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Can also take
requests in
Spanish!

All human beings hunger for God, a superior being that holds the answers to our infinite questioning. We who recognize God in Jesus Christ, his only begotten son, catch a glimpse through Scripture of how much the Lord loves us and, in turn, wants us to share the good news of Christ's redemptive love with others. This is the proclamation of hope that Saint Paul announces in today's second reading. He affirms that, through the gift of the Spirit, all creation will be freed from the slavery of sin and corruption, but we must first listen to the word of God. The prophet Isaiah says the word of God nourishes our hearts like the rain and the snow, watering the earth and making it fertile. The Gospel today contains the parable of the sower and the seed. Although the word of God is like the good seed, always ready to bear fruit in the hearts of the faithful, Jesus reminds his followers that the seed does not always fall on fertile ground. Called to receive, meditate, and act upon the word of the Lord daily, we are committed to echo the word of God in our lives, asking ourselves: How can we identify the "dry land" in our own hearts, or places where God may have attempted to sow a seed in our hearts to help us grow, but we didn't pay any attention? How can we turn this dry land into fertile ground?



Todos los seres humanos tenemos hambre de Dios, un ser superior que tiene las respuestas a nuestros infinitos interrogantes. Quienes reconocemos a Dios en Jesucristo, su hijo unigénito, vislumbramos a través de las Escrituras cuánto nos ama el Señor y, a su vez, quiere que compartamos las buenas nuevas del amor redentor de Cristo con los demás. Este es el anuncio de esperanza que San Pablo anuncia en la segunda lectura de hoy. Afirma que, por el don del Espíritu, toda la creación será liberada de la esclavitud del pecado y la corrupción, pero primero debemos escuchar la palabra de Dios. El profeta Isaías dice que la palabra de Dios nutre nuestro corazón como la lluvia y la nieve, riega la tierra y la hace fértil. El Evangelio de hoy contiene la parábola del sembrador y la semilla. Aunque la palabra de Dios es como la buena semilla, siempre lista para dar fruto en el corazón de los fieles, Jesús recuerda a sus seguidores que la semilla no siempre cae en tierra fértil. Llamados a recibir, meditar y actuar diariamente la palabra del Señor, estamos comprometidos a hacer eco de la palabra de Dios en nuestras vidas, preguntándonos: ¿Cómo podemos identificar la "tierra seca" en nuestros propios corazones, o lugares donde Dios puede haber intentado sembrar una semilla en nuestros corazones para ayudarnos a crecer, pero no le prestamos atención? ¿Cómo podemos convertir esta tierra seca en tierra fértil?

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

Offices Close Daily

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

The Catholic Shoppe ♦ Parish Office

- 1:00-4:00 pm
- Monday-Thursday

FROM THE DESK OF FR. KURT



What kind of soil are we?

Are we the soil that fell on the path or on rocky ground, or are we among thorns or the Good soil that produces fruit? How can we know whether or not our lives are producing the kind of fruit that Jesus wants

from us?

Saint Paul talks about the fruits of the spirit that are given to those who allow the Spirit of Jesus to bare fruit in them. He lists them as "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Gal 5:16.

If we want to know whether our lives are producing good fruit we need to ask ourselves where do we find these qualities in our lives? If these qualities are lacking in certain relationships or certain areas of our lives, then we have some cultivating to do.

Love of Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (7/7/23)	\$32,853.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

July 4 – July 10, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$6,230.50	\$975.00	\$785.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 7/17	Ex 1:8-14, 22	Mt 10:34—11:1
Tues: 7/18	Ex 2:1-15a	Mt 11:20-24
Wed: 7/19	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12	Mt 11:25-27
Thu: 7/20	Ex 3:13-20	Mt 11:28-30
Fri: 7/21	Ex 11:10—12:14	Mt 12:1-8
Sat: 7/22	Sg 3:1-4b	Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sun: 7/23	Wis 12:13, 16-19	Rom 8:26-27
	Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16	Mt 13:24-43

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
July 30	† Ricky Hernandez by family Additional Sponsor's Needed
Aug 6	† Michael Moore by Suzanne & family
Aug 13	† Ray Luna, Diane & Phil Luna by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson † Polly Schiltz by family Additional Sponsor's Needed

Litomysl's 51st Annual Summer Festival

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

July 30, 2023

10:15am Polka Mass

11am-4pm Food, Refreshments, Adult & Children's Games, Country

Store, Used a Bit Sale & Silent Auction

Raffle with 40 prizes

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Check their website at www.litomysl.webs.com



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

No Daily Mass July 17-20, 2023

The Mass intentions for this week have been moved to the following dates:
7/18 † Alfonso Hernandez Saldoval by Maria Lopez & family - **Moved to**
7/19 † For all Parishioners - **Moved to**
7/20 † For all the Pour Souls - **Moved to**

Fri July 21	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Nabor de Leon Rios by family	Church Church
Sat July 22	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass † Manuela Martinez	Church Church Church
Sun July 23	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass For the Herrera family by Gutierrez family † Jean Buboltz, Mary & Ed Claassen, & Marie & Tague Ferguson by the Claassen & Buboltz family Spanish Mass For All Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church
	11:00am		Church

July 17-20, 2023

CHURCH CLOSED

Will be staining the pews during this time.



