

**Church of the Transfiguration and St. Catherine of Siena
Mass Schedule Survey Results**

Q1: Which Mass or Masses do you typically attend?

104	4:30	Transfiguration
98	5:00	St. Catherine
79	8:15	St. Catherine
117	9:00	Transfiguration
106	10:30	St. Catherine
84	11(30)	Transfiguration

422 respondents typically attend 588 Masses.

Q2: What ADVANTAGES do you see in the proposed Sat. Mass schedule of 4 pm at Transfiguration and 5:30 pm at St. Catherine?

RESPONSE: Like having options/choices – one earlier and one later on a Sat.

- Gives nice options if you need to go early or need to go later, depending on your schedule / what is going on that day...(activities, dinner plans, families w/ heavy daytime commitments).
- Nice options-4 pm for folks with evening plans, 5:30 for folks with afternoon activities.
- Choice: drive is closer but earlier and if Sat. is a must you have a second choice.
- Better time spread, fitting more parishioner's activities and needs and enabling them to attend.
- Good coverage for everyone.
 - We would be covered for Masses in the area assuming St. Louis continues with a 4:30 Saturday Mass
 - A lot of available choices including St. Louis.
- Both are great time choices.
- If we do attend Mass on a Saturday, we will go to either Church...however we prefer the earlier time...member of St. Catherine.
- A 4 pm Mass time at Transfiguration gives me another Mass time that would be possible for my family.
- In particular, this works well in summer.
- This is logical and I like that I could go to either place!
- The churches are close enough for parishioners to attend either church.
- It allows options for members of both parishes.
- Provides easy access in the winter for all when it gets dark early...daylight at the 4 PM Mass. Good for seniors.
- I might travel the extra miles to attend Mass at 5:30 at St. Catherine's.
- Love the partnership and good options to choose from including 2 Sat Masses.
- I like the option of going to the Saturday Mass when I can't make the Sunday Mass.

RESPONSE: Times are not too different from current schedule.

- The 30-minute adjustment is manageable. We don't have a problem with it.
- Very minor time changes that parishioners could adapt to easily.
- Less disruptive-similar to current situation.
- IF one is a Saturday evening Mass-goer it is less upsetting than the Sunday scheduling.
- ½ hour would not impact me attending Mass at St. Catherine.
- The only advantage it is still at Transfiguration and just 30-minute change.
- Timing is close enough not to matter, as long as keeping a Saturday Mass at each parish.

RESPONSE: Very important / happy to keep a Sat. option at both churches.

- It is good to have a Saturday Mass at each.
- Grateful we can still have a Saturday Mass!
- We would be able to remain at our church for our Mass with slight change in time. / Opportunity to worship in familiar surroundings.
- We still maintain a wonderful Sat. tradition at both parishes. I like it!
- Each Church would have Sat. Mass but does 50% of each parish go on Sat.?

RESPONSE: Seems like a good compromise / most fair / equitable.

- It seems to be a fair middle ground. The celebrant will have to hustle between sites.
- Equal change for both. / Both mass times change.
- Remains fair and still gives people options.

RESPONSE: Impact on mealtime / social activities.

- 4:00 makes Sat. night plans/social plans easier.
- Still early enough to get to Sat evening activities.
- 4:00 is less apt to conflict with the dinner hour (and prep time), especially for young families. The choice of times is a plus if needed.
- Good early option at Transfiguration for those with late plans.
- If you like an early dinner, one can go to Transfiguration and eat afterward. Later dinner=St. Catherine's.
- Still early enough to get to Sat Eve activities.
- The 4:00 time helps with dinner time. The 5:30 time helps with naptime.
- Allows suppers to be scheduled at traditional times.
- I would likely travel to St. Catherine's. The earlier Mass at Transfiguration cuts into the afternoon too much. / Especially during summer months.

RESPONSE: Made a specific Mass choice between the two options.

- Would approve of 4:00 PM at Transfiguration. / 4PM is fine at Transfiguration. / Is the ideal time for Sat. Mass. / I like having a 4pm Mass...either location is fine. / The earlier Mass at Transfiguration works well for me.
- From attending Transfig's 430, an advantage for me is earlier in, means earlier out.
- I would like the earlier time at Transfiguration / Mass is actually better at 4 pm. / good for the older congregation.
- It allows us to continue to attend Sat. at Transfiguration and have the hearing loop.
- The 5:30 Mass at St. Catherine's would be our choice. / Suits my family perfectly. / Better for me.
- We would likely attend Sat. 5:30 if there is not an 8:15 Mass at St. Catherine's.
- If you're not going to offer a Mass at 8:15 am at St. Catherine's, I would attend 5:30 at St. Cath. I refuse to go to Transfiguration.

