



TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Lord, how good it is that we are here.”

January 18, 2026

Rev. Msgr. James L. LeBlanc
Pastor

Deacon John Tempesco

Deacon David Shinn
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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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Infant Baptism, RCIA, Funerals,
Weddings:

Call the Office—(803) 735-0512

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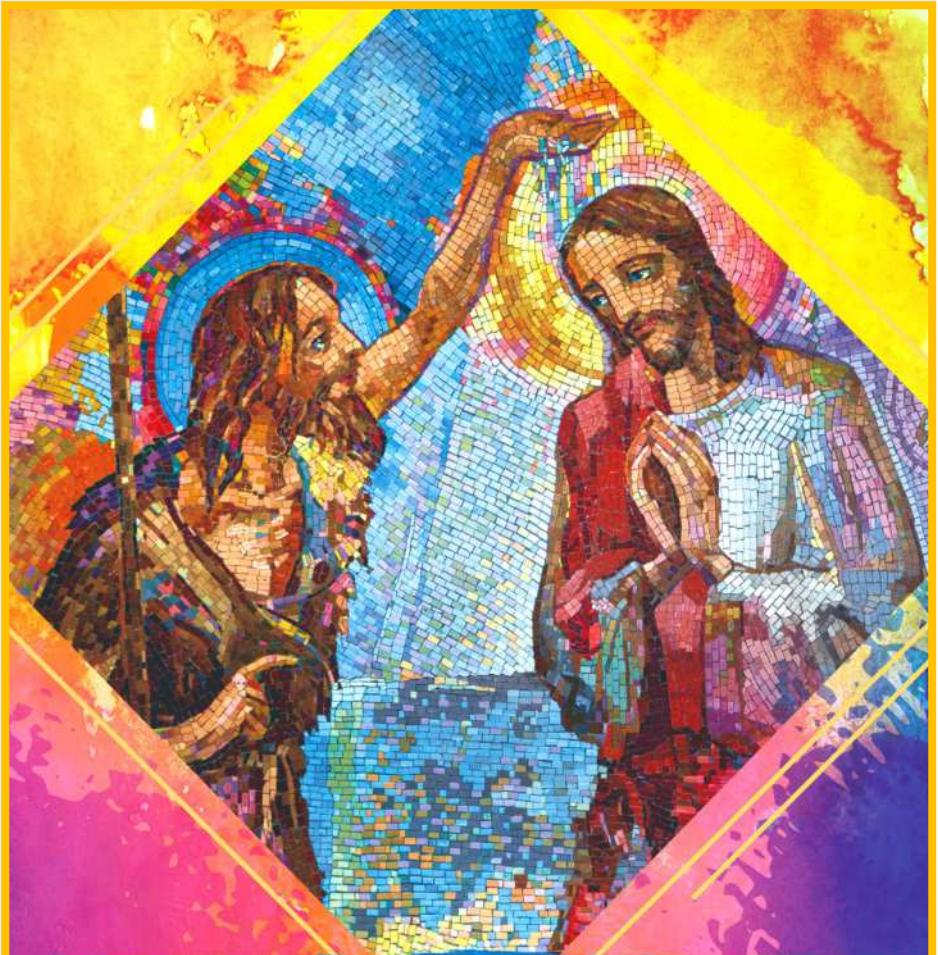
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Youth Minister

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away
the sin of the world.” - Jn 1:29**

Parish Activities

Sunday, January 18	9:00 a.m.	Elementary Faith Formation (Blue & Tan Buildings)
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Red Brick Building)
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)
	11:45 a.m.	O.C.I.A. (Large Classroom—PLC)
	11:45 a.m.	Youth Group (Red Brick Building)
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice (Red Brick Building)
Monday, January 19		
Tuesday, January 20	5:30 p.m.	Evans Cursillo Grouping (Small Classroom—PLC)
	5:30 p.m.	Underwood Cursillo Grouping (Large Classroom—PLC)
	6:30 p.m.	Care Team Meeting (Kitchen Conference Room—PLC)
Wednesday, January 21	5:30 p.m.	Children's Choir (Small Classroom—PLC)
	5:30 p.m.	Columbiettes Officers Meeting (Large Classroom—PLC)
	6:30 p.m.	Rosary (Sanctuary—PLC)
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Social (Gathering Space—PLC)
Thursday, January 22	6:30 p.m.	Cursillo Ultreya (Kitchen Conference Room—PLC)
Friday, January 23		
Saturday, January 24	7:00 a.m.	COR for Men (Kitchen Conference Room—PLC)
	3:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)
	7:00 p.m.	Trivia Night (Gathering Space—PLC)
Sunday, January 25	9:00 a.m.	Elementary Faith Formation (Blue & Tan Buildings)
	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Red Brick Building)
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Choir Practice (Small Classroom—PLC)
	11:45 a.m.	O.C.I.A. (Large Classroom—PLC)
	11:45 a.m.	Youth Group (Red Brick Building)
	2:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice (Red Brick Building)
	3:00 p.m.	Powell Eagle Scout Celebration (PLC)

