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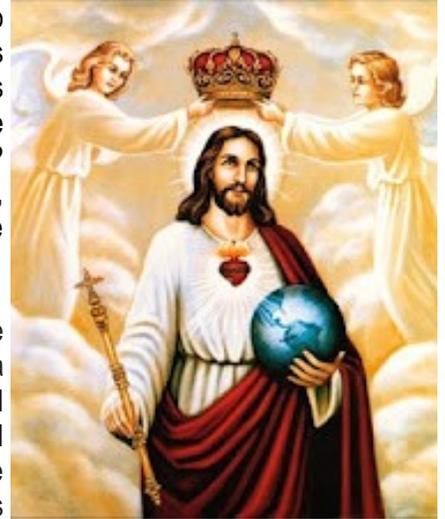
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When the Israelites lived in exile for centuries, their hope was focused on returning to Jerusalem, the holy city, and especially to the Temple, the site of their spiritual roots. As the years went by, the hope of their return was transformed into maintaining their identity as Israelites wherever they lived. In today's readings, we sense their longing for Jerusalem in Isaiah's reading and the affirmation of their cultural identity in Saint Paul's, who also adds a new spiritual dimension: Christ, the Lord. Paul carries on his own body the marks of the Lord, superior to circumcision, for, by the mercy of God, Paul has understood and accepted suffering as grace. What is our hope? What are our future projects? Are we willing to discern them in the light of the Gospel texts? Just as Jesus sent his disciples to preach good news, he also sends us with our family members to sow the seeds of the good news in our neighborhoods.



Quando los israelitas vivieron en el exilio durante siglos, su esperanza se centró en regresar a Jerusalén, la ciudad santa, y especialmente al Templo, el lugar de sus raíces espirituales. Con el paso de los años, la esperanza de su regreso se transformó en mantener su identidad como israelitas dondequiera que vivieran. En las lecturas de hoy percibimos su añoranza de Jerusalén en la lectura de Isaías y la afirmación de su identidad cultural en san Pablo, quien añade también una nueva dimensión espiritual: Cristo, el Señor. Pablo lleva en su propio cuerpo las marcas del Señor, superiores a la circuncisión, pues, por la misericordia de Dios, Pablo ha entendido y aceptado el sufrimiento como gracia. ¿Cuál es nuestra esperanza? ¿Cuáles son nuestros proyectos de futuro? ¿Estamos dispuestos a discernirlas a la luz de los textos evangélicos? Así como Jesús envió a sus discípulos a predicar las buenas nuevas, también nos envía a nosotros con nuestros familiares a sembrar las semillas de las buenas nuevas en nuestros barrios.

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

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8:00 am-4:00 pm
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Tuesday 8:00 am-noon
Wed & Thurs 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



"May I never boast of anything except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ"

I have come to find that these words of Saint Paul have also been true in my life. In my life I have had the tendency to compare myself to others, which always made me feel inadequate and inferior. There were always others that were stronger, smarter, and better looking than I was. When I became a priest I no longer was too concerned about these things, but I still compared myself to those around me. Even as a Priest I sometimes find myself judging myself in comparison with other priests. No matter how hard I try, there will always be others that are holier and more caring than myself. Thank goodness Jesus doesn't want us to be the best. No, He just wants us to be the best we can be. Lately, I have been able to allow the feelings of inadequately and inferiority to give way to the peace of Christ. There is no need to compare ourselves to others, for we are all in this together. We all have different gifts and talents for building up the one Body of Christ. One man's weakness is another man's strength. Let us accept ourselves for who we are and place ourselves at the service of God and others.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues July 5	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Marvin Pectorious by Kay	Church Church
Wed July 6	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Karen, cousin of Barb & John Farrell	Church Church
Thurs July 7	11:00 am	NO MASS Funeral: Maria Jirele Mass Intention for † Jim Stoen by family has been moved to 7/28/22	Church Church
Fri July 8	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Matiana Cabrera by family	Church Church
Sat July 9	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church
Sun July 10	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass † Charles Smith by Carol Ann Smith Hispanic Mass For those listed in the book of intentions and for all parishioners.	Church Church Church

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

June 20-26, 2022

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$16,976.50	\$940.76	\$70.00	10.00

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$57,600.00
Amount Received (6/24/22)	\$36,452.00

This year's appeal is almost at the half way mark and we've reach 63% of our goal! Thank you so much to those who have already given to help us reach our goal. Our momentum has been great but we still have \$21,148.00 yet to go. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to help us reach our goal. Thank you again for all your support!

