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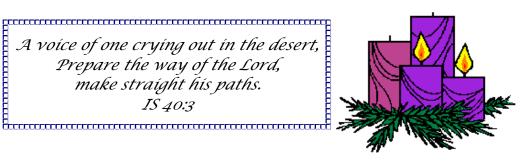
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people to let go of their pasts by immersing themselves in the living waters in anticipation of the arrival of the Messiah. Next to this call of the Baptist, we hear the words of Saint Paul to the Romans, inviting us to come together in Christ, who welcomes us into his heart, both fulfilling the promises of the past and creating a new path into the future. As we prepare for Christmas, what obstacles keep us from being welcoming to others? How can we avoid them? This Advent season invites us to examine our past so that we may rejoice in the future made present in the Lord of the Gospel.

In the Gospel today, we meet the first prophet of Advent, Saint John the

Baptist. John calls for radical change in the lives of his community, and asks the

A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.



En el Evangelio de hoy, nos encontramos con el primer profeta de Adviento, San Juan Bautista. Juan llama a un cambio radical en la vida de su comunidad, y pide a la gente que suelte su pasado sumergiéndose en las aguas vivas en previsión de la llegada del Mesías. Junto a esta llamada del Bautista, escuchamos las palabras de san Pablo a los romanos, invitándonos a unirnos en Cristo, que nos acoge en su corazón, cumpliendo las promesas del pasado y creando un nuevo camino hacia el futuro. Mientras nos preparamos para la Navidad, ¿qué obstáculos nos impiden ser bienvenidos a los demás? ¿Cómo podemos evitarlos? Este tiempo de Adviento nos invita a examinar nuestro pasado para que podamos regocijarnos en el futuro presente en el Señor del Evangelio.

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)

11:00 am (Español)

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm

**Sunday:** 1/2 hour before Masses

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday......8:00 am-5:00 pm **Friday**......8:00 am -12:00 pm Office closes from 9:00-9:45 am on Wednesday so staff can attend Mass and 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch Monday -Thursday.

#### **PRAYER CHAIN**

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### From the Desk of Father Kurt

Today we begin the second Sunday of Advent. In the first reading today, from the prophet Isaiah, we hear the prophecy of the Messiah. When He comes, "Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted." Jesus is the Messiah who brings fulfillment to this prophecy, but he expects to use our hands and feet to do it.

I often listen to the cries of the poor, and those who suffer, and I am surprised that such poverty could exist in a country so abundant in wealth. I think sometimes the social problems in our country; such as illegal immigration, often times cloud our obligation to help the cry of the poor. As a Christian we are not to ask for identification of legal residency before we feed a hungry child or to stop to console a crying mother.

Our obligation to the poor and suffering transcends boundaries and borders. Jesus is still in our midst fulfilling the prophecy of old, and he is using his disciples to carry out his mission. The question is, are we a part of His mission or a part of the problem?

#### Love in Christ.

Father Kurt Farrell

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Date	Intention(s)		
Dec 22	For the deceased family members of the Peterson/ Klocek/Kalis Families by Dori & Dennis Kocek		
Dec 29	† Donald Roberts by Andrew & Karen Cibert, Additional Sponsors Needed		
Jan 5 Sponsors Needed			
Jan 12	† Vernon & Trisha Nelson by Pearl Additional Sponsors Needed		



We pray for the families of Alice G. Arnold and Santos Alfredo Davila as they mourn their loss. May the love, mercy and compassion of our Lord bring them peace and comfort during this

Welcome: This weekend we welcome Natalie Janet Cruz, Jocelyn Lynette Cruz, and Annasophia Vianette Cruz, daughters of Jesus & Rosalva Cruz into the BAPTISM Catholic faith through the sacrament of baptism. We celebrate the blessing of their beautiful eternal souls and may we help them grow to be Saints the Lord has called them to become.