RESPONSE: The proposed schedule seems logical / good / fine.

- It's fine with me. I would then have 2 options to presumably attend a Fr. Rob Mass.
- It will still meet the needs of the parishioners and give us a chance to say 'thank you' to our priest.
- I think it's very reasonable! / These times will likely work for parishioners. / Excellent thinking. / It's great. / Seems reasonable.

RESPONSE: Allows enough time for priest to preside adequately at each Mass.

- With only one Pastor for two sites this makes the most sense.
- I think these Mass times are fine allowing for the celebrant to have enough time for travel, etc.
- Ability for our Pastor to preside over Masses at both locations which is important to all parishioners.
- Encompasses the max allowable (earliest) and practical spread of time. There's not much interest after 5:30PM.

OPINIONS PROVIDED:

- Would actually like to have a later option...6 or 6:30...for those who work weekends.
- Sunday at 5 PM would be great!
- None [no advantages] if you want to attend St. Catherine's.
- Make it one Mass at Transfiguration at 4:30 or 5. No need for 2 Masses on a Sat. night.
- Combine staff.
- I will not drive to Mass at Transfiguration for any time or any reason.
- Sat. OK but St. Cath at 6 PM to give Fr. Rob some time to get to know Trans membership.

RESPONSE: Blank / NA / None

- We seldom/never attend Sat. Mass.
- Don't normally attend but curious what the reconciliation time will look like.
- I never attend Saturday Mass; if I did, I would plan according to your schedule.
- No advantages / No advantages seen.

Q3: What DISADVANTAGES do you see in the proposed Sat. Mass schedule of 4 pm at Transfiguration and 5:30 pm at St. Catherine?

RESPONSE: Not enough time between Masses / concern for priest.

- There is only 30 min travel time assuming Mass lasts 1 hour. 30 min not enough time to greet people and possibly do an anointing after the Mass.
- Not enough time to talk with the priest, especially at Transfiguration / Priest will be hurried. / How will he get to know Transfiguration parishioners?
- Limited time for priest to socialize with attendees.
- A little tight for the priest to make it to St. Catherine's...driving, changing vestments.
- Is that too much for the priest? What if 1st Mass runs over? What about bad weather?
- I think it is too much for a Pastor to do. Prefer one Sat Mass that alternates each week.
- Long stretch for priest at the supper hour...will he be able to eat? Feel rushed?
- A lot of travel between both churches.
- We would still like to give our priest a handshake, high five or nice job!
- Too little time for Priest to drive from Transfig and prepare for 5:30PM at St. Cath's. / Too little "chatting" time prior to 5:30 Mass, likewise, not much time after the 5:30 Mass due to dinner time.
- Sat. OK but St. Cath at 6PM to give Fr Rob some time to get to know Trans membership.

RESPONSE: Concern for later Mass time.

- 5:30 is way too far into the dinner hour, especially for those with a longer drive.
 - Not getting home until almost 7 / Mass ends later. / Getting out at 6:30.
- Dinner will be pushed very early or late, making it impossible [more difficult] for families.
- 5:30 is dinner time and probably won't work for us.
 - Hard to work around dinner.

- Will it lead to older demographics attending?
- Will put families home later for dinner / right in middle of most dinner hours.
 - But still close to current timeslot so just happy there is an offering.
 - Will adjust. / Can't please all the people.
- Too late to be able to go out to dinner / later than preferable.
- Challenging for evening gatherings and plans, concerts that start at 7.
 - Would not be able to attend at St. Catherine's.
 - But seems like the best option since the first Mass cannot begin before 4:00.
- Will this cause overcrowding on Sunday?
- Driving in the dark, deer, and winter weather. / I don't want to drive in the dark in winter which means I can't go to St. Cath's. / Especially for seniors in Nov-Mar with change to Standard Time.
- No advantages for a 5:30 Mass. WAAAAYYYY TOO LATE.

RESPONSE: Concern for earlier Mass time.

