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What is the basis for wisdom of this world? In the Second Reading today, Paul poses this essential question. For him, the wisdom of the world is transitory and, at times, leads to a trap into which these purportedly "wise" people fall. God's wisdom, on the other hand, prevails, and it makes no sense to look for the wisdom of the world without first finding the wisdom of God. This message was addressed to the Corinthians, but it also speaks to us today, as we find ourselves in a culture where material goods are worth more than the intangible, spiritual gifts that God gives us to better walk in his ways. While the Gospel continues to unveil the teachings of Jesus to his disciples, the second reading reminds us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. We belong to a Church that is called to be the new people of God, a pilgrim community committed to proclaim the reign of peace and justice, in which all of us are called to serve. If we wish to understand this message, Saint Paul invites us to open our hearts to the wisdom of God, not the wisdom of the world that almost always creates divisions among us. Both this letter and the Gospel text may serve our community groups, causing us to reflect on the values of Christian families, and how to face the challenges that our society presents us. How can we keep the balance between progress and tradition in our faith?

¿Cuál es la base de la sabiduría de este mundo? En la segunda lectura de hoy, Pablo plantea esta pregunta esencial. Para él, la sabiduría del mundo es transitoria y, a veces, conduce a una trampa en la que estas personas supuestamente "sabias" caen. La sabiduría de Dios, por otro lado, prevalece, y no tiene sentido buscar la sabiduría del mundo sin encontrar primero la sabiduría de Dios. Este mensaje fue dirigido a los corintios, pero también nos habla hoy, ya que nos encontramos en una cultura donde los bienes materiales valen más que los dones intangibles y espirituales que Dios nos da para caminar mejor en sus caminos. Mientras el Evangelio sigue revelando las enseñanzas de Jesús a sus discípulos, la segunda lectura nos recuerda que somos templos del Espíritu Santo. Pertenecemos a una Iglesia llamada a ser el nuevo pueblo de Dios, una comunidad peregrina comprometida a proclamar el reinado de paz y justicia, en la que todos estamos llamados a servir. Si queremos entender este mensaje, San Pablo nos invita a abrir nuestro corazón a la sabiduría de Dios, no a la sabiduría del mundo que casi siempre crea divisiones entre nosotros. Tanto esta carta como el texto evangélico pueden servir a nuestros grupos comunitarios, lo que nos hace reflexionar sobre los valores de las familias cristianas y cómo afrontar los desafíos que nuestra sociedad nos presenta. ¿Cómo podemos mantener el equilibrio entre el progreso y la tradición en nuestra fe?

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.

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From the Desk of Father Kurt

We have all heard the saying, "turn the other cheek", but have we ever really thought about the implications of what Jesus is trying to tell us? I remember having many arguments in the seminary with seminarians that had trouble with this particular teaching of Jesus. The truth is, I think the Church itself has struggled to make sense of it. How can we as a Church preach the words of Jesus, "forgive your enemy and pray for those who persecute you", and at the same time condone murderous crusades, burning heretics at the stake, and supporting war and the death penalty.

I am not trying to answer for the past or present actions of the Church in regards to this particular teaching of Jesus. However, I am trying to help bring out the point that this is a radical teaching. A teaching that goes against the very fabric of our nature, and when it is lived out, such as in the life of Saint Francis of Assisi or Mother of Theresa, it is world changing. Forgiveness is not human, but divine. If we want to live the message of Jesus' unconditional love and acceptance, we better be ready to face resistance and opposition. True Christianity is not easy, but it does make a big impact when it is embraced and lived out.

Love in Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

February 15th - February 16th, 2020

Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
$6,829.00	**$814.16**	**$80.00**	**$120.00**

2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	Amount Received	% Goal Received
$61,725.00	$5,265.00	8.53%

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Mar 8	† Ryan Moore by Mike & Suzanne Moore
Mar 15	† For the deceased members of the Peterson, Klocek, & Kalis families.
Mar 22	† Jeanne Johnson by Lloyd Johnson & family
Mar 29	Sponsors Needed

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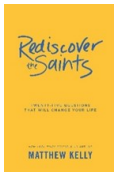

Be sure to contact the parish office at 507-373-0603 to sign up to attend Theodore's Lenten Prayer Groups being held each Sunday of Lent from 10:00 -11:00 AM. Attendees will receive Matthew Kelly's, *Rediscover the Saints* and prayer journal as a resource to help. First meeting will be Sunday, March 1st in Marian Hall during the KC Auxiliary Coffee & Rolls.

During this cold and flu season w**e will not be offering the blood of Christ until further notice.** Thank You!

Mass Intentions, Schedule & Readings

Tues **Feb 25**	**8:30 am**	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	**Mass** † Patricia Luna Wind by Ray Luna & Mary Larson	Church
Wed **Feb 26**		**ASH WEDNESDAY**	
	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	**Mass** † Marilyn Remakel by Margaret Savelkoul	Church
	5:30 pm	**Mass** For All Parishioners	Church
	7:00 pm	**Hispanic Mass** For All Parishioners	Church
Thurs **Feb 27**	**2:00 pm**	**Mass** † Donna Turner	Thorne Crest
Fri **Feb 28**	**8:30 am**	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	**Mass** † Marilyn Remakel by Margaret Savelkoul	Church
	9:30 am-6:30 pm		Church
	6:30-8:00 pm	**Adoration**	Church
Sat **Feb 29**	**4:00 pm**	Reconciliation	Church
	4:45 pm	Rosary	Church
	5:15 pm	**Mass** † Gar Peterson by Ruth Spear	Church
Sun **Mar 1**	**8:30 am**	Reconciliation & Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	**Mass** † Glen Sherburn by his family, And For All Parishioners	Church
	11:00 am	**Hispanic Mass** † Lupe Ortiz by family	Church