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Feast of the Immaculate

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Mon

Dec 9

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ay	GN 3:9-15, 20, PS 98:1,	8:30 am	Rosary	
de gs et	2-3AB, 3CD-4 EPH 1:3-6, 11-	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> For All Parishioners	
	Tue	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
m in as	<b>Dec 10</b> <u>IS 40:1-11</u> <u>MT 18:12-14</u>	9:00 am	Mass † Lorraine Gries by Colleen Jacobson	Church
of al	Wed	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
ng nd	<b>Dec 11</b> <u>IS 40:25-31 MT</u> <u>11:28-30</u>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Bernado & Ceclia Luna by Ray Luna & Mary Larson.	Church
ne /e	Thurs <b>Dec 12</b> <u>ZEC 2:14-17 LK</u> <u>1:26-38</u>	6:00 am	Mass: Our Lady of Guadalupe † Salvador Renteria by family	Church
	1.20 00	2:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> For Those in Attendance	Good Samarita
	Fri	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	<b>Dec 13</b> <u>IS 48:17-19 MT</u> <u>11:16-19</u>	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Diane & Lucy Ray Adame by Ray Luna & Mary Larson	Church
		9:30am - 6:30pm	Adoration	Chapel
		6:30-8:00 pm	Hispanic Holy Hour	Chapel
	Sat	4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
0	<b>Dec 14</b> SIR 48:1-4, 9-11	4:45 pm	Rosary	Church
	MT 17:9A, 10-13	5:15 pm	<b>Mass</b> Memorial Mass Association	Church
	Sun	8:30 am	Reconciliation & Rosary	Church
	<b>Dec 15</b> <u>IS 35:1-6A, 10</u> <u>PS 146:6-7, 8</u> <u>-9, 9-10.</u>	9:00 am	Mass For All Parishioners † Byron Spear	Church
	JAS 5:7-10 MT 11:2-11	11:00 am	Hispanic Mass † Ricardo Renteria by family	Church
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#### Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe & Las Posadas

Please check out this week's insert on ways you can participate in these wonderful celebrations.

#### Poinsettias for Christmas!

Addie's Floral & Gifts are filling orders for poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas until December 17th. Contact Addie's Floral directly at 377-2081. You may order memorials or in honor of plants for the following costs:



**Loaves & Fishes:** January is the month for St. Theodores to volunteer. A signup sheet is located in the access area of the church. Please consider giving of your time to help!



$\mathcal{J}$	his Week's Activities & Re	minders
Mon Dec 9	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 5:00 - 6:30 pm	Marian Hall
	Hispanic Bible Class & Rosary 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Church Basement
	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6:00 – 7:00 pm	Church
Tue Dec 10	Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Church
	Rehearsal: School Concert 1:00-3:00 pm	Church
	Aztec Dance Practice 4:00-6:00 pm	Church
Wed Dec 11	Morning Prayer Group 6:00 - 7:00 am	Parish Meeting Room
	Diocesan Principal Meeting 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Marian Hall
	Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 5:30 - 6:30 pm	Church
	Bell Choir Practice 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Church Basement
	Our Lady of Guadalupe Decorating 7:00 - 11:00 pm	Church
	Faith Formation: 5th-11th Grades 7:00 - 8:00 pm	School, Gym, Marian Hall
	Knights Meeting 7:00-8:30 pm	Church Basement
	Our Lady of Guadalupe All Night Vigil 11:00 pm - 4:00 am	Church, Church Access
Thurs Dec 12	<b>Mariachi</b> 4:00 - 6:00 am	Church
	Our Lady of Guadalupe Fellowship 7:00 - 9:00 am	Church Basement
	Hispanic Choir Practice 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Church Basement
Fri Dec 13	<b>P. A. K. E. T. Day</b> 12:00 - 1:00 pm	Marian Hall
	School Christmas Concert 6:30 - 7:30 pm	Church / Church Basement
Sat Dec 14	No Scheduled Activities	
Sun Dec 15	Pot Luck and Pinatas 12:00 - 1:00 pm:	Gym / Marian Hall & Kitchen
	Procession: Our Lady of Guadalupe 10:45 - 11:00 am	Parking Lot
	Faith Formation: PreK-4th Grades 10:05-10:55 am	School
	Christmas Pageant Practice 2:00 - 4:00 pm	School Classroom

It's never too late to fill out a Time & Talent Card! Extras are located in the pews, at the main entrances of the church or the parish office. Just drop it off at the parish office or in the collection basket. Thank you.