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention(s)
July 17	† Charlie Kermes by Sheila Kermes
July 24	Intentions Needed
July 31	† James Cisewski by a friend

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 7/4	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22	Mt 9:18-26
Tues: 7/5	Hos 8: 4-4, 11-13	Mt 9:32-38
Wed: 7/6	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12	Mt 10:1-7
Thu: 7/7	Hos 11:1-4, 8E-9	Mt 10:7-15
Fri: 7/8	Hos 14: 2-10	Mt 10:16-23
Sat: 7/9	Is 6: 1-8	MT 10:24-33
Sun: 7/10	Dt 30: 10-14 Col 1:15-20	Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 Lk 10:25-37

July 18th-22nd, 2022

All daily Masses will be at 11:00 AM for Totus Tuus.
There will be no 9 am Mass.

Employment Opportunities

Parish Office Secretary

This position is 8am-4pm four days a week with a minimum of 32 hours a week. Individual must have good English and Spanish writing and speaking skills. Computer and phones skills are also required. Those interested can obtain an application and a full job description either online at www.sttheo.org or contact the Parish office at 507-373-0603.

Full and Part-time Classroom Paras Needed

Those interested can obtain an application either online at www.sttheo.org or contact the School office at 507-373-9657.

Please send application to the following by Friday, July 22, 2022:

Susan Amundson, St. Theodore Principal, 323 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007. Email of phone contact: 507-373-9657 or samundson@sttheoschool.org.



We pray for the following family who mourns the loss of their loved one:

- Maria Jirele (died June 23, 2022)

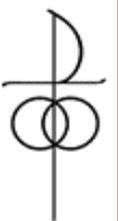
We pray the Lord will bring her soul peace, mercy and eternal rest and comfort for her family during this difficult time.



Two Become One: We congratulate the following couples that entered into a Catholic Marriage:

- Alex James Bute & Ashton Michelle Larson on June 18, 2022
- Jonathon Raymond Clark & Brittany Keeley Perks on June 25, 2022
- Mark Clifford Furness & Cindy Ann Scherb on July 5, 2022

May their sacred union always keep Christ at the center of their relationship.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon July 4	Parish Office Closed No Scheduled Parish Activities	
Tues July 5	Wedding: Scherb & Furness 4:00 pm	Church
Wed July 6	Morning Prayer Group 6:00-7:00 am	Parish Meeting Room
Thurs July 7	Funeral: Marie Jirele 11:00 am Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8:00 pm	Church Church Basement
Fri July 8	Adoration 9:30am-6:30 pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8:00 pm	Church Church
Sat July 9	Baptism: Julian Opsahl 3:00 pm Baptism: Rory Kate Ignaszewski 5:15 pm Mass	Church Church
Sun July 10	No Additional Activities	

Healing Adventures Camp

Saturday, September 17, 2022
8:30am to 4:00 pm

Good Earth Village, 25303 Old Town Drive, Spring Valley, MN

Healing adventures is a one day grief camp for youth (ages 5-17) who have experienced the death of a significant person with the last 3 years. There is no charge to attend camp. For more information, applications forms and future camp offerings, please contact Mayo Clinic Hospice at 800-679-9084 or rsthospicebereavement@mayo.edu.

What is the "Golden Arrow" Prayer?

"My Name is everywhere blasphemed! There are even children who blaspheme!"

This is the sorrowful complaint of Our Lord to Sr. Mary of St. Peter, a Carmelite nun who lived in France in the 1800s. The Lord told her that sins against His Holy Name are like poisoned arrows that wound His Sacred Heart most grievously—more, He said, than all other sins.

But He provided Sr. Mary with a remedy, a "golden arrow" that would pierce His Heart with a welcome wound to atone for the sin of blasphemy. It is a beautiful and simple prayer:

May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most incomprehensible and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified, in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

Sr. Mary said, "at that moment, I believe I saw, streaming from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, delightfully wounded by this 'Golden Arrow,' torrents of graces for the conversion of sinners."

