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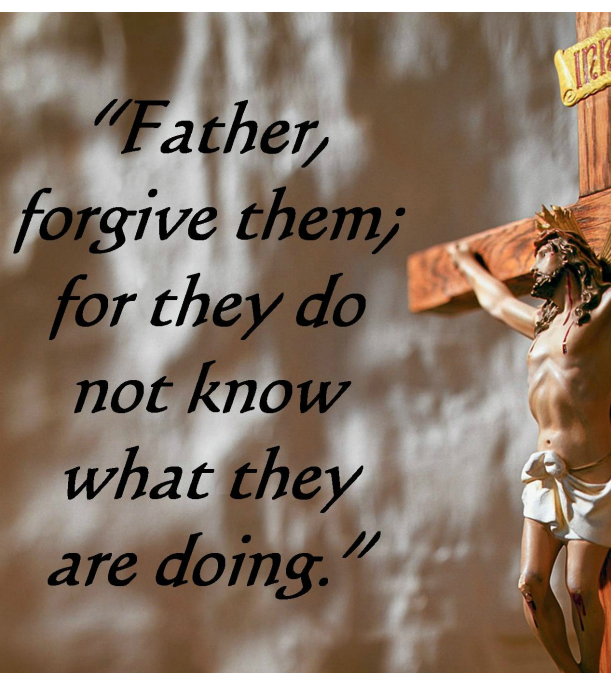
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Today's reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians stands out for its beauty and depth.

Saint Paul preaches that Christians should not live for themselves, but for others, reminding them that Christ emptied himself of his divinity to become a slave for the salvation of the world. His call for the transformation of Christian life can only take place with God's grace and great effort. The example that Jesus presents in today's Gospel offers all of us a choice. A father asks his two sons if they will work in the vineyard. One says "yes" but does not go. The second one refuses, but ultimately changes his mind and goes to work. In these characters we find two images: those who follow the law and do not change, and the public sinners who disobey the law but see Jesus as an instrument of God's mercy, asking him to heal their wounds and forgive their sins. Which attitude are we developing as we serve the Lord in the Church?



La lectura de hoy de la carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses destaca por su belleza y profundidad.

San Pablo predica que los cristianos no deben vivir para sí mismos, sino para los demás, recordándoles que Cristo se despojó de su divinidad para hacerse esclavo de la salvación del mundo. Su llamado a la transformación de la vida cristiana sólo puede realizarse con la gracia y el gran esfuerzo de Dios. El ejemplo que Jesús presenta en el Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece a todos una opción. Un padre pregunta a sus dos hijos si trabajarán en la viña. Uno dice "sí" pero no va. El segundo se niega, pero finalmente cambia de opinión y se pone a trabajar. En estos personajes encontramos dos imágenes: los que siguen la ley y no cambian, y los pecadores públicos que desobedecen la ley pero ven a Jesús como un instrumento de la misericordia de Dios, pidiéndole que sane sus heridas y perdone sus pecados. ¿Qué actitud estamos desarrollando al servir al Señor en la Iglesia?

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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



Don't say yes unless you really mean it.

In the Gospel today Jesus tells a parable of two sons. One of the sons says yes to his father that he will go to work in the field but never goes. The other son tells his father no he will not do it but later thinks better of what he was asked and goes and does it.

After telling this parable to the chief priests and elders, Jesus explains that the prostitutes and tax collectors are entering the Kingdom of God before them, because they are the ones who actually put faith in the word of God and repented of their sins.

It makes no sense to make promises to God that we have no intention of keeping. Unless we are willing to make a firm resolve to renounce sin and amend our sinful ways, our prayers to God are nothing but empty lip service. True faith leads to conversion of the heart and to a new way of living. Let us say yes to Jesus and really meant it.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Oct 10	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Marie Pick by Gerry	Church Church
Wed Oct 11	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Gerri Tucci by Dick & Marty Andersen	Church Church
Thurs Oct 12	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ryan Moore by Suzanne & family	Church Church
Fri Oct 13	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	Rosary Mass † Fred Doyle by Dick & Marty Andersen First Friday Confession	Church Church Church
Sat Oct 14	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confession Rosary Mass Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church
Sun Oct 15	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00am	Rosary Mass † For all Parishioners Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (9/22/23)	\$42,628.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

September 18 – September 25 , 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$7,326.00	\$1,380.00	\$335.00
July-September Salvation Army Food Donations		158 lbs

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 10/2	Zec 8:1-8	Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tues: 10/3	Zec 8:20-23	Lk 9:51-56
Wed: 10/4	Neh 2:1-8	Lk 9:57-62
Thu: 10/5	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12	Lk 10:1-12
Fri: 10/6	Bar 1:15-22	Lk 10:13-16
Sat: 10/7	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29	Lk 10:17-24
Sun: 10/8	Is 5:1-7	Phil 4:6-9
	Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20	Mt 21:33-43

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Oct 15	Sponsors Needed
Oct 22	Sponsors Needed
Oct 29	† Patricia Rynerson & Josephine English by their family
Nov 5	† Karen Nyenhuis by Harry, Elise & Brady
Nov 12	In honor of Roger & Mary Jemming's 60 th Wedding Anniversary



Don't Forget Your Box!