Liturgical Ministers				
	Saturday Dec 14, 2019	Sunday December 15, 2019		
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	
Accompanist	AdaTheusch	AdaTheusch		
Cantor	Brian Zogg w / choir	Trinity Johnson	Hispanic Choir	
Lectors	Robert Steffl	Kathleen Bleckeberg Penny Jahnke		
Altar Servers	Jenna & Kyle Steffl	Evan Blankenship Noah Schone	Matthew Ramirez Francisco Lopez	

Eucharistic Ministers are needed for our Christmas Masses. The signup sheet is located in the access area.

#### St. Theodore School News

Our School **Christmas Concert** will be on Friday December  $13^{th}$  at 6:30pm. . The students have been working really hard learning their songs for the concert. We would love to see everyone there

Our last day to collect for **Jack Frost's Closet** is December 13<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting winter items from children sizes to adult sizes. They are looking for new socks, and gently used coats, hats, gloves, and boots. We will have a donation box in the Church, Parish Office, and School Office. We would appreciate any donations you can give. If you have any questions contact the School Office at 507-373-9657.

Check out the schools Weekly Newsletter on the St. Theodore website at <a href="https://www.sttheo.org">www.sttheo.org</a> for school updates and happenings.

Have a blessed weekend!

St. Theodore Catholic School

#### **Faith Formation News**

**Communal Reconciliation** will be held December 8th at 3:00 pm.

**Please pray for all our First Reconciliation students** as they participate on the 8<sup>th</sup> in this beautiful sacrament for the first time. May they truly know and love this healing gift the Lord has given us through His sacrament of reconciliation.

**No Christmas Pageant practice** on December 8th so students and their families can attend communal reconciliation.

God Bless
St. Theodore Faith Formation

#### Winter Weather

Now that winter has definitely made its presence known with last week's winter storm, it's important that everyone is aware of our closing practice. In the event that school is canceled, all parish activities are also canceled. The parish office is also closed. If school starts late or closes early, the parish will follow the same practice. We will also advertise closings through the following medias:

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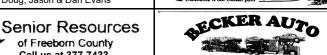
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# What is Las Posadas? 🗶 rosada

Christmas tradition is based on the biblical journey of Mary and Joseph and their search of a safe place, or "inn," to stay before the As part of Christmas, the traditional fiestas called Mexican(inns) are held for family, friends, and neighbors. This 9-day Mexican birth of Jesus.

ending on the 24th. Each evening at 6:00 pm a different family opens their home for all who want to participate in this tradition. Each year St. Theodore's Hispanic community celebrates this wonderful nightly tradition beginning the 16th of December and

Below are dates and locations of each evening celebration. You can choose to come to one or all, it's up to you! Prayer, song, food and fellowship are shared at each home. The night of the 24th all gather at church to celebrate Mass and the

# **Fhursday - December 19** 628 Lorimore Circle Bety & Jose Puga Monday - December 16 Rafael & Silvia Herrera 1871 Paradise Rd. Albert Lea, MN

All are welcome to join in the celebration!

Maria & Miguel Palma 21234 775th Ave. Albert Lea, MN

Wednesday - December 18

Gina & Marco Montero

2015 Kevin Dr. Albert Lea, MN 1-507-369-4422

#### Saturday - December 21 Friday - December 20 St. Theodore Church Albert Lea, MN Fr. Kurt Farrell Albert Lea, MN 507-373-0603 323-921-4754

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**Tuesday - December 17** 

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# Sunday - December 22 85265 State Hwy 251 Hollandale, MN Maria Lazaro 507-889-4049

Vicky & Juan Carlos Flores Monday - December 23 2405 Forest Ave. Albert Lea, MN 507-377-1697

Tuesday - December 24 St. Theodore Church Mass at 7:30 PM 315 Clark Street Albert Lea, MN

# THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

All are invited to come join in the celebration of our Lady of Guadalupe

# Wednesday-Thursday, December 11 & 12,

# **Schedule of Events**

Our Lady of Guadalupe All Night Vigil

December 11, 2019, 11:00 PM

Las Mananitas & Mariachi

4:00 AM Church

Mass with Mariachi

6:00 AM Church

Coffee & Rolls

7:00 AM

Church Basement

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Procession:

Our Lady of Guadalupe 10:45 AM

**Church Entrance** 

Piñatas & Pot Luck

Marian Hall After 11:00 AM Mass