Austin Area Council of Catholic Women Quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25th at Sacred Heart Church in Adams, MN. The meeting will begin with Mass at 6:00 pm followed by a light supper. Dr. Mark Engessor, DVM will speak on becoming a Deacon with a meeting to follow. Come share in fellowship.



"The Eucharist as Wellspring of Faith, Hope, and Charity"

July 18, and 20 ♦ 7:00 pm

St. Augustine's Church, Austin MN.

Each night Deacon Klein will discuss how the power of Jesus in the Eucharist enables us to live more vibrantly, freely, and joyfully by growing in faith, hope, and love, covering one virtue each night.



Eucharistic Revival: Bring Back the Blood

We want to once again offer the Eucharist in both species, the Body and the Blood. To ensure that we can reintroduce the Blood of Christ back into the Mass we need a dedicated group of Extraordinary Ministers willing to take on this ministry. These minister would have to be willing to consume the remaining blood in their chalice that isn't consumed during communion. If you are willing to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Blood of Christ, please contact the parish office at 373-0603 and add your name to the list.

MASS IN THE PARK

AUGUST 27, 2023

10:00 AM

EDGEWATER PARK PAVILION

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon July 17	No Church Activities due to Pew Staining taking place in the Church	
Tues July 18		
Wed July 19		
Thurs July 20		
Fri July 21	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive 11am-5pm Quinceanera Practice 5-6pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Chapel Marian Hall Church Church
Sat July 22	Quinceanera 1-2pm	Church
Sun July 23	No Additional Activities	

St. Theodore Catholic Church and School SEEKING

Two part-time kitchen helpers ♦ 10-15 hours per week.
Individuals need to be Food Safe Certified or obtain certification within 30 days of employment. Additional training through MDE will also be required.
Morning and early afternoon hours offered but must be available to work adjusted or additional hours, evenings and weekends for scheduled events and funerals. Some hours may be short notice. If interested please contact the parish office for an application at 507-373-0603. Applications can also be obtained at sttheo.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday July 22, 2023	Sunday July 23, 2023	
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Accompanist	Grant Sharstrom	Grant Sharstrom	Servers
Cantor	Jodi Blong	Betty Schultz	Steve Martinez & Airyk Bautista- Roldan
Lectors	Lois Ahem	Kathleen Bleckeberg	
Servers	Grace Haag Lauren & Lilly Raleigh	Ethan Chrissinger Mathew Rende	

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to all those who helped make our week with the Totus Tuus team a huge success. We are so humbled by the generosity of those who donated meals, snacks, volunteered time to help with meals, team activities, and so much more.

Check bulletin for the dates and times for registration dates for the Faith Formation classes will be coming soon!

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

ST. THEODORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Full-time Classroom Para ♦ Part-time Music Teachers

Please send letter of application, resume, and letters of recommendation to:

Susan Amundson, Principal
323 East Clark Street
Albert Lea, MN 56007
507-373-9657

samundson@sttheoschool.org



Joining in God's Story:

An Ignitions Contemplation Retreat
September 9-10, 2023

Shalom Hill Farm Retreat Center in rural Windom
This semi silent retreat for Catholic adults provides space to learn and practice the contemplative prayer practice of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Whether you are brand new or experienced, all are welcome. More information can be found at: <https://www.dowr.org/offices/missionarydiscipleship/retreats.html>



If you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 373-0603.

The Holy Father's Intention for July 2023

For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



Red Cross Blood Drive
Friday, July 21, 2023
11am-5 pm in Marian Hall.



When donors come to give blood July 17-31, they'll get an EXCLUSIVE Shark Week T-shirt, while supplies last!

Red Cross Blood Drive Volunteers Needed!

If you would be interested in helping with the Blood Drives that are held at St. Theodores, please contact the following to get signed up!

Ramzey Abu-Shanab
Account Manager

American Red Cross Blood Services
100 S Robert St, St Paul, MN 55107

(507) 317-9522 (c) I Ramzey.abushanab@redcross.org

The Catholic Shoppe

We are interested in what you would like to see added to our Catholic Shoppe inventory. Please write your ideas down on the sheet located in the back entrance of the church.

THANK YOU!

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