTEMBER 12TH & 13TH

4:00PM:	+ Jeanne Hurley
6:00PM:	Por la gente de nuestra Parroquia
8:00AM:	Jackie Victor (Happy Birthday) + Bill Scholla
10:00AM:	For the People of Our Parish
1:00PM:	Dla mieszkancow naszej parafii



MASS INTENTIONS *& Weekday Readings*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14— *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Nm 21: 4b-9 / Phil 2: 6-11 / Jn 3: 13-17

8:00AM For the People of Our Parish

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15— *Our Lady of Sorrows*

1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a / Jn 19: 25-27 or Lk 2: 33-35

8:00AM + David Dier

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16— *St. Cornelius*

1 Cor 12: 31—13:13 / Lk 7: 31-35

8:00AM For the People of Our Parish

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17— *Weekday*

1 Cor 15: 1-11 / Lk 7: 36-50

8:00AM For the People of Our Parish

9:30AM FCA Students, Families and Staff

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18— *Weekday*

1 Cor 15: 12-20 / Lk 8: 1-3

8:00AM For the People of Our Parish

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19— *Weekday*

1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49 / Lk 8: 4-15

8:00AM For the People of Our Parish

Transfiguration Catholic Community

Prayer List

September

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

- Angie Miller
- Archy Tully
- Barbara Born
- Barbara Bechtel
- Betty Reckwerdt
- DeRicco Family
- Downing Family
- Helen Jakubek
- Hudson Sayer
- Jeff Lange
- Jim Kayser
- Judy DeRicco
- Kathy Blaszak
- Mark Greene
- Nicole Eringis
- Nicolas Uxxo
- Rev. Lawrence Dunn
- Richard Willett
- Scott Grube
- Stanley Mika Majka
- Tom Marbach

Bible Study Faith Group

Returns September 11

Come grow in faith, friendship, and a deeper understanding of God's Word.

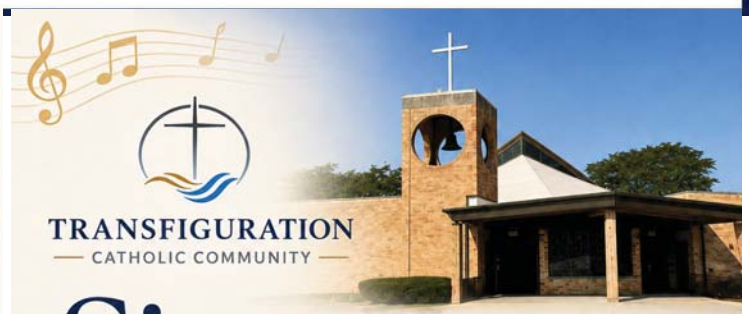
The Bible Study Faith Group will resume on **Friday, September 11,** meeting from **10:00 AM–12:00 PM** in Meeting Room I of the Parish Offices.

Together, we will reflect on Sacred Scripture and the Sunday Readings, discovering how God may be quietly speaking to us through His Word and inviting us to respond in our daily lives.

Newcomers are always welcome!

No previous Bible study experience is necessary—just bring an open heart and a desire to grow in faith.

Friday • 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Meeting Room I • Parish Offices



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Sing With Us!

Transfiguration Choir is Back

Do you love to sing? Transfiguration Choir is back and we are welcoming new voices to our community! Whether you're an experienced singer or simply enjoy making music with others, we invite you to share your gifts with our parish community.

CHOIR REHEARSAL:
Thursday at 7:00 PM

CHOIR SINGS AT MASS:
Saturday at 10:00 AM

Come join us and help make our Sunday worship a joyful celebration through music.

All are welcome!

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Please join us for fun, fellowship, and a pizza party while creating our Transfiguration "Scarecrow in the Park" display!

There are three parts; join us for any or all:

- Saturday Sept 12th immediately following 8am mass until 10am: Planning session.
- Sunday Sept 20th after 10am mass: Pizza Party and Scarecrow display assembly in PLC Hallway until around 2pm.
- Thursday Sept 24th: Scarecrow display setup at the Wauconda Park District after school (time and details to follow).