Parish Directory

Altar Servers	<i>Deacon Dave Shinn</i>	(803) 446-4196	Kitchen	<i>Doug Phillips</i>	(803) 315-0512
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Adult Lenten Faith Enrichment: Total Abandonment to God's Will

Five-week Lenten study beginning February 24/25 and ending March 24/25

Choose between two times: Tuesday evening at 6:30 or Wednesday morning at 9:00.

The cost is \$20 for the workbook. On Tuesday evenings dinner will be served.

In this incredibly practical and powerful course, Matthew Leonard teaches how to deal with all the events and circumstances of this life in a manner that allows us to maintain peace of heart and not get upset.

In fact, he shows how every circumstance we encounter can actually propel us forward in the spiritual life and move us closer to God.

It's all about a trustful surrender to God in every aspect of our lives and it changes everything!



For more information contact Karen Hanson: (803)318-6452; khanson2@sc.rr.com

There is a sign-up sheet on the Faith Table in the Gathering Space.

Lenten Retreat
with
Deacon Bob Pierce

*Stepping Into a Larger
World: Deepening Your
Walk with Jesus*

Saturday, February 21
12:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Parish Life Center

Are you ready to take your faith to the next level? Join us for a transformative, Lenten mission with Deacon Bob Pierce, a seasoned spiritual guide with over 23 years of ministry at St. Mary Help of Christians in Aiken.

Through three powerful sessions, Deacon Bob will lead us on a journey to:

- **Session 1:** Lay the foundation and discover our three fundamental relationships with God
- **Session 2:** Learn guideposts, examples, and a mindset for living our true spiritual identity
- **Session 3:** Cross the threshold and forever alter your relationship with God

Why Attend? This mission is more than a seminar—it's an invitation to encounter Christ in a deeper, more personal way. Deacon Bob's wisdom has inspired countless parishioners, RCIA candidates, and couples preparing for marriage. His teaching is praised by bishops as a "simple blueprint for deepening one's relationship with the Lord" and a "solid pathway to fostering a contemplative spirit."

About Deacon Bob Pierce

- Permanent deacon for over 23 years
- Experienced leader in RCIA, marriage preparation, adult education, and parish missions
- Instructor of homiletics for the diaconate formation program
- Spiritual director for Cursillo weekends
- Husband, father of four, and chemical engineer



Knights of Columbus

Parish Social

Wednesday, January 21

7:00 p.m.

menu:

Grilled Pork Chops
Black-eyed Peas
Collards
Stewed Tomatoes over Rice
Cornbread



Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Offertory	Amount
Sunday Collection for January 11	\$10,163.55
Weekly Budget Needs	\$9,494.00
Fiscal Year-to-Date Total	\$262,120.28
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$265,832.00
Surplus/Deficit-to-Date	(\$3,711.72)

Second Collection

Capital Campaign	\$4,008.00
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Next Week's Second Collection: Catholic Schools Tuition Support



JANUARY NFP INTRO SESSIONS

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Natural Family Planning...supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage



FREE Natural Family Planning Introductory Session January 21, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
at St. Joseph in Columbia — Contact: naprogal@gmail.com