- 4 pm is early on a Saturday afternoon. / Too close to the middle of the day. / Harder time breaking away from Sat. activities midafternoon. / A bit early to drop everything and dress for church. / Especially for families with busy teenagers. / Full day of obligations that I choose to not schedule on Sunday (Day of rest).
 - Perhaps fewer people who usually attend 4:30 would attend at 4.
- I feel the 4PM will be the favored time leading to lopsided attendance at the two churches.
- Weddings at Transfiguration could be a problem; would have to start at 1/1:30. Unless confessional time is different at Transfiguration?
 - 4:00 Mass will create a crunch time for any Sat. church events-weddings, parish social events, etc.

OPINIONS/QUESTIONS:

- 4 pm is a little early. Rather have 4:30 and 6.
- You haven't proposed any alternative! Why are Saturday times already set in stone?
- Can 1 priest say 4 masses in one weekend?
- When will Penance be available at both churches?
- Lost opportunity: One Mass that day would bring members of both parishes together. Total attendance for highest year of each is 343.
- Two Masses seem like a lot for the priest considering weddings. Try one Mass in the church that accommodates the largest crowd since the numbers aren't that large.
- Any change is hard, but this seems the most reasonable. / Most people don't like any change.
- With only an early morning Mass on Sunday, we may find that more 9 and 11 o'clock parishioners may attend on Sat. or not at all. We may lose them.

RESPONSE: Blank / NA / No disadvantages / None

- We seldom/never attend Sat. Mass.
- Do not attend Sat. Mass but might in case of calendar conflict for Sun Mass.
- Don't see any except changing people's habits / None, except for people who aren't willing to change.

Q4: What ADVANTAGES do you see in the proposed mass schedule of 8:30 am at Transfiguration and 10:30 am at St. Catherine?

RESPONSE: Likes options of earlier and later

- Allows the pastor time to visit and travel
- 2 choices for parishioners, early and mid-morning

- Allows for family time after mass, faith formation and sacramental prep
- One not as early as the earliest (8) and one not as late as the latest (11:30)
- More of the day free, time to go places after mass, enjoy the day
- For St. Catherine - no change, hope 8:30 works for Transfiguration
- 10:30 at St. Catherine, still home by noon
- Mass times on the hour and half hour easier to remember

RESPONSE: Times are not too different from current times

- No change for St. Catherine, hope 8:30 works for Transfiguration
- Multiple positive responses from St. Catherine parishioners who now attend 10:30
- Small time changes
- If it works for Transfiguration keeps St. Catherine the same
- Mass on the ½ hour easier to remember
- 8:30 works (x1/yr) when the Pittsford Triathlon is on (maybe earlier time will miss the delays)
- Comparable to existing times but fewer total masses
- 10:30 at St. Catherine, worried about overflow from 8:15 and 11:00

RESPONSE: Good compromise, fair and equitable, options at both churches.

- Seems like a good compromise, looks perfect to me
- I'm OK with either
- Options remain reasonably available
- 4 choices, 2 at each parish, mass at each parish Sat. and Sun.
- Fair, good proposal, middle ground
- Decent starting times, convenient
- Time for clergy to travel
- I'm flexible but any decision will make some people happy and some people unhappy
- More Transfiguration parishioners may go to St. Catherine
- Driving distance not an issue

OPINIONS:

- We will be considering other parishes
- A bit difficult for Transfiguration families with teens
- Loss of 11:00,11:30 mass
- 10:30 @ St. Catherine is too late, will not go to 8:30 at Transfiguration
- Prefer times to be reversed
- Transfiguration pulled the early straw 8:30 too early (esp. for families with children)
- Farther distance not convenient, discouraging attendance
- Mass time should be between 8:15 and 10:30 at St. Catherine
- Have always gone to mass at 11 or 12:15, no advantage to 10:30 elsewhere

RESPONSE: Blank, NA, None

- No benefit for our family

Q5: What DISADVANTAGES do you see in the proposed mass schedule of 8:30 am at Transfiguration and 10:30 am at St. Catherine?

RESPONSE: Not enough time between masses

- Only the weather could be a problem

RESPONSE: Too early

- Pretty early, we would need to leave our house at 8:05.
- Trouble making it to 9, 8:30 is too early but we will do it
- 8:30 is too early. I would prefer 10:30 at Transfiguration. Unfortunately if 8:30 stays at Transfiguration I won't be going to Transfiguration on Sundays anymore.
- No early mass at St. Catherine on Sunday.

