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The text of Saint Matthew's Gospel in today's celebration presents Jesus instructing the crowd with three parables: the good seed planted by the sower and the weeds sown by the enemy, the mustard seed that grows into a large bush, and the yeast mixed with three measures of flour. With these parables, Jesus announces the nearness of the reign of God, especially for those who open their hearts to the good news and turn to God wholeheartedly. This presence of God as "reign" can only grow where roots of justice, peace, and forgiveness are planted. In the context of the two other readings this Sunday, we are all called to trust in God, whose mercy is abundant in ways we can hardly imagine. Through Jesus, the Father invites us to walk the path of hope, in which sinners find forgiveness and the just celebrate God's glory. The Holy Spirit, who comes to the aid of our weaknesses, strengthens us before the enemy so that we may live fully our journey of faith. In small groups, either in a Bible study group or even in a gathering among friends, ask yourselves: How do we identify the "weeds" that impede the sowing of the good seed in our world? Where do we see the positive signs of the reign of God, or those good works that no enemy can destroy?



El texto del Evangelio de San Mateo en la celebración de hoy presenta a Jesús instruyendo a la multitud con tres parábolas: la buena semilla plantada por el sembrador y la cizaña sembrada por el enemigo, la semilla de mostaza que se convierte en una gran zarza, y la levadura mezclada con tres medidas de harina. Con estas parábolas, Jesús anuncia la cercanía del reino de Dios, especialmente para aquellos que abren su corazón a la buena noticia y se vuelven a Dios de todo corazón. Esta presencia de Dios como "reino" sólo puede crecer donde se plantan raíces de justicia, paz y perdón. En el contexto de las otras dos lecturas de este domingo, todos estamos llamados a confiar en Dios, cuya misericordia es abundante en formas que apenas podemos imaginar. Por medio de Jesús, el Padre nos invita a recorrer el camino de la esperanza, en el que los pecadores encuentran el perdón y los justos celebran la gloria de Dios. El Espíritu Santo, que viene en ayuda de nuestras debilidades, nos fortalece ante el enemigo para que vivamos plenamente nuestro camino de fe. En pequeños grupos, ya sea en un grupo de estudio bíblico o incluso en una reunión entre amigos, pregúntense: ¿Cómo identificamos las "malas hierbas" que impiden la siembra de la buena semilla en nuestro mundo? ¿Dónde vemos las señales positivas del reino de Dios, o esas buenas obras que ningún enemigo puede destruir?

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



In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus tells us a parable of the weeds growing simultaneously with the wheat and only at harvest will the two be separated from one another.

This parable can be taken two different ways. Jesus could be telling us not to worry about the apparent success and happiness of those living evil lives. Those who are concerned only about their own wants and needs while taking advantage of others, because at the appointed time the evil will get what they deserve.

Another way of looking at this parable is to see it as being directed to each of us personally. All of us have both weeds and wheat growing within us simultaneously. The weeds are the vices in our lives which keep us from being the loving, caring and compassionate people that we are called to be, while the wheat is the goodness in us that comes from responding to the grace of Jesus Christ in our lives.

By looking at the parable in this way we are challenged to make changes in our lives that will help us remove these vices that keep the wheat of God's goodness inside us from growing and becoming mature. What are the weeds in our lives that we permit to coexist with God's Goodness? Is it anger, pride, lust, sloth, jealousy, envy or greed? Naming our weeds is the first step in growing in the spiritual life; the second is allowing the grace of Christ to help us remove these weeds giving us the spiritual freedom we long for.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues July 25	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Odean Berg by Gerri	Church Church
Wed July 26	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Dave Mullenbach by Roger & Mary Jemming	Church Church
Thurs July 27	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Alfonso Hernandez Sandoval by Maria Lopez & family	Church Church
Fri July 28	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Odean Berg by Gerri	Church Church
Sat July 29	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass † MaryAnn Wilder by family	Church Church Church
Sun July 30	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00am	Rosary Mass † Ricky Hernandez by family Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