2020 Stations of the Cross

Friday, Feb 28	1:15 PM	School Children Stations	Church
Friday, Feb 28	6:30 PM	Hispanic Stations & Rosary	Church

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 2/24	JAS 3:13-18	MK 9:14-29
Tues: 2/25	JAS 4:1-10	MK 9:30-3
Wed: 2/26	JL 2:12-18	PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 12-13, 14, 17
	2 COR 5:20—6:2	MT 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs: 2/27	DT 30:15-20	LK 9:22-25
Fri: 2/28	IS 58:1-9A	MT 9:14-15
Sat 2/29	IS 58:9B-14	LK 5:27-32
Sun: 3/1	GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7	PS 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
	ROM 5:12-19	MT 4:1-11

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SEMINARY

A Retreat Weekend is available on March 14-16 & 21-23, for young men 16 years or older to learn more about priestly formation, seminary life, to meet the students & faculty of the seminary, and to become familiar with Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. For more information, contact the parish office or Fr. Kurt Farrell.

This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon **Feb 24**	**Loaves & Fishes** 5:00 - 6:30 pm **Hispanic Bible Class** 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Marian Hall Church Basement
Tue **Feb 25**	**PSA Meeting** 6:00-7:00 pm	Marian Hall
Wed **Feb 26**	**Morning Prayer Group** 6:00 - 7:00 am **NO Bell Choir Practice** **NO Faith Formation: 5th-11th Grades**	Parish Meeting Room
Thurs **Feb 27**	**Hispanic Choir Practice** 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Church Basement
Fri **Feb 28**	**Fish Fry** 5:00-7:00 pm	Marian Hall
Sat **Feb 29**	**No Additional Activities**	
Sun **Mar 1**	**KC Auxiliary Coffee & Rolls** 10-11:00 am **Lenten Prayer Group** 10-11:00 am **Faith Formation: PreK-4th Grades** 10:05-10:55 am **KC Information Gathering** 12:00-1:00 pm **Shadow Drama Practice - 11th gr.** 5:00-6:00 pm	Marian Hall Marian Hall School & Gym Marian Hall Church

Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS)

PAS Myth: People don't want to be burdens.
Truth Human beings are not burdens. They can only be considered as burdens if we define the human being by his or her abilities, or lack thereof. Circumstances may be burdensome, but people are not. Often when people say they don't want to be a burden, they are scared, depressed, and want to hear back that they are not a burden.
Catholic Compassion Human beings are not burdens, yet we are called to "bear one another's burdens". (Galations6:2) Everyone will face dying someday and as part of the human family, we should help one another face this process. Dying can come with heavy realities and perhaps we can call those challenges burdens. But when we bare them together, love wins. The person is bigger than the disease and never a burden. Let's remind each other in word and deed and teach our children how to love.

Safe Haven Sunday
Equipping the Family: Having Critical Conversations

The constant influence that comes through the internet and social media, along with social pressures from peers, make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives. Regrettably, internet pornography is teaching our children how and what to think about sex and marriage. St. Theodore's will be celebrating our second annual Safe Haven Sunday this weekend. Free resources will be available so parents can talk to their children about internet dangers.

Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday Feb 29, 2020	Sunday Mar 1, 2020	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	To be determined	To be determined	Hispanic Choir
Cantor	To be determined	To be determined	
Lectors	Pat Hartmann	Sue Miller Pegi Sorenson	
Altar Servers	Blake Redman Patrick Holcomb	Danny & Timothy Chalmers	Miguel Palma Anthony Cernio

As Wednesday ♦ February 26, 2020

	9:00 AM	5:30 PM	7:00 PM
Accompanist	Elisha Marin	To be determined	Hispanic Choir
Cantor + Choir	School Children	Choir	
Lectors	School Children	Therese Saindon Pegi Sorenson	
Altar Servers	School Children	Ericka Saindon & Jenny Mullholland	Francisco Lopez Jade Ambriz

St. Theodore School News

Don't forget our **Pre-K/Kindergarten Open House** is this Tuesday, February 25th, from 5-6:30 pm. Come check out our school and see what we have to offer. We will have popcorn, juice and a craft. Teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have about our program. Hope to see you there!
Only one week left to get your **Catholic United Raffle tickets.** This fundraiser gives 100% of money collected directly to the school. This year's top prize is $20,000 or a 2020 Buick Encore. Raffle tickets are $5.00 each. Watch for any students selling tickets after Mass. Raffle tickets will also be available in the School and Parish offices. Ticket sales end Sunday, March 1st.
Check out the school's Weekly Newsletter on the St. Theodore website at www.sttheo.org for school updates and happenings.

Have a blessed weekend!
St. Theodore Catholic School

Faith Formation News

Reminder:

Ash Wednesday, No class so families can attend Mass at 5:30 PM or Spanish Mass at 7:00 PM.

St. Theodore Faith Formation

Open Doors, a nonprofit organization with more than 60 years of experience supporting persecuted believers in more than 60 countries, has published its *World Watch List for Christian Persecution* around the world. One in eight Christians around the world are under serious threat. For more information, go to www.opendoorsusa.org. Learn how the Body of Christ is hurting and how they are finding joy in Him even in the midst of pain. Learn how, in Jesus, **we really are one Church, one Family.**

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