OPINIONS/COMMENTS:

- For those who usually attend early mass they will not have as much time to visit with priest.
- For us who go to 11:00 mass, this is a huge change.
- I will no longer be able to attend church on Sunday.
- Will not be going to St. Catherine for mass, too far.
- 8:45 is so early with no solution other than a long drive to St. Catherine.
- For those who went to 11:00 at Transfiguration this is even further off.
- Hard for those with teens and the elderly.
- Don't like early at Transfiguration and late at St. Catherine. I will just have to cope with whatever is decided.
- We might have to look for a later mass at a church closer to our home in Fairport.
- Too early and too late, both 86 year olds.
- Seems a bit skewed in favor of St. Catherine. Like 9 and 11 better.
- Both masses at Transfiguration on the early side. Less time for integration (?interaction) with priest.
- Miss having an early mass at St. Catherine.
- Transfiguration had 3 masses. Unfortunately we can't have a later mass. 10:30 is beneficial to St. Catherine because it is the same time.
- I personally will miss early mass at St. Catherine. I like getting up and going and having the day.
- Those who attend 8:15 at St. Catherine on Sunday more than likely to choose to attend early on Sunday. I do not see them switching to later.
- We are 8:15 attendees and will lose our mass. I have been attending since 2007. Hard to change to 10:30, too late in the day.
- Prefer early mass to be at St. Catherine.
- Too big of a change, Transfiguration adjusting to earlier on Saturday. If not one earlier and one later, 8:45 is fairer.
- We would not attend an 8:30 mass. We go to St. Catherine.
- The Transfiguration will have only 1 Sunday mass instead of the current 3.
- Possibly lose people that go to 11:00 mass at Transfiguration.
- This most likely will prompt our family to go to St. Louis.
- St. Catherine is my neighbor.
- Early AM mass at St. Catherine not available.
- St. Catherine keeps their same mass time.
- All earlier masses are at Transfiguration.
- St. Catherine mass times are either dinner time or mid-morning. Can we alternate by month or something?
- Recommend swapping times.
- Will typically attend 8:30 or 8:45 and will look to other parishes for an earlier Sunday option if needed. 8:15 at St. Catherine nice alternative. Need for a later mass to accommodate Sunday children's program understood.
- Longer commute discouraging attendance.
- May lose people to another parish for those regularly attending 9 and 11.

- Although I understand the need to make changes, I am disappointed there will not be an earlier mass at St. Catherine. Having said this, I would prefer 10:30.
- As a St. Catherine parishioner who usually attends 8:15 and still wants to attend 8:15, 10:30 is too late. I would attend Saturday.
- St. Catherine will be giving up their early mass whereas Transfiguration early mass didn't start til 9.
- As a member of Transfiguration choir we would have to be at church by 8.
- Loss of a later option.
- Those who have attended 11:00/11:30 at Transfiguration will need to go to St. Catherine or switch to St. Louis.
- No early mass at St. Catherine.
- Some people would need to adapt their attendance habits.
- The 8:15 mass goers will need to go to Transfiguration or wait until 10:30, but again the churches are close enough to attend either church. And it's still Fr. Rob presiding.
- 8:30 is too early, should change for St. Catherine too.
- Possibly losing St. Catherine parishioners who typically attend 8:15.
- If people don't like the earlier 8:30 they can go to St. Catherine later.
- Both parishes should have new mass times.
- I like the change as much as anyone 😊.
- 8:30 too early, 10:30 perfect time.
- Not equitable.
- Will never go to St. Catherine because 8:30 is at Transfiguration and 10:30 is too late to eat breakfast because I am a diabetic.
- 10:30 is unfair because no change.
- 8:30 is early for young families but I think 10:30 is the latest time to start the 2nd mass.
- Those from 11:00 Transfiguration would have 2 ½ hour earlier mass time or would they attend St. Catherine causing overcrowding?
- Only Transfiguration changing time.
- My 1st choice always 8:15 at St. Catherine.
- May appear to show preferential treatment to St. Catherine.
- I enjoy the early mass so we have the rest of the day together but just happy to have an offering most would attend as I love St. Catherine.
- I suspect there will be disappointed parishioners at St. Catherine but when Fr. Rob is completed with mass he will be home.
- A short drive is open to those wishing to attend either mass.
- If people don't like the earlier ½ hour, they can go to St. Catherine later.
- It seems like a workable compromise.

RESPONSE: Blank, NA, No disadvantage, None

- Doesn't concern me.
- Perceived disadvantage is purely personal preference.

Q6: What ADVANTAGES do you see in the proposed Sunday morning Mass schedule of 8:45 am at Transfiguration and 10:45 am at St. Catherine?

RESPONSE: Times are not too different from current schedule.