Congratulations: We congratulate the following who entered into a Catholic marriage:

July 15, 2023

Nomar Jimenez Doone & Whiteann Angkenika Tomy

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



2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (7/14/23)	\$33,823.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

July 10 – July 16, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$6,378.50	\$1,034.55	\$160.00
May-July 2023-Salvation Army Food Donation		124 lbs

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 7/24	Ex 14:5-18	Mt 12:38-42
Tues: 7/25	2 Cor 4:7-15	Mt 20:20-28
Wed: 7/26	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15	Mt 13:1-9
Thu: 7/27	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b	Mt 13:10-17
Fri: 7/28	Ex 20:1-17	Mt 13:18-23
Sat: 7/29	Ex 24:3-8	Jn 11:19-27
Sun: 7/30	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12, Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130	Rom 8:28-30, Mt 13:44-52

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Aug 6	† Michael Moore by Suzanne & family
Aug 13	† Ray Luna, Diane & Phil Luna by Mary Larson & Trista Hofson † Polly Schiltz by family Additional Sponsor's Needed
Aug 20	† Byron & Ruth Spear by family & friends Additional Sponsor's Needed
Aug 27	† Dave Mullenbach by Sandy & family

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

- Mila Elizabeth Valdez, daughter of Jamie Valdez & Desirae Clairs Arbuckle

We celebrate the blessing of her beautiful eternal soul and may we help her grow to be the Saint the Lord has called her to be.



BAPTISM



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"Love one another as I have loved you."

John 13:34

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available weekend is November 17-19, 2023 in WINDOM, MN. Early registration is strongly recommended. For more information visit our website at southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at 507-227-8229 or applications@southmnwwme.org.



Eucharistic Revival: Bringing Back the Blood

We want to once again offer the Eucharist in both species, the Body and the Blood, and 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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon July 24	Camp Summit Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm	Church Basement Church
Tues July 25	Camp Summit Parish Office Closed 12-3pm No Additional Activities	
Wed July 26	Camp Summit Morning Prayer Group 6-7pm Hispanic Adoration 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church
Thurs July 27	Camp Summit Parish Council Summer Meeting 6:30 pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm	Parish Patio Church Basement
Fri July 28	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Quinceanera Practice 5-6pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Chapel/Chapel Church Church
Sat July 29	Quinceanera 1-2pm Baptism 5:15 pm	Church Church
Sun July 30	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.

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

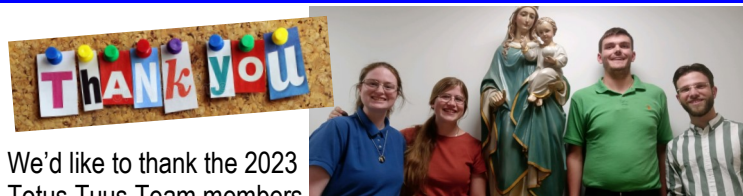


MASS IN THE PARK
AUGUST 27, 2023
10:00 AM
EDGEWATER PARK PAVILION

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday July 29, 2023	Sunday July 30, 2023	
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	Ada Theusch	Servers
Cantor	Brian Zogg	Diane Heaney	Fernando Martinez & Emanuel Ambriz
Lectors	Irene Nelson	Penny Jahnke	
Servers	Kyle & Matthew Ramirez	Emilie & Sophia Troster	

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



We'd like to thank the 2023 Totus Tuus Team members,

Deborah Hershey, Emma Wells, Nathaniel Garity, John Paul Bickerstaff, and all those who donated materials & supplies, snacks, beverages, and provided meals for the team. Thank you to the volunteers who helped supervise the children and offered their time to set-up and clean-up after each activity. Check out St. Theodore's Facebook page for more pictures from Totus Tuus week!



Our high school students had an amazing 3 days at Steubenville-Rochester! Thank you to all who generously donated funds to help them attend and experience this awesome, faith-filled event. Mark your calendars now for Steubenville 2024, "Illuminate," July 12-14!

Faith Formation classes will be starting in September! Watch for Registration information coming soon!

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

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