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The Columbiettes Corner

News and Happenings of the Transfiguration Columbiettes Council 13713



Visit the Columbiette Website: Columbiettes13713.org



December Columbiette of the Month

This Columbiette exemplifies extraordinary dedication to faith, service, and the protection of life. As a founding member of our church, she was instrumental in initiating the adult education program and continues to serve as the coordinator for guest speakers for our in-house retreats. In addition, she faithfully organizes the annual Wine and Dine event held each spring, an occasion that brings our community together in both fellowship and support. With her strong organizational skills and deep commitment to the Catholic faith, she continually seeks opportunities to help others grow spiritually. One such effort includes managing a kiosk that provides instructional and inspirational Catholic CDs, making faith-based resources readily accessible to parishioners. Like Joan of Arc, she is a steadfast and courageous warrior for the unborn. She is heavily involved in Right to Life activities and has founded a prayer chain dedicated to supporting women facing difficult and often life-altering circumstances. She diligently communicates specific prayer needs to the group and frequently goes beyond prayer by assisting families with their physical needs whenever possible. In her correspondence, she affectionately refers to the group as her “Birthright Prayer Warriors,” a reflection of her faith-filled leadership and encouragement. Her devotion to the Lord is evident in every aspect of her service, and her tireless efforts have had a lasting impact on both individuals and the wider community. It is with sincere gratitude and admiration that we recognize **Karen Hanson** as our Columbiette of the Month, honoring her unwavering commitment to faith, life, and service.

Retirees Luncheon January 28, 2026

Join us **January 28 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm** for a heart-warming afternoon filled with delicious comfort food and even better company. This month's menu features cozy crockpot favorites—soups, stews, chili—plus a spread of assorted breads and homemade desserts. Bring a friend, a neighbor, or someone who could use a little extra cheer.

Everyone's welcome at the table! **Reserve your spot for the Retiree Luncheon! Sign-up after any of the Saturday or Sunday Masses on January 17 & 18, 2026.**



Transfiguration Welcomes the Walk for Peace

Transfiguration extended a warm welcome to the Walk for Peace this past Sunday. A group of 19 Buddhist monks and



their dog, Aloka, are walking 2,300 miles to advocate for peace, unity, and healing. They began their journey on October 26, 2025, in Ft. Worth, Texas, and are expected to reach Washington, D.C. around February 13, 2026. The monks stopped at Transfiguration for their lunch rest and were joined by hundreds of people who wanted to be part of this historic moment. After lunch, Venerable Bhikkhu Paññākāra spoke to the crowd.

able Bhikkhu Paññākāra spoke to the crowd. He encouraged us to put our phones down and be present to those around us and to seek peace each and every day. He reminded us that peace in this world begins in our own hearts and we must take time to be still and release the pressures of the day. Every Catholic can certainly agree that seeking God in prayer, taking time to relax and listen to the voice of God and sharing His love with others will make this world a more peaceful place.

We thank everyone at Transfig who helped manage this unexpected event and for everyone who took the inconvenience with grace and patience! You were the light of the world for those who visited us.





LEARN TO LET GOD LEAD THIS LENT

Lent often feels like a challenging time where we're asked to give up something to draw nearer to God, but let's make this Lenten season different.

Join Fr. Columba Jordan with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal for daily Lenten meditations through *Crux: Daily Lenten Meditations*, a devotional that helps you learn to rely on God's strength.

Rooted in the *Crux* program's holistic balance of body and soul, this devotional offers daily reflections and Scripture passages to help you pray, reflect, and surrender more deeply to God.

Through this devotional, you will read through the entire Gospel of Mark, reflecting on your identity as God's beloved child and responding through prayer and practical action.

Designed for individuals, families, and parish groups, *Crux* helps you unite physical and spiritual disciplines—fasting, exercise, reading, and prayer—into one transformative Lenten experience that leads you closer to Christ.

This devotional will dovetail brilliantly with the Lenten Bible Study - *Total Abandonment to God's Will*. There will be a few copies available on our giveaway table or you can purchase yours at the link to the right. Consider making this your Lenten discipline this year.

For more Information visit:

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/crux>

WEEKLY



FOR PARISHES AND SMALL GROUPS:

Watch Fr. Columba's FREE WEEKLY Lenten reflections

DAILY



FOR INDIVIDUALS:

