

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Lord, how good it is that we are here."

July 16, 2023

Rev. Msgr. James L. LeBlanc Pastor

Deacon John Tempesco Deacon David Shinn

Sunday Mass:

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 6:00 p.m. & Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesdays
5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Saturdays
3:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m. & by Appointment

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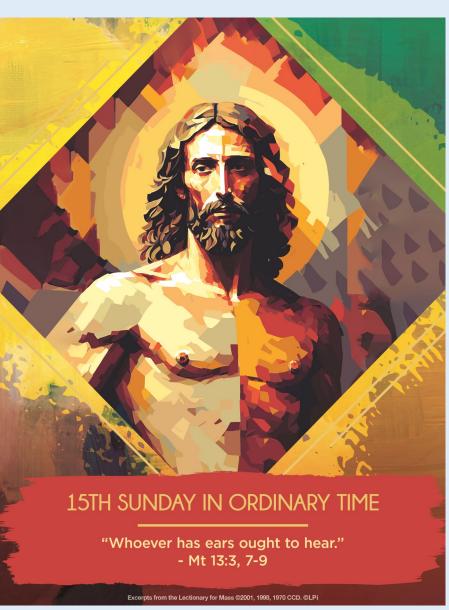
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Our Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are located in the white farmhouse at 9720 Wilson Blvd.

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Parish Activities			
Sunday, July 16			
Monday, July 17	6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC) Columbiettes Officers Meeting (Small Classroom—PLC)	
Tuesday, July 18	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Catechism Discussion Group (Conference Room—PLC) Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC) Men's Cursillo Grouping (Large Classroom—PLC) Schneider Cursillo Grouping (Conference Room—PLC) EDGE Youth Group (RBB)	
Wednesday, July 19	6:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Rosary & Social (PLC)	
Thursday, July 20	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Evangelization Team Meeting (Small Classroom—PLC) LIFETEEN Youth Bible Study (RBB)	
Friday, July 21	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group (PLC)	
Saturday, July 22	6:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Assembly Officer Installation (Lg Classroom—PLC)	
Sunday, July 23	11:30 a.m.	Knights of Columbus Exemplification Ceremony (Sanctuary)	

Share Your Talent!



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Youth Ministry (6th-12th)	Mary Beth Vernau	(803) 814-6214

Our Pastoral Council

Our Pastoral Council advises Father and works with him to develop the overall goals and priorities of the parish. It also seeks to help maintain healthy communication within the parish. Members are appointed by Father Jim and currently include:

Greg Arling	Tracy Hair	Gary Matthews
Patty Evans	Karen Hanson	Deacon John Tempesco
Russ Foss	Ed Hogue	Mary Beth Vernau

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will have life forever.



Catechism in a Year Discussion Groups

Last Week's Highlight:

The presence of Christ by the power of his word and the Holy Spirit

1373 "Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us," is present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in his Church's prayer, "where two or three are gathered in my name," in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But "he is present . . . most especially in the Eucharistic species."

1374 The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, Really, and substantially contained. This presence is called 'real'—by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present.

Join your fellow parishioners as we read the Catechism and discuss what we are learning. You can jump in at any time. Here are our upcoming meetings:

9:00 am, Tuesday, July 18 - Paragraphs 1396-1445 6:30 am, Friday, July 21 - Men's Grp: Paragraphs 1420-1467



Help Us Support Those in Need

Our Giving Tree is supporting the Christian Assistance Bridge (CAB) in Blythewood and the Catholic Charity—Clean of Heart in Columbia. Please help by purchasing an item(s) from the list of needs found in the baskets beneath the tree. Thank you!

Offertory	Amount
Sunday Collection for July 9	\$10,630.55
Weekly Budget Needs	\$8,600.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total	\$18,920.13
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$17,200.00
Surplus/Shortfall-to-Date	\$1,720.13
Second Collect	ion
Capital Campaign	\$3,848.00

Next week's Second Collection will support Catholic Schools Tuition Support

Vocations Chalice — This program is for everyone!

This is an invitation to all parishioners to participate in the Vocations Chalice Program by taking the Chalice home with you for a week of prayer. Having the Vocations Chalice in your home is a powerful, visual reminder of our faith. The prayer booklet is a helpful guide of prayers for all vocations and our personal, spiritual journey. The journal is an opportunity to share your experience with others. Please choose to sign up now! You may sign up on the SignUpGenius.com website, using this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c44aeab2aabfe3-vocations1, or please ask the sacristan or an usher before or after Mass to sign you up. You can also scan the QR code below. This program is for everyone. You should return the Chalice, booklet and journal in the case the following week at the same Mass time as when you received it. If you have questions, please contact Bob Wagner, 803-629-2978, rswag1971@gmail.com; or Kathy Cunningham, 847-691-5899,

kathy.cunningham@pm.me

Vocations Chalice Schedule

Weekend	4:00 p.m. Mass	8:00 a.m. Mass	10:30 a.m. Mass
July 8/9	Lofurno Family	Sukany Family	Lee Goodman
July 15/16	Family Needed	Family Needed	Family Needed

The Columbiettes Corner



The News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713

Visit the Columbiettes Website – https://columbiettes13713.org





Have you thought of joining the Columbiettes but are hesitant/haven't gotten around to it/just not sure? What's holding you back?

