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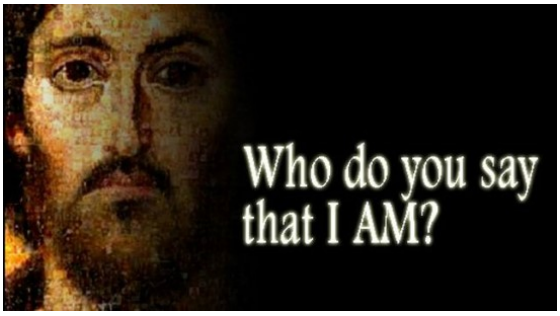
Today's Gospel reminds us that those who can name Jesus as Lord need to profess their faith through works of charity that reflect their intimate relationship with him. In fact, our weekly worship must be intimately associated with the way we live our faith throughout our daily journey outside of the church. This type of relationship was always announced by the prophets who, like Isaiah today, announced that the just who make justice known are those who dwell near the Lord. Sometimes we criticize those who separate faith from life simply because they never attend Sunday Mass but they do attend church for baptisms, weddings, or special celebrations. Isn't it important to also recognize that we, too, on occasion separate faith from life when we satisfy ourselves with worshipping God in church but not helping the less fortunate on the street?



El evangelio de hoy nos recuerda que aquellos que pueden nombrar a Jesús como Señor necesitan profesar su fe a través de obras de caridad que reflejen su relación íntima con él. De hecho, nuestra adoración semanal debe estar íntimamente asociada con la forma en que vivimos nuestra fe a lo largo de nuestro viaje diario fuera de la iglesia. Este tipo de relación siempre fue anunciada por los profetas que, como Isaías hoy, anunciaron que los justos que dan a conocer la justicia son los que habitan cerca del Señor. A veces criticamos a quienes separan la fe de la vida simplemente porque nunca asisten a la misa dominical, pero sí van a la iglesia para bautismos, bodas o celebraciones especiales. ¿No es importante reconocer también que, en ocasiones, también nosotros separamos la fe de la vida cuando nos satisfacemos con adorar a Dios en la iglesia pero no ayudar a los menos afortunados en la calle?

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am *(Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)*
11:00 am *(Español)*

Nursing Home Masses - 2:00 pm

1st Thursday - All St. Johns Locations
2nd Thursday - Good Samaritan
3rd Thursday - Thorne Crest

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm ♦ ***Sunday***: 1/2 hour before Mass

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHAPEL

Open all hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed Friday

Hispanic Office Hours

Tuesday	***Wed & Thurs***
8:00 am-noon	*1:00-3:00 pm*

Offices Close Daily

- *9:00-9:45 am for Mass (except Monday)*
- *12:00-1:00 pm for lunch*

From the Desk of Father Kurt

"Who do people say that I Am"

This is the question that Jesus asks His disciples is the Gospel for today. "Some say Elijah, some say John the Baptist come back from the dead," responded the disciples.

Then Jesus asks them directly, "Who do you say that I Am?" and Peter responds, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday and Wednesday will be the kick off of our faith formation program for the coming year. Together we will try to discover, in a more profound way, who is Jesus Christ, and then teach our Children how to communicate with Him; their life giving God.

"What is prayer"?

While praying one day, a woman asked, "Who are you, Lord?" He answered, "I Am." "But who is I Am?" she asked.
And He replied,
"I am Love,
I Am Peace,
I Am Grace,
I Am Joy,
I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Light,
I Am the Comforter,
I Am Strength,
I Am Power,
I Am the Creator,
I Am the Beginning and the End,
I Am the Most High."
The girl with tears in her eyes looked toward Heaven and said, "Now I understand. But Lord, Who am I?"
Then God tenderly wiped the tears from her eyes and whispered, "You are Mine." Author Unknown

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

August 30-September 4, 2021

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
$4,880.51	$645.00	$10.00	$20.00

2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	$55,605.00
Amount Received (9.3.21)	**$35,657.00**

We have $19,948 left to raise. We're getting closer to reaching our goal! Four more months to go! Thank you for giving!

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Sept 26	**Sponsors Needed**
Oct 3	† Art & Helen Rudolph **Additional Sponsors Needed**
Oct 10	**Sponsors Needed**
Oct 17	**Sponsors Needed**
Oct 24	† Art & Helen Rudolph **Additional Sponsors Needed**

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues **Sept 14**	**NO Mass** Intention for Joan Sullivan moved to 10/22/2021		
Wed **Sept 15**	**NO Mass** Intention for Vanessa Whelan by Stoen family moved to 11/19/2021		
Thurs **Sept 16**	**2:00 pm**	**Mass: Nursing Home** † Dick & Bev by Judy	Thorne Crest
Fri **Sept 17**	**8:30 am** **9:00 am**	Rosary **Mass** † Alfonzo Hernandez San Doval by family.	Church Church
Sat **Sept 18**	**4-4:30 pm** **4:45 pm** **5:15 pm**	Reconciliation Rosary **Mass** † Nubbs, Kathy & Maryann Wilder by Ann Utzka & Marvin Wilder	Church Church Church
Sun **Sept 19**	**8:30 am** **9:00 am** **11:00 am**	Reconciliation & Rosary **Mass** † Loretta Kermes by Harold & family **Hispanic Mass**	Church Church Church

Welcome: We welcome the following into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

BAPTISM

- Ashanti Michelle Carreon, daughter of Karla Carmina Garcia
- Bella Love Garcia, daughter of Alberto & Karla Garcia
- Dream Karmina Garcia, daughter of Albert & Karla Garcia
- Dante Klementos Espinosa, son of Esmeralda Espinosa
- Kyros Ricardo Garcia-Roldan, son of Ricardo Garcia Jr. & Kyria Idarmis Bautista Roldan

We celebrate the blessings of these beautiful eternal souls and may we help them grow to be the Saints the Lord has called them to be.