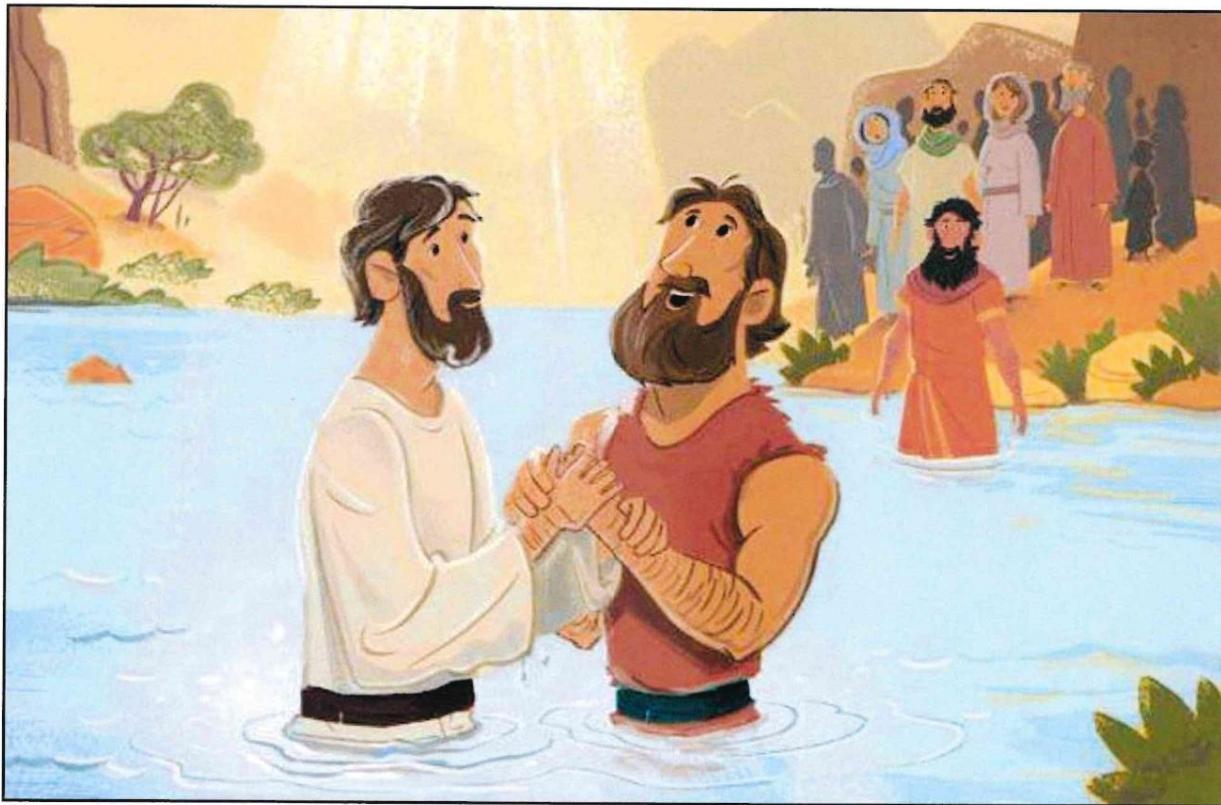
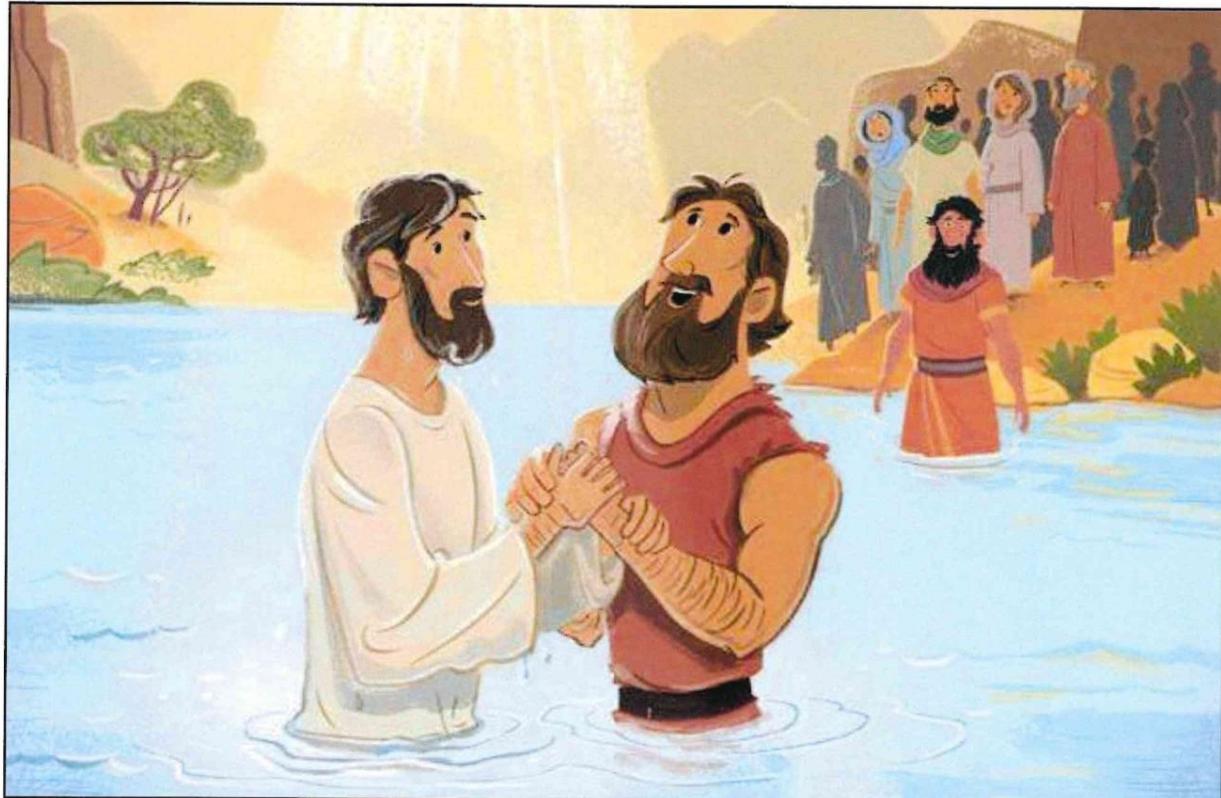
Go deeper with Fr. Columba's daily Lenten reflections in the ASCENSION APP
(Requires paid subscription)