- Allows both parishes to keep a Sunday morning Mass closest to original times.
- Either time change is minimal. / 15 min shift shouldn't be a problem.
- Lots of time for faith formation before/after.

RESPONSE: Prefers 8:45 over 8:30.

- The extra 15-minute start time (8:45 vs. 8:30) makes a difference for families, choir members, and people in ministries.
 - 15 min. can be a lifesaver.
 - Arriving at 8:30 am makes it seem like a workday. That extra 15 min. makes a difference.
 - More time in morning for taking meds, eating some bfast, getting ready in general.
- Compared to 8:30am, 8:45am is closer to the 9am existing time. / Less change for those who attend 9:00 Mass regularly.

RESPONSE: Likes this option the best / Satisfied with this option.

- This is the best option/1st choice. / Better than the other ones.
 - Women priests.
- More likely to have teens willingly attend with their families as it is a little later; easier for young families. Suits my family much better.
- Makes sense in light of having only one Pastor. Enough time between Masses.
- This is acceptable.
- I suppose late sleepers would love the extra 15 minutes. / St. Cath has more time to get ready with family or for driving. / Nice blending of Mass schedules for those of us who are not morning people.
- Just happy to have 2 Masses, one at each location, that allows the priest to preside at both.
- Driving distance is not an issue.

RESPONSE: Seems like a good compromise / most fair / equitable.

- Seems more equitable giving a bit of a time change for the most popular Sunday Mass to each parish. A change for both.
- Both churches have new Mass times that are 15 min variation from their old times-fair & equitable.
- 15 min. change for each. Allows for 11:00 Transfiguration folks to do St. Catherine's if needed.

OPINIONS:

- Earlier is better / Earlier is better for young families.
- Still a bit early in my opinion but better for me.
- I just don't like the early Mass at Trans and later Mass at St. C. I will just have to cope with whatever is decided.
- Go with 8:30. Folks can also go to St. Louis.
- Reverse St. Catherine to earlier Mass and Transfiguration to later.
 - Give Transfiguration the later Mass at 10:30.
- Provides a lot of available choices, including St. Louis.
- Maybe the late arrivals will get to Mass on time!
- Whatever is better for the Pastor and staff is fine with me.
- Only 2-1/4 hours earlier for Transfiguration who normally attend 11:00 (as opposed to 2-1/2). Do more people attend 9 or 11 at Transfiguration?
- Transfiguration may catch more of its original later Mass people.
- Maybe faith formation at St. Catherine could still happen before Mass.

RESPONSE: Blank / NA / No advantages / None

- No advantage for us / Doesn't seem to be any significant advantage.

- We seldom attend on Sunday.
- None! You will lose me as an active Transfiguration Parishioner who serves at the 11 AM Mass.
- None except we have more people attend 10:30 at St. Catherine's.
- No advantages now since on-line Covid Masses end earlier anyway so the 10:45 shouldn't end too late, right?

Q7: What DISADVANTAGES do you see in the proposed Sunday morning Mass schedule of 8:45 am at Transfiguration and 10:45 am at St. Catherine?

RESPONSE: 10:45 is too late to start Mass.

- For parents of young children, it's getting much closer to lunch and could have more disturbances during Mass for those moms.
- Getting out of Mass later than preferred; could be after the noon hour especially if there is a Baptism; later still if you have a longer drive; could cause absenteeism.
- The day is "half over" by the time people get home; especially noticeable in summer. / After church the morning is over.
- It would give the Pastor a shorter afternoon. / The earlier times frees the very busy priest for a little more personal time.
- Just that 10:45 is a bit later. / Some will view this as too late.

RESPONSE: Mass times should begin on the hour and half hour.

- Trying to remember the exact time of a Mass not beginning on the hour or half hour seems difficult. Our society is not programmed that way.
- Hard to remember the odd times; confusing; wonky.
- I think more people than usual would wander in close to 9, instead of on time.

RESPONSE: The Mass times are not late enough.

- Big time change for 11/11:30 Mass people to go to 8:45 to stay at Transfiguration.
- Not having a later Mass at Transfiguration will be challenging for families with teens and the elderly.
- Losing the 11 am Mass and going to 8:45 is a difference. We may go to St. Catherine's Mass instead / Won't be attending Mass at Transfiguration on Sundays anymore / Will need to change parishes.
- All options have the potential to lose (especially 11:00) Sunday Transfiguration parishioners permanently to other parishes.
- Have attended an 11-12:15 Mass most of adult life. Don't like the options but will just have to cope.
- The loss of our 11:30 Mass congregation.
- These early Masses will be an even harder sell for teenagers. It feels like one more loss after the lockdown nightmare, to lose our Mass time.

