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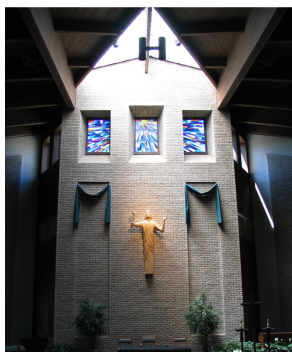
September 1, 2007

## FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

### Thank you so much for your support of our parish

by sharing your *time, talent and treasure*; gifts which our God entrusted to us. It is with great joy that I share some of our successes from the past year and some of the challenges we face as a faith community celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We need to be constantly aware that Transfiguration is our spiritual home, “owned” by all of us, a home that also has many needs. We claim ownership by participating in all aspects of our parish life. Yes, “*Lord, how good it is for us to be here...*” but there is a cost of *Time, Talent and Treasure*. And, thank you for the privilege to be your spiritual leader; it is a blessing in my life! Once again, I remind you to openly receive, to nurture, to share and to return God’s gifts.

*In peace and courage,  
Fr. Mike*



## LITURGY



### We continue to celebrate with a passion for excellence!

This past year we introduced a more contemporary style of music at one Mass per month and because the style was embraced so deeply, we added a second Mass. We presently offer this style of a liturgical music at the last Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the each month. Our **primary challenge** in the area of worship is having sufficient liturgical ministers for each Mass. We are *always* in need of lectors, musicians, vocalists, Eucharistic ministers, coordinators, greeters and servers. Please consider offering your time and talent to one of these ministries.

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

### Peace and Justice is a parish ministry we can be very proud of as a community of faith.

This past year we expanded our ministries to respond to individuals at risk and to give attention to God’s nature which is so fragile. Our *Seeking for Justice for Children* ministry was founded to give special attention to our young brothers and sisters living within the City of Rochester Children’s Zone, particularly in neighborhood of St. Andrew’s Parish. We also established the *Care for God’s Creation* ministry whose purpose is to call our attention to the environment as mandated by the Social Teachings of our Church. Our **primary challenges** in our Peace and Justice Ministry is to keep our eyes focused on the Church’s social teachings and sufficient volunteers to respond to the many needs that confront us each day.

Live it!  
Live it!

## FINANCE



## Year expenses under budget!

Total operating expense for the year ending June 30, 2007 was \$975,500; \$35,000 under budget. This is a direct result of active cost controls by people responsible for our ministries. It was a challenge, taking into consideration major increases in property and health insurance premiums and utility rates. Also, we continue to pay down our mortgage debt by \$64,000 each year, with two years to maturity. Finally, all bills were paid by June 30<sup>th</sup> without having to draw from savings. A copy of our annual Financial Statement is printed here, but as always, a detailed statement is available for your review by contacting the Parish Office. Our **primary challenge** in this area is that our weekly offering plate has been stagnant and is not keeping up with the reality of ever increasing expenses.

### 2006 - 2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	60-07 Year Budget	Actual 2006 -2007
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Regular Collections	\$ 983,150	\$ 948,423
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,338
Programs & Other	\$ 75,623	\$ 62,466
Gifts & Donations	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,783
Interest & Dividends	\$ 525	\$ 641
Rental Income	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,215
Investment Return	\$ -	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 1,068,048</b>	<b>\$ 1,022,866</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Gross Salaries	\$ 401,490	\$ 399,979
Employee Taxes & Benefits	\$ 126,899	\$ 110,408
Professional Development	\$ 4,575	\$ 3,153
Insurance - PSIP/Other	\$ 57,000	\$ 61,818
Property Taxes	\$ 500	\$ 461
Program Expense	\$ 38,250	\$ 30,992
Fees & Interest	\$ 14,829	\$ 15,978
Supplies	\$ 69,786	\$ 62,376
Rectory	\$ 13,125	\$ 12,716
Building & Maintenance	\$ 80,900	\$ 77,143
Services / Outsourcing	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,410
School Assessment	\$ 135,602	\$ 135,602
Other Operating	\$ 25,750	\$ 23,744
Scholarships	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,723
Donations / Gifts to Other Entities	\$ 17,600	\$ 12,893
Purchase Discounts	-	\$ (1,627)
Capital Purchases (Operating)	\$ 10,800	\$ 16,467
Affiliated Organizations Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,251
PLC Mortgage (Non Operating)	\$ 63,996	\$ 63,996
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,069,302</b>	<b>\$ 1,034,484</b>
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (1,254)</b>	<b>\$ (11,618)</b>