Be sure to pick up your Box of Joy to help fill and return by November 1st! Even though Christmas is months away, it's never too early! Please be sure to put your name, phone number and box number on the sign out sheet provided. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

- Nicole & Oliver Puga, daughter & son of Jose Puga & Viridiana Gordillo
 - Isabila Reyes-Veldez, daughter of Lezzly Ibeth Reyes Valdez
 - Juan Salvador Meza Hernandez, son of Juan Meza Guerrero & Ana Maria Hernandez Sanchez
- 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.



Bottles Available for the Baby Bottle Campaign Gives Alternatives to Abortion

Helping to fill a bottle with your spare change can help Catholic Charities provide assistance to new and expectant parents. Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are choosing life for their babies. Catholic Charities provides more than 200 women with financial assistance each year. Every gift makes a difference! You can also mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign, PO Box 379, Winona, MN 55987 or give online at www.ccsomn.org/donate and designate your donation to the Baby Bottle Campaign in the notes section.

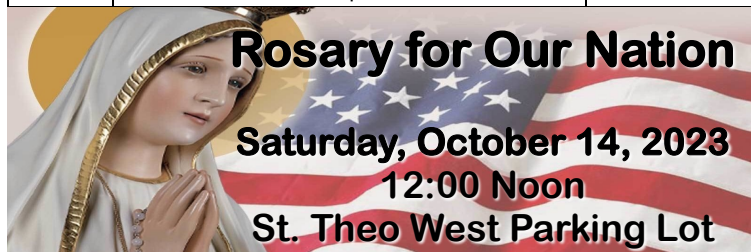


New KC Display Cabinet

Be sure to check out the new KC information cabinet located in the lower access of the Church. See what's happening with your local K/C council and K/C auxiliary. Thanks to ALL the volunteers and K/C members who helped make this happen.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Monday Oct 2	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7pm	Marian Hall Church Basement Church
Tues Oct 3	Parish Staff Meeting Office Closed ♦ 1-2:30pm	Parish Meeting Room
Wed Oct 4	Quilting Group 1:00-4:00pm Faith Formation Class: 5-11 grade 6:30-8pm Faith Formation Adoration 7-8pm	Church Basement School/Gym/ Marian Hall/ Church
Thurs Oct 5	Father Teaches 4-5 grade 8:25-8:45am Revival Team Meeting 1:30-2:30pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm	School Church Parish Meeting Room Church Basement
Fri Oct 6	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Church/Chapel Church
Sat Oct 7	No Additional Activities	
Sun Oct 8	Faith Formation Class: PreK-4th grade 10-10:55 am Confirmation Practice, Mass & Supper 5-7pm	School Church/Marian Hall



Rosary for Our Nation
Saturday, October 14, 2023
12:00 Noon
St. Theo West Parking Lot

Church Giving Envelopes



To ensure we are accurate with our spending as a practice, if a church envelope number hasn't been used by the parishioner for two years or more, we cease to order envelopes for them. Please be sure to let us know if you no longer want to receive envelopes. If you haven't received a box of Church Giving envelopes and would like your own box, please contact the parish office and we'll be sure to add your name to the order. Thank you for your help!



"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," Listen with your spouse for God's message of love by exploring a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME)** weekend. The next weekends are: Oct 28-29, 2023 in ALEXANDRIA, MN and Nov 17-19, 2023 in WINDOM, MN. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit southmnwwme.org or contact us at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

The Holy Father's Intention for September 2023 FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday October 7, 2023	Sunday October 8, 2023
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM
Accompanist	Aaron Bartz	TBD
Cantor	TBD	Betsy Schultz
Lectors	Mary Larscheid	Sue Amundson
Servers	Lauren & Lily Raleigh	Ethan Chrissinger, Sawyer Holt & Mathew Rende

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Classes are now in Session!

Please Get Registered ASAP!

Please be sure to check the Faith Formation Calendar & future bulletins to verify class dates, times, & locations.

Registration Form Locations

- ♦ Parish Newsletter
 - ♦ Parish and School Offices
 - ♦ Faith Formation Info Station
 - ♦ Church entrance by the Chapel
- Forms can also be downloaded from our website: www.sttheo.org or can be filled out online by clicking/following this link:
<https://forms.gle/WFeALj7eAeH3KYg97>



**10th, 11th, AND 12th grade
Confirmation Candidates!**

**You are to attend the
NET Ministries Retreat**

THIS Sunday, October 1st!

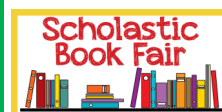
Attend 9am(Mass) first, then travel to Marian Hall until 4pm for more faith & fun! (Parent volunteers are welcome! Help needed for lunch— set-up, serving, & clean-up. Thank you in advance!)

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ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

We will be having a **Scholastic Book Fair** Oct. 8-13 in Marian Hall.

Fair hours:



Sunday, Oct. 8: 10:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday, Oct. 10: 3:30pm-7:00pm
Thursday, Oct. 12: 3:30pm-7:00pm
Friday, Oct. 13: 8:00am-12:00pm



Purse Bingo tickets for Nov. 4th are now available in the School and Parish offices. Each ticket is \$35 each. We will have Pulled Pork Sandwiches w/side for purchase and a Cash Bar available.

If you would like to sponsor a purse or an accessory contact Bri McKinney (507-402-7404) or Tammy Kesler (507-391-3115)

Have a blessed weekend,
St. Theodore Catholic School

Money Counters Needed



We are looking for individuals who can help count the weekend collection on Mondays starting at 8am. Depending upon the collection, this task usually takes 2-3 hour to complete. Please contact Joanne, the parish administrator, at the parish office if available.

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