RESPONSE: The Mass times are not early enough.

- Too late on the earlier time / Too late for those who prefer an early Mass time. / Prefer 7:30 or 8.
- I personally will miss an early Mass at St. Catherine's. I like getting up and going and having the day.
- For those who prefer the earlier Mass at St. Catherine will now have to decide which Mass to attend.
- Too far for elderly at St. Cath to drive for early Mass.
- St. Cath 8:15 people will have to attend 2-1/2 hours later.

RESPONSE: The Mass times are too early at Transfiguration.

- Still too early at Transfiguration. Prefer 9 or 9:15. / Prefer 9 and 11.
 - Have 9 & 11 been considered as an option?
- Will have to get out of bed earlier. 15 min. makes a difference.

OPINIONS/SUGGESTIONS:

- Only an hour between the Masses. I am concerned about the stress this puts on the priest. Will the priest have enough time to interact and travel? Maybe have the Mass start at 11 at St. Catherine's.
- Transfiguration has the two early masses with little time for F. Rob to visit and get to know us.
- 10:45 is too late! Why not make them 8 & 10?
- Music prep at Transfiguration sometimes takes an hour. Why not 9 & 11? Or 9:30 & 11:30?
- I prefer 9 or 11. I don't like scheduled at "30 min" interval. Prefer the later Mass at Transfig.
- Reverse St. Catherine to earlier Mass and Transfiguration to later.
 - Both Masses at Transfiguration are on the early schedule...less time for integration with the priest.
 - Really don't like losing the 8:15 St. Catherine Mass.
 - Really don't like losing the 11:00 Transfiguration Mass.
- Seems a bit skewed in favor of St. Catherine's; like 9 and 11 better.
- This eliminates the 10:30 St. Catherine's Mass which is highly attended. If this change was to occur, I would not attend on a Sunday. My attendance of Mass times changes with the seasons.
- Most people don't like ANY change. / My normal church time will be removed.
- The mix of parishioners that see each other on a regular basis is going to change.
- I worry that with the reduced # of Masses that there might be an uncomfortable # of people in each Mass, causing decreased attendance in general because of it.
- Attendance data is concerning...How would the church maintain social distancing by combining two popular morning Masses into one Mass on Sunday?
- I honestly don't see much of a difference with 15 min. 8:30/8:45 is the same in my mind. Seems you should stagger the second start to allow people time to drive if needed. So, 8:30 and 10:45 seems ideal.
- Not comfortable going to Transfiguration in the morning.
- We might look for a later Mass at a church closer to our home (outside of Mendon/Pittsford).
- I hope Mass will still be livestreamed weekly at both locations. Concern: added distance drive.
- St. Paul of the Cross (HF) has a 9:45 Mass meaning two Masses in Mendon within one hour.
- A lot of time choices available, including St. Louis.
- Personal adjustments will have to be made. We will adjust / are flexible / will accept what the Presider finds acceptable.

RESPONSE: Blank / NA / No disadvantages / None

- We seldom attend on Sunday.
- None. Prefer earlier.
- No advantages for us.

Q8. Is there anything the Cluster Committee has missed or overlooked?

- Ages of parishioners
- Confession
- Music to serve parishioners' various prayer styles

- The law of unexpected and unintended consequences which will leave us surprised.