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

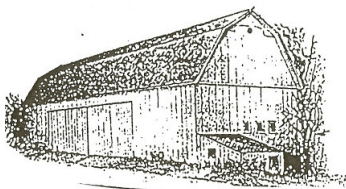
25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

# Christian Formation is the ministry that knows no bounds

and is ever expanding to help people know their God more dearly as they deepen their spiritual life.

This past year, 133 young men and women stepped forth to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral, the largest group in our parish's history.

We also completed the second full year of adult formation opportunities including the 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation Retreat for 18 people. The most pleasant surprise of the year was the success of the Parent's Sacrament Preparation program which gives parents the tools to teach their children the meaning of the Sacraments. Our **primary challenge** in Christian Formation is the recruitment of volunteers, volunteers and more volunteers; this ministry cannot function without parishioners offering their time and talent.



*Yes— Lord, it is good for us to be here now and in the future!*

## *Celebrating 25 years of Worship, Service, Formation*

The Church of the Transfiguration began its 25th year on August 5 and 6 with a highly successful *Parish Picnic* and our *Let's return to the Barn* celebration for *Mass!* The planning Committee hopes you will mark your calendars with the following anniversary events.

### *September - Celebrating our Formation!*

Friday, 9/28 - 5:30 - 6:30 PM: Education Center *open house* followed by "*Lighten Up!*" at 6:47 PM (Yes, 6:47 PM) with Doug Brummel and a cast of characters who will help us celebrate our faith and family; an evening of fun, humor and education!

### *October - Celebrating our Music!*

Saturday, 10/27 - 7:00 PM:  
*An evening of Contemporary Christian Music*, plus food and drink.

### *November and December - Celebrating our Social Outreach!*

**November and December we celebrate our Service to the Community; including the annual November Memorial Mass, Catholic Ministry Appeal, Turkey Drive, Giving Tree and Christmas Basket Program.**

### *January - Celebrating our call to Peace and Justice!*

In January we are called by the Diocesan Public Policy Committee and the New York State Catholic Bishops to speak out on a current **public policy** concern.

This year's legislative advocacy will be on *Global Climate Change*. January will also begin a parish focus on the rich justice tradition of the Church articulated in the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching.

### *February and March - Celebrating our Lenten Journey and Easter Joy!*

> The Lent and Easter seasons will be filled with many personal and community opportunities to grow in our faith, including weekly prayer services, formation opportunities and the annual *Pittsford/Mendon Retreat* (3/1 - 4) focusing on *Music and Mission* with Jeanne Cotter.

> Saturday, 3/9 - The Annual Men's Fellowship *Spaghetti Supper* in support of our Kentucky Mission

> Friday, 3/14 - 7:00 PM: *Transfiguration turns Irish* with food and music

> *Celebrate our redemption!* - Holy Week and Easter - March 15

### *April and May - Celebrating our Nourishment in Sacraments and the earth!*

April and May offers us the opportunity to appreciate the newness of life and nourishment in our Sacraments and the earth. We will celebrate First Communion with our young friends and "mother earth" by caring for our parish grounds.

### *August - Celebrating our 25 years and our future!*

Our year long celebration will come to a conclusion on the weekend of August 2 and 3 with a *Gala* on Saturday evening and our *25th Anniversary Mass* on Sunday at 11:00 with Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

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DOUG BRUMMEL

**"Lighten Up!"**

CELEBRATION OF FAITH & FAMILY  
SEPT. 28<sup>TH</sup>, 6:47 PM

*"Lord, how good it is for us to be here!"*

**1983 – 2008**

**Celebrating 25 Years of  
Worship, Service, Formation**