I don't have time

You're Invited! We totally get that. We all have busy lives. Our meetings are once a month and last about two hours. They are in the evening and we understand when ladies can't make it or need a ride. We try to accommodate everyone and understand if a member can't make a meeting. Our Meeting Minutes are very complete to help everyone catch up. We have endless opportunities to serve; some only take an hour or two; some are more lengthy commitments. All opportunities are guaranteed to have the support needed. TCC Columbiettes love to help

our Sisters in Christ.

I don't know the ladies very well

Exactly!! This is an opportunity to gather and really get to know those faces that might or might not be familiar to you. You always go to 4:00 Mass? Well, all those ladies that "always go to 10:30" would love to get to know you better.

I'm not the best Catholic in town

Some of us are, some not so much. But it's an opportunity to deepen your faith and grow from real examples, not just "perfect models" of faith.

If you're single, married, divorced, widowed, rich, poor or none of those, you're invited!

If you can sing like an angel or can't carry a tune in a bucket, you're invited!

If you're more religious than the Pope or feeling a bit skeptical, you're invited!

If you could desperately use a prayer right now, or if you feel inspired to save the world, you're invited!

Watch the bulletin for the date and time of our next Information Meeting in August.

Trivia Night! - Saturday, August 19, 2023!

The **16th Trivia Night** hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes will be on **Saturday**, **August 19**, **2023** beginning at 7:00 PM in the PLC.



Trivia Night is open to anyone over the age of 21. (Please, no children.)

If you are new to the parish or have never participated before, the evening is a fun, fast-paced trivia game. You play as a team, and teams consist of 8 people at a table. There are 10 categories consisting of 10 questions in each category. The categories are random and are revealed that night.

It is to your advantage to sign up as a team of 8! Payment is due at the time of registration and the cost is \$160.00/table (\$20/person). Credit card payments are accepted with a small convenience fee. You may also register as an individual or couple and be placed on a team if space allows.

<u>In-person registration will be after all Masses on the weekends of August 5 & 6 and August 12 & 13.</u>

For more information, please contact Kathy Cunningham at 847-691-5899 or email klcunningham@protonmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ROSARY & SOCIAL

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023
6:30 P.M. - ROSARY - 7:00 P.M. - DINNER

Join our Knights of Columbus Council for their monthly Social. Everyone in the parish is invited! Come at 6:30 p.m. for the Rosary followed by great food and fellowship beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the PLC.

Menu
Ribs
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Baked Beans
Green Beans
Hash & Rice
Rolls & Drinks



Bring a dessert to share!

Donations are Appreciated





Embrace Your Faith!

(Week 15 of Ordinary time) July 16-22 Week 34

Exhortation/Encouragement

Read and meditate on Scripture which is both salvation history, as well as your personal adoption story. "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ."

Doctor Lawrence of Brindisi (July 21)

"The Holy Spirit sweetens the yoke of the divine law and lightens its weight, so that we may observe God's commandments with the greatest of ease and even with pleasure."—*St. Lawrence of Brindisi*

Virtue for July—Simplicity

Continual reflections upon ourselves and our actions are of no use except to consume time, which would be better employed in doing, than in scrutinizing so carefully what has been done. For this constant watching as to whether we are doing well, often causes things to be done badly. Those souls which make reflections about trifles act like silkworms, which impede and imprison themselves in their own work.—*St. Francis de Sales*



women's S-XXL)

• Baseball Caps



Place items in the box marked "Clothing Drive" in the PLC



An original play by Patty Evans Please read the script and reflect

FISHES & LOAVES OF FAITH FORMATION

Patty: Dear Lord in Heaven, I am knocking on your door. I need Volunteers to teach Faith

Formation PreK-5. Our Parish is growing, and so is our program. Our needs, therefore, are growing, too. Jesus, please "multiply the Fishes and Loaves

(volunteers) of CCD."

Volunteer: I overheard your prayer. I would like to help, but I have a family, a job, and already

am so involved in other committees. I just don't have the time. Good luck finding

teachers.

Patty: I understand...but are you feeling the nudge from the Holy Spirit? You know the old

saying, if you want something done, ask a busy person. I cannot promise you money, but I can promise you a rewarding faith-development experience. As far as time commitment—you would need to teach from 9:00 to 10:15 on Sunday morning, and

probably spend 20-60 minutes collaborating with your teaching partner to

formulate a lesson plan. I can help you, and walk you through this. Jesus had his 12 Apostles, and I need 12 teachers. I have 8; I only need 4 more. I am asking for help, as I

cannot do this alone. The summer is almost over; time is of the essence.