The Golden Arrow prayer forms the backbone of the Holy Face Devotion, which Our Lord revealed to Sr. Mary in a series of revelations in the 1840s. He desired Sr. Mary to spread this devotion in particular to atone for blasphemy, the sins of atheism and communism, and the profanation of Sundays, especially by Christians! More than ever, this devotion is so necessary in our modern age, which is so impious, irreverent, and infected with atheistic and communist ideas.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

		July 9, 2022	July 10, 2022	
		5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Accompanist		Grace Chalmers	Grace Chalmers	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
Cantor		TBD	TBD	
Lectors		Lois Ahern	Kathleen Bleckeberg	
Servers		Kyle & Matthew Ramirez	Needing additional volunteers	

Calling St. Theodore Youth!

We need you to step forward as altar servers. This is a wonderful way to serve the Lord, your parish and your parish family. This is also a great opportunity for those seeking service hours. Please contact the parish office to volunteer!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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TOTUS TUUS

Time is Running Out to Get Registered!

A Catholic Summer Youth Program
St. Theodore's ♦ July 17-22, 2022

Currently we have 30 individuals signed up to attend, we would love to double that number! Be sure to get registered for this fun filled, memory making, can't wait to do it again event! Registration is \$15 per child (\$30 max/family). Totus Tuus is open to youth 1st-6th grade, as well as middle & high school youth 7th-12th grade. **A pool party is planned for the 7th-12th grade students and lots of other fun filled activities to participate in!** Informational flyers and registration forms are located in both church entrances.

Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director - ian@sttheo.org

Parish Family We Need Your Help!

With the Totus Tuus team coming to work with our youth, we need the following help from our generous parish family:

1. Lunch & supper meals are needed Sunday—Friday for the Totus Tuus Team members. Can be homemade or store bought/fast food.
2. Volunteers, age 16 or older to help with the kids in the grade school program each day. Excellent service opportunity for our older youth!
3. Snacks and bottled water.
4. Materials for water activities (i.e. water balloons, buckets, & foam water blasters!)

Please drop off your donations at the parish office or contact our faith formation director, Irene Nelson. Thank You!

NO Loaves & Fishes

The entire month of July AND August 1st

Volunteer opportunities for St. Theodore School Fair Restaurant

- We have two or four hour shifts available.
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TRENT HORN
6/27/2022

4 Myths You're Hearing Right Now About Babies

There's a lot of misinformation out there regarding the Supreme Court decision. Here Trent Horn lays some persistent myths to rest.

On Friday, June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court handed down a decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson's Women's Health Organization* that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, which ushered in fifty years of preventing states from protecting unborn children, and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, which reinforced *Roe* twenty years later. But the Court this past Friday declared, "The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives."

Unfortunately, many people are tarring this human rights victory by spreading the following myths and misinformation about this important case.

1. "The Supreme Court just made abortion illegal"

The Supreme Court has the power to interpret the law; it does not have the power to make law. *Roe v. Wade* held that laws that restricted abortion in any meaningful way were unconstitutional, so they could not be enforced. *Dobbs* has now determined that *Roe* was "wrongly decided," so laws that protect the unborn by outlawing abortion are constitutional. That means that a state can but *does not have to* outlaw abortion.

Some states, like California and New York, have already passed laws to codify *Roe v. Wade* into their own state constitutions. Other states may choose to protect the unborn by outlawing abortion at various stages, and some have already outlawed abortion because they have "trigger laws," which were set to ban abortion once *Roe v. Wade* was overturned.

2. "The Supreme Court will next ban contraception, same-sex marriage, and interracial marriage"

Once again, the Court only interprets laws; it doesn't make them. In overturning *Roe*, the Court found that the right to privacy does not entail the right to end the life of a developing human being. This fact makes abortion different from other cases that made rulings based on "privacy rights." *Dobbs* even said, "Nothing in this opinion should be understood to cast doubt on precedents that do not concern abortion."

