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## Today, God's word presents us with Abraham taking on the biggest of

**sacrifices:** offering up his son Isaac. God considers the deep faith of the old man, however, and prevents the spilling of Isaac's blood. If we listen to God, who can keep us from him? For Saint Paul, it was impossible for anyone to interfere. In him we see a deep faith, a complete surrender. This week, we can ask ourselves: What separates us from God's love? What obstacles keep us from seeing, with eyes of faith, the glorified and transparent life we are called to?

**Hoy, la palabra de Dios nos presenta a Abraham asumiendo el mayor de los sacrificios:** ofrecer a su hijo

Isaac. Dios, sin embargo, considera la profunda fe del anciano e impide el derramamiento de la sangre de Isaac. Si escuchamos a Dios, ¿quién podrá alejarnos de él? Para San Pablo era imposible que nadie interfiriera. En él vemos una fe profunda, una entrega total. Esta semana podemos preguntarnos: ¿Qué nos separa del amor de Dios? ¿Qué obstáculos nos impiden ver, con ojos de fe, la vida glorificada y transparente a la que estamos llamados?

“ This is my Son,  
the Chosen one.  
Listen to him.

Luke 9:35



## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

3:00-4:00 PM

(Additional Priests Present)

## 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 addresses the hunger in each of us to be loved.

All of us have an unrelenting desire to be needed and accepted for who we are by others. However, none of us feels accepted and needed all of the time, and

many of us feel a need to cover up the things we do wrong or don't like about ourselves in order to be loved.

The woman in the Gospel finds in Jesus the unconditional love and acceptance she has been thirsting for all of her life. Her being a Samaritan makes her unacceptable by the Jews and some bad choices have led to her being shunned by her own people, but in Jesus she finds forgiveness and mercy.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we too can find the same love and forgiveness from Jesus that the woman from Samaria felt. We too can confess our sins to change our lives and with the help of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the forgiveness of Jesus.

Hopefully everyone will have an opportunity to experience this wonderful sacrament this year.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

## 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

We are greatly blessed by the 434 donations given to help us reach our 2023 CMA goal! We will receive \$2,020 to us to help with identified parish project expenses. THANK YOU!

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Feb 12-Feb 18, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$22,385.50	\$1,238.13	\$80.00

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 2/26	Dn 9:4b-10	Lk 6:36-38
Tues: 2/27	Is 1:10, 16-20	Mt 23:1-12
Wed: 2/28	Jer 18:18-20	Mt 20:17-28
Thu: 2/29	Jer 17:5-10	Lk 16:19-31
Fri: 3/1	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat: 3/2	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun: 3/3	Ex 17:3-7 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Mar 10	For my Brother-in-Law Birthday Gregorio Lazzaro and † Ryan Moore by Suzanne Moore & family
Mar 17	† Ramona Boyer by family Additional Sponsors Needed
Mar 24	Sponsors Needed

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

- **Duane Olson** (died February 16, 2024)

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



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Mon</b> <b>Feb 26</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b>	Church Church
<b>Tues</b> <b>Feb 27</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Mark Engstler by Sue Vanvooren	Church Church
<b>Wed</b> <b>Feb 28</b>	8:30 am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Carol (Haas) Winters by Friends	Church Church
<b>Thurs</b> <b>Feb 29</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Jim Stoen by Family	Church Church
<b>Fri</b> <b>Mar 1</b>	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Darlene Nistler by Robert First Friday Confession	Church Church Church
<b>Sat</b> <b>Mar 2</b>	4:00pm 5:15pm	Confessions Rosary <b>Mass</b> For the special intentions of the living family members of Elaine & Ray Nemec	Church Church Church
<b>Sun</b> <b>Mar 3</b>	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> For all Parishioners <b>Spanish Mass</b> For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church



They always say, "It's a fish story", unless you have proof!  
Way to go Father Kurt, what a catch!

All are invited to a prayer service on February 29<sup>th</sup> with the St. Joseph icon at St. John the Baptist Church in Minnesota Lake at 7pm. This traveling Icon is being hosted by various Knights of Columbus Districts throughout the world. This Icon was written then finished and taken to Vatican City for Pope Francis to Bless. St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding and preparing Christ quietly, courageously and faithfully. The icon provides a window into the life and mission of this courageous father, a man who was one of us and yet called to a mission of incomparable significance. Our world desperately needs courageous fathers—men willing to stand up and carry out their own mission of protecting, defending and raising future generations of saints in order to offer the world Jesus.