Volunteer: I just don't know...right now finding a couple of hours a week is asking a lot. I don't

want to short-change my family.

Patty: Look at it another way—you are helping your own family grow in faith. You are

showing them that the Lord and His Plan/Needs are the center of your family's Faith. You are demonstrating how joyful it can be to serve the Lord. That being involved in your church is helping spread the Gospel, and strengthening our Catholic community, and helping others—which we are Called to do. You are making your faith a priority

and setting a good example for your children.

Volunteer: I would like to try. If you are willing to help me, I am willing to teach.

Patty: Thank You. Your saying "YES" is a big leap of faith. You are not alone. You will have

someone else in the classroom. I will help you all I can, and God will give you the patience and strength you need. You don't have to have teaching experience—just a heart that is willing to expand with love for God and the children. More often than not, by becoming involved in working with the children, you will find you, too, will

grow in faith.

Could the above Volunteer be YOU?

Please pray and think about volunteering to teach Religious Education Pre K-5. The children need you, and so do I. Please contact me, Patty Evans, at 803-729-4625 or email pevans@charlestondiocese.org









We had a wonderful weekend in Steubenville, Ohio at the Summer Youth Conference! Thank you for your prayers & generosity that allowed for this experience to be possible! This is what our teens are saying about it:

"My favorite part about Steubenville has to be Saturday night adoration! It's just so powerful and you are really close with Jesus!" - Christian, Sophomore

"I liked the women's session talk. It helped me realize that no matter what other people tell you Jesus sees you as beautiful and you are loved. I also feel like I'm more confident that God has a plan for me." - Mari, Sophomore

"My favorite part of Steubenville was spending time with friends that have the same faith as you and want you to succeed with it." - Brennen, Sophomore

"My favorite part of the Steubenville trip is always the way we can all come together in a similar experience and guide each other through our faith journeys." - Ella, Senior

"As my first time going to Steubenville, I enjoyed it so much. I loved the community, as we were able to talk to people who had the same faith as us. I absolutely loved it." - Zia, Sophomore

"My favorite thing about the Steubenville conference has to be the community. It is so powerful coming together with thousands of teenagers to worship the Lord." - Ava, Sophomore

"I enjoyed the amount of detail they put into the talks about the faith and how they deep dive into subjects I had questions on." - Will, Junior

"My favorite part of Steubenville was meeting amazing people just like us from all over the country. It was fun getting to know them and the people I traveled with even more and am grateful to have gone." - Anna, Sophomore

"I enjoyed the community of people and the adoration, which was very powerful. I also enjoyed all the speakers, which made the conference very enjoyable." - Cynthia, Sophomore

"It's a very moving experience every time, you come back knowing more about yourself, your peers, and about the faith, and being surrounded by well over a thousand brothers and sister from all over the country is very fun and exciting. Would highly recommend!" - Matthew, Senior

RESPECT LIFE



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INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

In *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* and returned the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives at both the state and federal level. Despite this monumental legal victory, abortion policy is far from settled.

Sadly, over the past year, several states have used this opportunity to not only keep abortion legal, but also to pursue even more extreme pro-abortion policies. Currently, abortion is legal in more states than not. Our dedicated efforts are desperately needed in the months and years to come to protect preborn children and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that we are "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world" (Mt. 5:13-14). As Catholics, we have a duty to pursue the common good and to work for the protection of the most vulnerable. Our faith, formed by the teachings of the Church, should guide our engagement in civic life.

Each of us is called to live out our faith publicly, witnessing to the Gospel. For, "if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot" (Mt. 5:13). We cannot hide our faith under the "bushel basket." Rather, our "light must shine before others" (Mt. 5:15-16).

Inspired by the Gospel, we must do what we can to end violence in the womb, to ensure that preborn children are fully protected by our laws, and to support mothers and fathers in welcoming and nurturing their children. May we all faithfully embrace our shared Christian responsibility and be strengthened by God's grace when we encounter resistance or persecution. Together, may we help build a culture of life and civilization of love in our nation.