When it comes to LGBT issues, it's worth remembering that even though Neil Gorsuch voted for *Dobbs*, he also wrote the majority decision in *Bostock v. Clayton*, which says civil rights protections related to a person's biological sex also apply to sexual orientation and sexual identity. But even if the Supreme Court ever does overturn cases that established things like the right to purchase contraception, and does so because those cases were based on flawed arguments, that doesn't mean that those things will suddenly become illegal. States will then be free to ban contraception, for example, if the Court overturns *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965). As of now, there is no sizable group of people who want to outlaw non-abortifacient contraception. Even many Catholics consider contraceptives like condoms to be an evil on par with adultery: something that requires moral condemnation rather than criminal sanctions.

Finally, the merits of a decision, like *Dobbs*, should not be evaluated based merely on how it relates to other cases people support. The decision should be evaluated on whether it upholds the Constitution—and this decision argues convincingly that there is no right to abortion.

3. "The *Dobbs* decision is invalid because justices like Brett Kavanaugh lied under oath about not overturning *Roe v. Wade*"

The legal principle of *stare decisis* says that, in general, legal precedent established by previous rulings should be maintained when determining how to apply the law in current and future cases. During their confirmation hearings, Supreme Court justices like Brett Kavanaugh were asked what they thought of *Roe v. Wade*. They affirmed that it was a major precedent that should be viewed in light of *stare decisis*.

However, *stare decisis* is not a universally binding rule. This isn't the first time the Supreme Court has overturned previous decisions, and even gone so far as to say they were wrongly decided. One of the most famous examples is *Brown v. Board of Education*, overturning *Plessy v. Ferguson* on the issue of racial segregation. But *Dobbs* even cites two cases in the 1940s that overturned—in the span of just three years—the Court's decision on requiring students to pledge allegiance to the flag.

During their confirmation hearings, the justices who later voted to overturn *Roe* said *Roe* was an important precedent, but they never said something like "I promise never to overturn this case," and so none of them came anywhere close to committing perjury.

4. "Women will die because hospitals won't commit abortions even if it is necessary to save their lives"

First, if a woman's life is threatened late in pregnancy after the fetus is viable then abortion isn't necessary. It makes more sense to simply deliver the child through a cesarean section (a C-section) since it takes longer than a day to stretch the cervix wide enough in order to abort a late-term fetus. In these cases, I ask pro-choicers, "Wouldn't it be better to deliver the child whole and give him a chance to live (even if the chance is small) than to deliver him in pieces with no chance to live?"

Second, in early pregnancy, when there is essentially no hope that the child can be saved, it is permissible for doctors to perform a life-saving operation on the mother with the *indirect* result being the death of the child. According to the [U.S. Catholic Bishops' Directives for Catholic Hospitals](#), "operations, treatments, and medications that have as their direct purpose the cure of a proportionately serious pathological condition of a pregnant woman are permitted when they cannot be safely postponed until the unborn child is viable, even if they will result in the death of the unborn child" (47).

The most notable example of this case is ectopic pregnancies. These occur when the embryo implants in some place other than the uterus, which in nearly all cases is one of the fallopian tubes. Unlike complications that arise later in pregnancy, the child cannot be removed and safely placed somewhere else, such as a neonatal intensive care unit. Any removal of the child will result in his death. Consequently, in these cases, it is morally acceptable to remove the damaged section of the fallopian tube where the child implanted.

This action is moral because the primary intention is to remove the damaged section of the fallopian tube that is a threat to the mother's health. The child's death is a foreseen but unintended consequence of an act that is not wrong in itself. To give an analogy, if you were a lifeguard and noticed two people drowning, you could save one even if you knew that by choosing to save one, you wouldn't have time to save the other. However, you could not shove one drowning person's head underwater in order to use him as a flotation device for the other drowning person.

Due to the complex ethical issues that can rise in cases like these, laws that prohibit abortion in the United States have always left an exception to save a woman's life. In 1960, in an article called "[Illegal Abortion as a Public Health Problem](#)," Planned Parenthood's medical director, Mary Calderone, wrote, "In 46 states legal abortion is permitted to preserve the life of the mother; three states allow, in addition, preservation of the health of the mother." She even admitted, "It is hardly ever necessary today to consider the life of a mother as threatened by a pregnancy."

Finally, the answer to "hard cases" like whether abortions are necessary to protect a woman's life is *not* to keep abortion legal through all nine months of pregnancy, which is what *Roe v. Wade* did and *Dobbs* has now undone. The answer is to pass reasonable laws that protect unborn children and their mothers from all acts of violence.