Contact Karen Abernathy 847-651-3444 or kabernat44@gmail.com for any questions.

WEEKLY OFFERING PER MASS
Week of August 30, 2026

LIMOSNA SEMANAL POR MISA
Semana del 30 de Agosto, 2026

4:00pm	$1,421	1:00PM	$831
6:00 PM	$1,187	Mail In/ Drop Off	$225
8:00 AM	$832	Give Central	$2,767
10:00 AM	$2,366		

Total:	$9,629
Weekly Budgeted: Presupuesto semanal:	$11,000

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Transfiguration School of Religion

COULD GOD BE CALLING **ME** TO BE A CATECHIST?

If you've heard our call for the need of catechists, but had the thought, that's not for ME because:

"I'm not sure I've been called" OR
"I am not a teacher" OR
"I don't have a degree in Theology" OR
"I don't know much about the Bible" OR
"I'm out of touch with the youth of today" OR
"I wouldn't know where to begin"!

Consider this:
Jesus didn't call upon chief priests, elders or scribes to follow Him and go out and preach the Gospel. He called upon fishermen, tax collectors and zealots. He gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide them.
We are all called to be witnesses!
At the School of Religion, we don't "teach" children. We share our faith with them and lead them into a friendship with Jesus Chris. Our youth aren't looking for a catechist to be part of their culture. They're looking for role models in word and deed. You DON'T need to know the answer to every question of the Catholic Faith. We know where to look for the answers!
And bonus! Catechists will tell you, they always come away with a stronger faith for themselves when they're allowing God to lead them.
Our quest for more catechists is on-going. Come and be a part of our team! We don't pay money, but the return on investment is huge and the retirement benefits are heavenly.

Mary Gebelhoff
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Part-Time Communications Coordinator

Position Description

We are currently preparing to hire a Part-Time Communications Coordinator, and I would like to encourage you to consider applying for the position if you are interested.

The position will be posted publicly, and we will invite qualified candidates to apply. To ensure a fair and professional hiring process, an experienced communications professional will assist us in reviewing applications, conducting interviews, and identifying the candidate who is the best fit for our parish.

Position Summary

The Communications Coordinator is a part-time administrative position (up to 25 hours per week) responsible for supporting and strengthening the communications and evangelization efforts of Transfiguration Parish.

This role is responsible for creating and managing content for the parish bulletin, weekly electronic newsletter, website, social media platforms, podcasts, videos, and other communication initiatives that advance the mission of Transfiguration Parish and the Universal Catholic Church.

Qualifications

- Strong organizational and multitasking skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills with strong English grammar.
- Experience managing social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.
- Proficiency in Google Workspace (Google Docs, Google Slides, Gmail) and Canva.
- The ability to prioritize responsibilities, manage multiple projects, and meet deadlines.
- Excellent interpersonal and relationship-building skills.
- Flexibility to occasionally work evenings and weekends as parish events require.
- A sincere love for the Catholic faith and a desire to communicate the Gospel through modern media.

Primary Responsibilities

- Create engaging content for the parish bulletin, website, email newsletters, social media, digital displays, podcasts, and other communication platforms.
- Manage and maintain the parish's online presence across all communication channels.
- Produce, edit, and publish short videos.
- Photograph parish liturgies, events, and activities.
- Assist parish staff and ministry leaders with communication and promotional needs.
- Stay informed about current communication trends and recommend innovative ways to strengthen parish outreach.
- Maintain a consistent parish brand and communication strategy.
- Perform other communication and administrative duties as assigned.

Employment Information

Position:	Part-Time Communications Coordinator
Hours:	Up to 25 hours per week
Location:	Personal office at Transfiguration Parish, Wauconda, Illinois

Application Process

If this position interests you, I would be delighted to receive your application.

Please submit applications to:
camiejkwasigroch@archchicago.org
jtorres-fuentes@archchicago.org

We are seeking a creative, organized, collaborative, and faith-filled individual who is passionate about helping our parish communicate the Gospel effectively and inspire others to encounter Christ through the mission of Transfiguration Parish.

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