As natural disasters affect our brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to respond with the Catholic community across the United States to a special emergency collection. Catholic Relief Services is the official international relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church and is already responding to urgent needs for shelter, water, and food of those affected by these disaster. **Checks should be made payable to St. Theodore Church and be clearly marked for "Special Emergency Collection".** Monies collected from now until September 26th will go toward the destruction in Haiti. For more information, go to www.usccb.org or to Catholic Relief Services at https://support.crs.org/donate/haiti-earthquake

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 9/13	1 Tim 2:1-8	Lk 7:1-10
Tues: 9/14	Nm 21:6-15	Jn 3:13-17
Wed: 9/15	1 Tim 3:14-16	Jn 19:25-27
Thu: 9/16	1 Tim 4:12-16	Lk 7:36-50
Fri: 9/17	1 Tm 6:2c-12	Lk 8: 1-3
Sat: 9/18	1 Tm 6:13-16	Lk 8:4-15
Sun: 9/19	Wis 2:12, 17-20 Jas 3:16-4:3	Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 Mk 9:30-37

This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon **Sept 13**	**Loaves & Fishes** 4:45-5:30 pm	Church
	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7:00 pm	Church
	Hispanic Bible Study 6-8:00 pm	Church Basement
Tues **Sept 14**	**No Additional Parish Activities**	
Wed **Sept 15**	**No Morning Prayer Group**	
Thurs **Sept 16**	**Quilting Group** 1:00-4:00pm	Church Basement
	Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8:00 pm	Church
Fri **Sept 17**	**Adoration** 9:30am-6:30pm	Church
	Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8:00pm	Church
Sat **Sept 18**	**Baptism: Cruz Children** 3:00 pm	Church
Sun **Sept 19**	**Baptism: Engebretson** 10:00 am	Church

Please be aware, with the spike in COVID cases in the area, the Thorne Crest Nursing Home Mass scheduled on the third Thursday of the month is not open to the public.

RCIA classes will begin **Saturday, September 25th at 9:30 am in the Parish Meeting Room**. Those who might want to attend RICA include:

- *Those who have been attending Catholic services or events with family, others or by themselves*
- *Anyone interested in the Catholic faith who wants to understand and /or know more about the faith*
- *Anyone interested in joining the church and has not been Baptized*
- *Those who have been Baptized and have not been Confirmed*
- *Those who have been Catholic but want to understand the liturgy and tenets of the faith more fully*
- *Those who feel called to explore the faith, perhaps have a hunger for a closer relationship with Christ or just want to know more about Catholic life and worship.*

If you are interested or want more information, please call the parish office (507 373 0603). Father Kurt, Gina Montero and Judy Popp-Anderson will facilitate the sessions.

Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend at a time

I will never leave you or forsake you...Hebrew 15:5

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are hope to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, siblings, grandparents, and health care professionals. The net retreat is November 5-7, 2021 in the Twin Cities area. For more information contact Nancy at 733-250-9313, rachels@rvineyardmn.org, or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday Sept 18, 2021	Sunday Sept 19, 2021	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	AdaTheusch	AdaTheusch	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
Cantor	TBD	TBD	
Lectors	Lu Callstrom	Don Savelkoul	
Servers	Schedule is pending.		
Eucharistic Ministers	3 from the current month	4 from the current month	

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

We still have a few needs to be filled on our Apple Tree so please take an apple. You can drop items off in the school or parish offices.

Be sure to mark you calendar for our **School Marathon**, on **September 24**. Our students walk the entirety of Fountain Lake. You may start seeing students asking for pledges. If you would like to donate or sponsor a student, it can be dropped off at the school or parish offices. If you sponsor a student, please make sure to include the student's name.

Check out the schools Weekly Newsletter on the St. Theodore website at www.sttheo.org for school updates and happenings.

Have a blessed long weekend!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

3rd & 4th grade Faith Formation Teacher and 5th-11th grade Faith Formation Substitutes Needed

Please contact the director at 507-373-5254 or email at ian@sttheo.org if interested in helping to teach the faith with our youth.

Classes Begin!

5th- 11th Grades

Wednesday, September 15, 7-8 pm in School & Marian Hall

PreK-4th Grades

Sunday, September 19th, 10:05-10:55 in School

Please be sure to have your children registered prior to ensure we have enough materials for them.

Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director

Mark Your Calendars
Rosary for our Nation
October 16, 2021, 12 noon
West Clark Street Parking Lot

Offering up our troubles to God is a great way to remember that, in our faith, suffering is never wasted or meaningless when it's united with Christ's suffering on the Cross, for atonement for sins.

Dear Lord, help me to remember in these troubled times the cross You carried for my sake, so that I may better carry mine and to help others do the same as I offer up *(whatever your concern or problem here)* to you for the conversion of sinners, for the forgiveness of sins, in reparation for sins and for the salvation of souls. Amen

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