

Important information

- www.transfiguration.com/journey – Please bookmark our website and visit frequently. Everything you need is on the Religious Education pages; most especially the [Religious Education Handbook](#), filled with important program, sacrament preparation, calendar and policy information. Please note the Attendance Policy and Sacrament preparation eligibility on page 27.
- We will continue to teach the **Word of the Week**, emphasizing vocabulary about our Catholic faith. The list of words and definitions is in the Religious Education Handbook. Weekly, the word will be on the Transfiguration website, the Journey page in the bulletin, on the TV monitor in the foyer, and on a hand-out sent home with the children in grades K-8. Please post it on your refrigerator and talk about it at your family dinner table – what the word means, why it is an important part of our Catholic faith, etc. Click on the website to watch the Word of the Week video.
Word of the Week assessments will be given in grades 3-12 about every 8 weeks. Results will be shared with parents. With reinforcement at home and during Journey, our kids should improve their understanding of our faith and, ultimately, be strengthened in that faith to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Each year, children are encouraged to learn traditional **Prayers**. We do not want to minimize or discourage prayer from the heart or other prayer forms; however, children should know the traditional prayers of our faith. More information is in the Religious Education Handbook and on the Journey page at www.transfiguration.com. Again, we are asking you to help your child learn these prayers.
- **Grade Level Service** – each grade has a targeted area of service. Our kids love putting their faith into action and serving others. We still need some adults to help coordinate service opportunities for the elementary grades. If you can help, please contact Sheila, smurray@transfiguration.com.
- **Safety Reminders:** While class is in session, all visitors must sign-in at the reception desk in the church foyer. If you must pick up your child early from class, please sign-in and an office volunteer will bring your child to meet you. **If early dismissal requests exceed 5 occasions, please consider selecting another day/time for your child to participate in Journey. We are sensitive to emergency situations; however, routinely picking up your child early from class is disruptive to the learning environment. No early dismissals are allowed during the last 15 minutes of class.**
- **Dropping off for class** *after* the first day: Please drop off your child in the circular driveway for class in the Parish Center and at the front doors if their class is in the Family Life Center. All other exterior doors are locked. (Sunday morning 8:20 am class, please escort your child to Bishop Hall for opening prayer. 10 am and Noon classes go directly to their classroom.)
- With the exception of Sunday morning preschool/kindergarten, and the 8:20-9:35 am classes, **all children dropped off for Journey will be dismissed by carpool.** Detailed instructions and maps are included in the Religious Education Handbook. For the safety of our children, you must follow our carpool dismissal procedures. If you are new to Transfiguration or are switching class times, please review the carpool maps on the religious education page on the website.
- **We Can't Do It Without YOU!** I often hear kids say with pride, “Oh yeah, my dad does carpool,” or “My grandma is a prayer listener,” or “My mom teaches.” It is a powerful witness to the kids that you are involved and active in our faith community. It doesn't have to be a big commitment (or it could be!), but there are a zillion opportunities to help. Please call us to talk about how you can volunteer.