Transfiguration Kids Corner

Jesus' Baptism Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 11 things that are different.





Worship, Intentions & Prayers



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 18

8:00 a.m. *Lord's Day Mass*
 10:30 a.m. *Lord's Day Mass*

Julie Iwanowski +
 Gary Alan Martek+

by Frank & Jean Blaum
 by the Knights of Columbus

Monday, January 19

5:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*
 5:40 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
 6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

Ryan Joel Gainey+

by the Gainey Family

Tuesday, January 20—*Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr*

5:00 p.m. *Reconciliation*
 5:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*
 5:40 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
 6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

Intentions of Mary Matthews

by Rene Scheuer

Wednesday, January 21—*Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr*

3:40 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
 4:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*
 5:30 p.m. *Daily Mass at St. Theresa*

Gladys Wagner+

by the Wagner Family

Thursday, January 22

5:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*
 5:40 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
 6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

Intentions of Bob and Ann Nerbun

by Michael & Brenda Cerkez

Friday, January 23—*Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin*

5:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*
 5:40 p.m. *Evening Prayer*
 6:00 p.m. *Daily Mass*

Kimberly Wagner Picciuolo+

by the Wagner Family

Saturday, January 24

3:00 p.m. *Reconciliation*
 3:00 p.m. *Eucharistic Adoration*
 4:00 p.m. *Vigil Mass*
 6:00 p.m. *Vigil Mass at St. Theresa*

Anne & Maurice Cotter+

by the Cotter Family

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27:1-14; 1 Cor 1:10-17; Mt 4:12-23

Sunday, January 25

8:00 a.m. *Lord's Day Mass*
 10:30 a.m. *Lord's Day Mass*

Intentions of the Parish
 Thomas Lammers+

by Dan & Susan Wallick

Please Pray for the Healing & Safety of Our Loved Ones

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



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, Larry Avins, Bryan Blaze, Princey Blaze, Fred Brantham, Molly Brantham, Alex Bringle, Amy Brown, Enrique Caballero, Jr., Mary Cammisa, Bill Campbell, Mr. Clark, David Coble, Frank Daresta, Jr., Marvin Davant, Janice Dillon, Jack Eson, Ofc. Quas Jon Flowers, Jack, Wendi & Morgan Griffith, Sherry Haggerty, Kristyne Hall, Janet Hargrove, Kenny Jackson, Kristi Jarvis, Becky Jones, Zachary Komen, Naomi Lambert, Noah Langan, Dr. Melanie Ledo Barone, Amy Leonard, Boyd Marivittori, Kenny Martin, Ava Claire Mates, Patrick McLeod, George Mori, Lib & Ernie Neumeister, Sherri Nichols, Joe Ondracek, Therese Parthania, Jimmy Phillips, Joe Raimondi, Travis Spires, Dave Strominger, Dick Strominger, Rex & Beth Taylor, Deborah Thomas, Bob Underwood, and the Wallick Family.

For the safety of.... Kayla Francisco, Robert Furgal, Drew Gatzke, Rachel Graham, Mark Greenwood, Jr., Dominick Laibly, Reuben Paul, Alex Picciuolo, Will Smarr, Gavin Zamora, all first responders, law enforcement, missionaries, military personnel and their families.



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