



# TRANSFIGURATION

*Leading all those in the East Metro to Christ,  
the Source and Summit of our daily and eternal lives.*

## Transfiguration Catholic School Newsletter January 3, 2024

### A Prayer for Our School (Written by Kindergarten)

Dear God, Thank you for giving us Baby Jesus. He will give us light this Christmas, His birthday. We pray that everyone has a happy and healthy Christmas. Jesus, we love you. Amen.

### Special Dates

Thursday, Jan. 11	Shroud of Turin replica and presentation, 1pm
Thursday, Jan. 11	Pre-School Open House, 6-7pm
Friday, Jan. 12	Ticket sales for Catholic United Financial Begin
Friday, Jan. 12	Shroud of Turin replica and presentation, 6pm
Sunday, Jan. 14	K of C Free Throw Contest, 12pm (ages 9-14)
Monday, Jan. 15	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday, Jan. 16	Middle School Youth Group Deep Dive, 2:45-4:30
Tuesday, Jan. 16	Kindergarten Open House, 6-7 pm
Thursday, Jan. 18	Band Concert, 7 pm
Thurs. Jan. 18 – Tues. Jan. 23	NO HOT LUNCH, milk is still available
Jan. 28 – Feb. 2	Catholic Schools Week
Saturday, Feb. 3	Black and Gold Mardi Gras Gala, 5pm

### Black and Gold Mardi Gras Gala

**Tickets** are on sale now! Each seat is \$50, and the entire cost of the ticket counts toward your family fundraising requirements. Go here to purchase your tickets: [Tickets](#)

**Sponsorships** are available at a variety of levels:

- Diamond - \$5,000 + Platinum, plus Diamond - Level ad in Bulletin through May 2024
- Platinum - \$2,500 Gold, plus full -page ad in annual Gala Program Platinum - level ad in Bulletin through May 2024
- Gold - \$1,000 Silver, plus half-page ad in annual Gala Program Listed on Annual Gala Banner
- Silver - \$500 Bronze, plus quarter-page ad in Annual Gala Program, Plus bulletin and social media mentions before and after event
- Bronze - \$250 Name listed in Annual Gala program

**Silent Auction Help and Items** are needed! Each grade will be putting together a basket for the event; if you are interested in leading this effort for grade 5, 3, 2, K, or PreKindergarten, please contact Becky Robinson at: [becky.robs5@gmail.com](mailto:becky.robs5@gmail.com). This help will count toward your family



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volunteer requirement. Families, please watch for information from your grade's coordinator to see how you can contribute!

### Catholic United Financial Raffle

Transfiguration participates in an annual raffle sponsored by Catholic United Financial. This is a great fundraiser for our school, because 100% of ticket sales comes right back to us! Also, tickets sold count toward your family fundraising requirement. Each ticket is \$10, and each student is asked to sell 5 tickets between Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> - Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go home to families next Friday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>. Information about prizes and more details are coming soon – stay tuned!

### Upcoming Events

**Shroud of Turin** - Transfiguration will be hosting a presentation and life-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 1pm in the church. Students will get to see this and learn more about the Shroud, the most studied artifact on the planet. Parents are welcome to this presentation, or to a more formal presentation on Friday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, where there will be a question and answer session.

**Open Houses** - It is time to begin thinking about next year! Our Preschool is open to children ages 3-5 who are fully potty trained. We will be having an Open House on Thursday, Jan. 11th from 6-7pm for all interested families. Our Kindergarten is open to students who turn 5 years of age by Sept. 1, 2024. Families interested in Kindergarten are welcome to the Kindergarten Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 16th from 6-7pm. We hope to see you there!

**Free Throw Contest** - All children ages 9-14 are welcome to participate in the Knights of Columbus basketball Free Throw Contest on Sunday, Jan. 14th at 12pm. This contest is for both boys and girls. Many Transfiguration students have done well at this competition and gone on to compete at the next level. We hope to continue that tradition this year!

### Catholic Schools Week

The week celebrating Catholic Schools is quickly approaching, and we have great things in store! Here's a sneak peek:

Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – Mass and School Showcase

Monday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – Students in grades 4-8 will attend the Mass of the Holy Spirit with thousands of students from around the Archdiocese at the Xcel Center. Students in grades PS-3 are invited to wear red in honor of the Holy Spirit this day.

Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> – All School Mass - students are invited to dress up in their best.

Wednesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> – Black and Gold Day – Students are invited to wear spirit wear and/or black and gold to celebrate our school.

Thursday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – Sports Jersey Day – Students are welcome to wear sports jerseys to celebrate the great tradition of Catholic sportsmanship.

Friday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – PJ and Wacky Hair Day – Students are invited to wear pajamas and sport some crazy hair-dos to cap off our school week.

Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Black and Gold Mardi Gras Gala – Adults gather to celebrate our 70-year strong Catholic community here in Oakdale!

### Sign Up Today

**Swimminators** is back! This swimming extra curricular is open to all students in grades Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Follow this link to register: [Swim](#)

**Volunteer Opportunity** – We are looking for a volunteer to assist with preschool lunch time. Volunteer must be E3 certified. If you are interested and able to help weekly or daily, please contact Melinda at [mstella@transfigurationmn.org](mailto:mstella@transfigurationmn.org).



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**Mrs. B.'s Bulletin**

Recently, I was struck by how many events Transfiguration has coming up in January! From the Shroud of Turin to Catholic Schools Week, there is certainly something for everyone! This is also the time of year for two major fundraisers: the Catholic United Financial raffle and the Black and Gold Gala.

For many families, it feels like Transfiguration is constantly asking for help with fundraising, and I want to offer some insight. First, we want to make sure there are many opportunities for families to reach their \$275 fundraising requirement. Some families will choose to sell 30 raffle tickets, others will gather a group for a Black and Gold table. Also, these events truly do keep tuition costs low. We created a plan to keep tuition stable for two years, and fundraising is essential to that plan. I am happy to say that tuition will be the same in 2024-2025 as it is this year. Finally, fundraising events are a way to draw new people into our community, not only to share our story, but to share the Gospel. Thank you for choosing Transfiguration, and for your support for these endeavors!