ACT (choose one)

- Read and meditate on <u>Matthew 5:1-16</u>. Pray for the grace and courage to bring your faith into the public square, working for the protection of all human life.
- Choose one day over this next week to fast from entertainment. Refrain from television, movies, social media, and non-spiritual reading.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

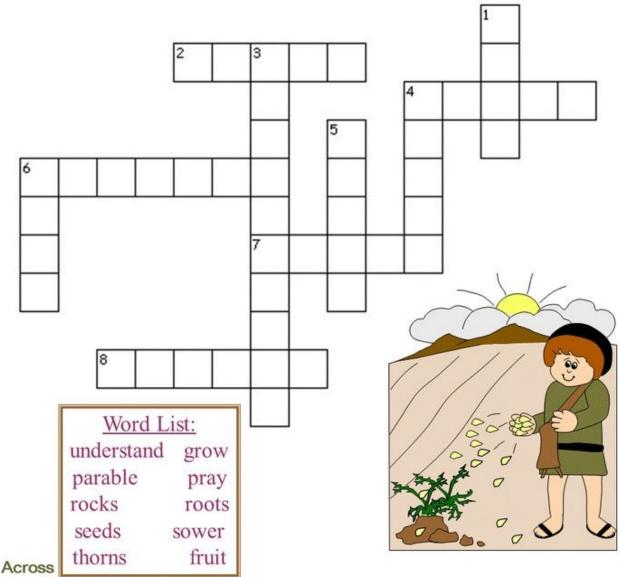
ONE STEP FURTHER

Read the short reflection, "Live the Gospel of Life," and prayerfully consider how you can faithfully live out the Gospel each day: respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life.

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Transfiguration Kids Corner

Sower and the Seed Crossword

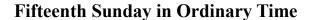


- 2. If we learn and grow we, like the seed will bear ____.
- 4. It's important to plant seeds in good soil so these can grow deep into the ground.
- 6. This is a type of story Jesus told to teach a lesson.
- 7. These are what Jesus compares to the Word that we learn about God.
- 8. These choke out the seeds and prevent the plant from growing.

Down

- We can do this if we learn and ask lots of questions about God.
- 3. The person that plants the seed in good ground are the same that hear and ___ the word.
- 4. The seed that fell among these couldn't grow roots and died.
- This is the name of the person that plants the seeds.
- Do this instead of worrying.

Worship, Intentions & Prayers



Sunday, July 16

8:00 a.m. Mass **Intentions of the Parish**

10:30 a.m. Mass Intentions of all Fathers of the Parish by the Columbiettes

Monday, July 17

5:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass Patricia Ann Hagen Cook⁺ by Jean Underwood

Tuesday, July 18—Saint Camillus de Lellis

Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Marcella Lorson⁺ 6:00 p.m. Daily Mass by Transfiguration Parish

Wednesday, July 19

by Elaine Slan 4:00 p.m. Daily Mass **Protection of Law Enforcement**

5:30 p.m. Daily Mass—St. Theresa's

Thursday, July 20—Saint Apollinaris

5:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**

6:00 p.m. **Daily Mass** by Frank & Valerie Shealy E. Randolph Shives, III⁺

Friday, July 21—Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

5:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**

6:00 p.m. Daily Mass **Intentions of Emma Shealy** by the Shealy Family

Saturday, July 22—Saint Mary Magdalene

3:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass John Keegan⁺

6:00 p.m. Mass—St. Theresa's by Rose Ann Turner

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13-19: Ps 86:5-16: Rom 8:26-27: Mt 13:24-43

Sunday, July 23

8:00 a.m. Mass **Intentions of the Parish** 10:30 a.m. Mass Kimberly Wagner Picciuolo⁺

by the Wagner Family

Please Pray for the Healing & Safety of Our Loved Ones

Prayer Line Ministry—Jessica Sisco Moore - (803) 477-6255 or jesskah.moore@gmail.com

Prayer for Service & Safety

Lord, we thank You for those who serve daily whether here or abroad and ask that You protect them from harm, give them courage to persevere, and bring them home safely.

Amen



For the healing of...Tom Aiken, Dave Anderson, Fred Branham, Moses Branham, Alex Bringle, Enrique Caballero Jr., Mary Cammisa, Bill Campbell, Michael Cannon, Mary Causey, Mr. Clark, David Coble, Frank Daresta, Jr., Eileen Dempsey, Sherry Haggerty, Kenny Jackson, Kristi Jarvis, Samuel Keys, Zachary Komen, Noah Langan, Rosie & Robert Leonard, George Lesznar, Boyd Marivittori, Kenny Martin, Ava Claire Mates, Patrick McLeod, George Mori, Sherri Nichols, Misti Welch Post, Jimmy Phillips, Charlotte Reed, Linda Roush, Michelle Sintoni, Dave Strominger, Dick Strominger, Deborah Thomas, Connie Turgeon, and Travis Spires

For the safety of.... Robert Furgal, Rachel Graham, Reuben Paul, Alex Piccuiolo, Will Smarr, all first responders, law enforcement, missionaries, military personnel and their families serving at home and in hazardous locations around the world.





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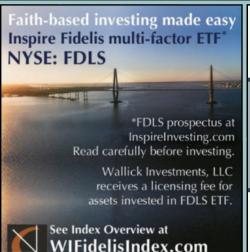
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