Comments/ideas/preferences regarding Masses and Mass times

- I understand why the change needs to be made and why this is the made [main] focus, I just hope they are looking at the whole picture of the parish when looking at times.
- 8:30, 8:45 a bit early, will never make mass at Transfiguration
- curious, why not 9 and 11--for faith formation timing???
- I think these proposed mass times work for us.
- We would like the return of the Saturday music group at Transfiguration.
- Just a concern that this will stretch Rob too thin...
- Wish we could have a 10am Mass at Transfiguration.
- We will have to wait and see how it goes but if we start going to mass at SCS parish, maybe we will switch parishes.
- I am truly afraid that we will lose our youth with only an 8ish mass offered at Transfig. on Sun. morning
- Assuming that the pastor is the only person traveling, it places him under a great deal of pressure
- My kids are concerned about the music. The 11:30 mass is popular with families because of the time and the more current music. Need to find ways to bring families back not drive them away.
- I would rather have the Sunday Mass later
- Since we still have to follow the Pandemic regulations, small changes made, will help with seating.
- We are indifferent to whatever the mass schedule is. We will adjust accordingly.
- The Sunday people will be the most dissatisfied but there are few choices
- I can't think of anything else re: the times of the Masses.
- Christmas Eve/Day and Easter celebrations will be very difficult to schedule. We all will need to be flexible.
- 15 minute proposed difference seems unimportant
- St. Catherine's folks don't do nearly as much adjusting in most of your Sunday scenarios.
- Need to line up a 2nd part time priest. Fr Mike?
- No, it is a difficult situation
- I'm sure they are doing the very best under a difficult problem.
- We should take St. Catherine's first because we are the ones sharing Fr. ROB.
- Either Sunday schedule is fine; 8:30 /10:30 is modestly preferred.
- We understand it is a difficult situation ...as you can tell by our answer we do prefer early mass...10:30 or 10:45 is late for us.
- How about 8:15 at Transfiguration and 10:15 at St. Catherine's? 10:15 is not so late and a new time for St. Catherine's as well
- Consider 9:00a.m at Transfiguration and 11:00 a.m. at St. Catherine on Sunday.
- Anything before 9 am at Transfiguration on Sunday is not viable
- We will support and adjust to whatever decisions are made. We know you are working to make the best decision for all involved!
- Yes the early morning mass on Sunday 8:15ers at St. Catherines
- Sunday at 5:00 PM would be great!
- Will be a huge adjustment - for everybody
- At this point nothing we say will change anything. It's already been decided.
- No, thought has been put in to make it equitable for both churches.
- Make it doable for Father Rob.
- All looks good and the changes will be fine with me.

- Perhaps alternating the Saturday Mass between the parishes to make it easier on the priest.
- If we are always the 1st Mass, Father will constantly be running away from us to get to St Catherine's on time. Will we ever feel he is equally our Pastor or will it feel like he is just visiting us? Especially if it is Fr. Rob, who I want it to be.
- Any consideration about no 530 Sat but a Sun afternoon like St Louis
- Have you considered a Sunday evening mass like St. Louis offers? That would work great for families, especially those in religious ed that follows on Sunday evenings.
- Less Mass services means more participants (Yay!) But covid will still restrict a full house for longer.
- Early Sunday mass hard on families.
- Yes - Having the earlier Sunday mass at St Catherine's. As much as I hate to say this as I love St Catherine's, I may attend Transfiguration. I sure would miss the people from St Catherine's
- I have appreciated the streaming on You Tube. Please add streaming to your Mass schedule.
- Transfiguration has more parishioners and should be allotted the ideal high mass time of 9:30 - 10:30.
- The proposed Mass schedule as stated in email. Why not ask questions about that instead of these times?
- I build my Sat./Sun. schedule around the local available Mass times and not vice versa.
- All early masses are favored by Transfiguration, 4 and 8:30. The Sat. 5:30 mass would have people driving home in the dark during the winter months.
- How about a 10:00 am at St Catherine's and an 11:30 at Transfiguration?
- Right now drive is 8+ miles to St. Cath in deer country; it will almost double to Trans. in greater deer country for me.
- I wish both masses could be no earlier than 9 or later than 11.
- I think you should ask only the parishioners who attend Sunday Mass what time is most convenient. They might prefer later times such as 9:15 and 11:15.
- Do the key people who make mass safe (those plowing and salting the parking lots); the music and video and mass prep folks have good reasons for one mass time or another?...they are essential.
- Why not leave us one normal mass, either 5 pm or 8:15 at St Catherines?
- Yes, that the sweet spot for starting Mass is between 9 and 10 o'clock.
- I read the current weekend mass attendance so I understand the reasoning behind the selected times, but I would prefer a later mass time option at Transfiguration so I can continue coming to Transfiguration.
- I'm hopeful masses will continue to be Zoomed. I have experienced consolidation before. Mass attendance whatever time will probably decrease.
- Maybe Transfiguration has a higher number of members, but it seems St. Cath has no early Sunday Mass and late on Sat. and Sunday.
- Opportunity to offer the one & only one Mass that is available to both parishes, helping to bring about cohesion.
- Could St. Cat's host Sunday 7:45/11:00 (Transfig/9:15) rather than Saturday, since they now have more time between Masses?
- I understand the cluster concept. Since so many churches cluster, could you please consider other cluster mass times? For example, I can see I will go between clusters in the future. Maybe attend St. Paul of the Cross and St Catherine's. I really want [statement not completed]
- 9 & 11 seems a little more reasonable... maybe Transfig are early risers.
- It doesn't look like any times were missed.
- Any consideration for a 5 pm or 7 pm Mass on Sunday?
- I don't see any significant issues with either proposal