**LOST Electronic Tablet:** Last seen at 9:00am Mass February 18. If you have seen this item and know where it is please contact the Parish Office 507-373-0603.



## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Feb 26	<b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-8pm <b>Loaves and Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study</b> 6-8pm <b>Life in the Spirit Group</b> 6-7pm	Chapel  Marian Hall  Church Basement Church
Tues Feb 27	<b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-8pm <b>Office Closed ♦ Parish Staff Meeting</b> 1-2:30pm <b>Hispanic Holy Spirit Group</b> 6-8pm <b>Third Order Carmelites</b> 6:30-8:30pm	Chapel  Parish Meeting Room Church  Parish Meeting Room
Wed Feb 28	<b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-8pm <b>Eucharist Revival Meeting</b> 10:30-11:30am <b>Faith Formation Class &amp; Penance Service</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Faith Formation Adoration</b> 7-8pm	Chapel  Parish Meeting Room School  Church
Thurs Feb 29	<b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-8pm <b>Parish Council Mass ♦ Meeting</b> 6:00pm Mass ♦ 6:30 Meeting	Chapel  Church/Parish Meeting Room
Fri Mar 1	<b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Stations of the Cross</b> 2:00-3:00pm <b>Hispanic Lenten Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm	Church  Church  Church
Sat Mar 2	<b>Baptism</b> 3:00 pm	Church
Sun Mar 3	<b>Faith Formation Class PreK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> 10-10:55am <b>Shadow Drama Practice 11<sup>th</sup> grade</b> 5-6pm	School  Church

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday, March 2, 2024	Sunday, March 3, 2024
	5:15 pm	9:00am
Accompanist	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch
Cantor	TBD	Betsy Schultz
Lectors	Lois Ahern	Sue Amundson
Servers	Grace & Ethan Haag	Evyana Bartelt & McKenna Stellpflug

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Shadow Drama Practice

February 25<sup>th</sup> & March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>  
5pm in the Church

**Performance is Wed, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for all to see.**

If you are interested in helping with this beautiful portrayal of the Stations of the Cross, please contact Irene at [ian@sttheo.org](mailto:ian@sttheo.org) or call: 507-373-5254.



### Camp Summit is July 22-25, 2024!

Registration deadline is March 31st!

Spots are limited! Scan this QR Code to register today! Use promo code: **STTHEODORE**



### Steubenville-Rochester Conference: July 12-14, 2024

Cost of Event: \$430 before 5/10/24 & \$440 after 5/10/24.

St. Theo's will be going with the DOW-R Group! Cost includes hotel, meals at conference, t-shirt & transportation. **Contact Irene to register today!**



### Registration forms for TOTUS TUUS Coming Soon!

**TOTUS TUUS** at St. Theodore: July 7-12, 2024

School youth entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.



Applications for **St. Theodore Scholarships** are now available in the parish & school offices, the Faith Formation Info Station, or website. Eligible applicants must submit their application on or before April 30, 2024. Recipients will be announced at the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 12, 2024.

**Irene Nelson**, Faith Formation Director - [ian@sttheo.org](mailto:ian@sttheo.org) 507-373-5254

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone that purchased a **Catholic United Financial Raffle** ticket from our students. They will announce any winners on March 7, 2024, there will be live stream on their Facebook page Catholic United Financial. The grand prize is a 2024 Chevy Trax or \$20,000.



St. Theodore School is accepting registration for the 2024/2025 school year. We offer tuition assistance for those who may need it. If you would like to schedule a tour or have any questions, please contact the school at 507-373-9657.



Mark your calendars for our next Drive Thru Fish Fry on Friday, March 8, from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Pre-sale tickets are now available to purchase in the School and Parish Offices. Tickets are \$12 or each meal and will be \$14 at the door on the day of the event.

Have a blessed weekend,  
St. Theodore Catholic School

## Eucharistic Miracles of the World



Friday, March 1, ♦ 6-8pm

Saturday, March 2, ♦ 9am-8pm

8:30am Mass ♦ adoration 9am-3:30 pm

Sunday, March 3, ♦ 9am-3pm

Church of St. Dominic  
104 Linden Street North  
Northfield, MN

The exhibit features accounts of several Eucharistic Miracles that have been recorded throughout the Church's history.

Come and witness how Jesus has miraculously manifested Himself throughout the centuries and how this proves He is totally present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

## St. Theodore Fish Fries

March 8 & 22, 2024

**\$12 Advance Tickets ♦ \$14 at the Door**  
Tickets can be purchased at the school or parish offices.



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



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