Other comments

- This change was unknown to me as a parishioner. Possibly I missed it in a bulletin. I wasn't aware it was occurring.
- Please keep Fr. Rob, I will not attend either church and will move to another church if he leaves.
- Major issue is getting people involved and working together on joint projects
- nope, I just don't want to overtax the pastor
- You have a difficult job but are being quite deal [fair?]
- The replies to each question above should allow more than 20 words or less. It's not enough space to share thoughts.
- No, I understand the reasoning behind and will have to make it work.
- Women priests and married men as priests would solve the whole problem!
- I've filled out the survey, but didn't add this thought, it would be great to have women on the altar
- I believe this change will be a bit of a challenge, and we need to realize change is hard, but not impossible. Being open minded and grateful for the blessing of our parish will carry us through this.
- I am sure we will all adjust. It will be wonderful to come back to our church home soon
- Looks good
- Combined BBQ in the summer!
- We are new members to Saint Catherine's and the reason we joined is because of Father Rob
- we are looking to attend St Cath as early as possible on Sundays...
- Clone Fr Rob

Questions/statements, some of which we might want to respond to in a Q & A

- Why not include St. Louis in Pittsford NY as other Mass options
- Curious where confession would fall for both churches.
- Could the churches alternate earlier and later masses, having each time every other week?
- Is there a possibility of alternate week schedules? For example, every other week or every other month at 4PM at St. Catherine's on Saturday.
- Are we going to have one pastor and no associate priests? That's a lot of ministering for one Pastor if we don't have another priest. Time to petition Francis for women deacons!!!!
- There is no mention of which Masses will be streamed. Since both churches have streaming capability, will it still only be Sunday Masses?
- Was any consideration given to an evening Mass on Sunday?
- How will masses on Holy Days of obligation be scheduled?
- How would this affect religious education times?
- How do these times mesh with those at St. Louis or St. John of Rochester? We need fallback options some weeks.
- who will say mass--Father Rob?
- What are the demographics (Members) from each church?
- All ok. Except is there enough travel time for [the priest]?

Thank you/compliments to the Clustering Committee (condensed--each statement included only once)

- appreciate their work; change can be difficult; this will work
- Doing a great job!
- no, other than a thank you to the committee for this important work. Whatever happens we'll all deal with it. Thanks.
- I think the committee has done a nice job of looking at the data and coming up with a new schedule that will appeal to the broadest audience. We are flexible and will adjust.

- Done well, quite thorough
- Difficult job for sure and trying to accommodate everyone. Bless you for your input. I do so hope we don't lose parishioners due to the changes, but I fear we will.
- Thanks for all the work you are doing.
- Process and alternatives seem very fair and reasonable. Nice work!
- Thank you for your dedication. There will be no complaints from me.
- No. We are thankful for their work.
- Thanks for taking this on, and good luck!
- Thank you to those taking the time to coordinate the fusion of parish masses and services.
- Not an easy job for the Cluster Committee. Thank you.
- God Bless you all for your time and effort.
- I don't see a thing you've missed! Overall, the Mass changes seem fair to both Churches and we're not located that far apart that we can't attend whatever Mass works for us. Many thanks for all your thoughtful and prayerful work.
- Thank you for being thorough in this process and asking for input from us. Wishing Rob all the best for taking on this expanded role.
- Not that I am aware of. Thank you for your service and for surveying everyone for info about our needs
- Thanks for maintaining 2 parishes. Those unhappy need to get over it. Happy not closing one
- Thank you so much for all of your hard work
- Doing well trying to satisfy everyone. Never an easy task. God bless!
- We think you've done a great job. Our prayers and thoughts are with our priest (hopefully Father Rob)
- Thanks for tackling this difficult task. We will all adapt!
- Fine job! Thanks for all your efforts!
- Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in creating our new schedule. Blessings!
- I recognize you are doing the best you can to make this work! Thank you for asking.... I pray that this will work for both parishes, as they are both beautiful congregations!!!
- I think your proposed times are fine and would work well. Thank you!
- I think the committee is doing an excellent job. It is not an easy one. Thank you for allowing the opportunity to have input.
- Thanks a lot to all those who are working on resolving this !!!!
- Thank you to the Committee for your time to gather and analyze input from all parishioners.
- You have a difficult task. Good luck.
- You've done the best you can with what you have. Thank you.