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The season of Lent hopes to lead us to an authentic conversion that holds the paschal mystery at its core.

The call to conversion was present among the prophets, and today Jeremiah reminds us of it. Although the apostles didn't understand at first, Jesus reminded them that this new life requires surrender, like the grain of wheat that is sown and produces good fruit. What do we take away from Jesus' own surrender, and how can we imitate it in our own lives? What do we give ourselves to: family, work, church, relationships? Both the homily and prayers today can focus on the theme of having a new heart proclaimed in the Scriptures.



El tiempo de Cuaresma espera llevarnos a una auténtica conversión que tenga en su centro el misterio pascual.

La llamada a la conversión estuvo presente entre los profetas, y hoy Jeremías nos lo recuerda. Aunque los apóstoles al principio no entendieron, Jesús les recordó que esta nueva vida requiere entrega, como el grano de trigo que se siembra y da buenos frutos. ¿Qué nos llevamos de la propia entrega de Jesús y cómo podemos imitarla en nuestras propias vidas? ¿A qué nos entregamos: familia, trabajo, iglesia, relaciones? Tanto la homilía como las oraciones de hoy pueden centrarse en el tema de tener un corazón nuevo proclamado en las Escrituras.

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



There is something exciting going on in our parish communities that many people probably don't even know about. We have ten people that will be baptized or fully received into the Catholic Church at Easter time. I want to take this opportunity to thank Judy Pop Anderson, Gina Montero, and Eric Mickleson, and all of those who have helped them this year grow in their faith and become ready to be received into the fullness of Christ's Church. I also want to encourage more people to get involved in such an up-lifting ministry.

This is the third and final week of the "Scrutinies" for those soon to enter into the Catholic Church. Jesus has been presented to them in the two previous liturgies as "Living Water" and "Light of the World". This Sunday, Jesus is presented as the "Resurrection and the Life". Those seeking an entrance into the Catholic Church and all other believers are invited to ponder what it means to follow Jesus through His death, so that we might share His resurrection. We are only two weeks away from Easter, which is the celebration of the new life that all of us have received through the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Through our prayers let us join our catechumens as they prepare to be anointed by the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

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

- Thomas OrRourke** (died March 610, 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

Tues Mar 19	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Richard Peters by a friend	Church Church
Wed Mar 20	8:30 am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Peggy Raleigh by Parishioner	Church Church
Thurs Mar 21	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Steve Hendrickson by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson	Church Church
Fri Mar 22	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Darlene Trease	Church Church
Sat Mar 23	4:00pm 5:15pm	Confessions Rosary † Maryann Wilder by family	Church Church Church
Sun Mar 24	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosary Mass † Clifford Kwapick by Marylou & Kimberly Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

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

- Janziel Lopez** son of Daniel Deniro Lopez & Karina Marie Lopez

We celebrate the blessing of his beautiful eternal soul and may we help him grow to be the saints the Lord has called him to be.



A Worldwide Call to Prayer

In our world we witness so much confusion and error regarding God and His plan for our eternal salvation. We are confronted by an abysmal decline of Christian culture, by an attack on the fundamental truths about the world itself and about human life and its cradle in marriage and family, and by violence in multiple forms. The situation in our world today is grave, but we must never give up hope, we must never turn away from the maternal gaze of the Mother of God, who draws us to her Divine Son ALIVE in the Church. Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke is calling every Catholic, especially in America to return to our Lady and join in prayer. All are asked to join the Nine-Month Novena to our Lady beginning March 12 and ending December 12 on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. You can receive emails from His Eminence with encouragement and spiritual direction along the journey of this novena at <https://novena.cardinalburke.com/> or scan the QR code to get signed up. Novena prayer cards are also located in the chapel and back accesses.



St. Theodore Fish Fry Indoor Seating Available March 22



Pick up your meal at the drive through window, park in the East lower lot and meet your friends indoors as you enjoy your fish, friends and fellowship in Marian Hall.

Please be sure to get your meals at the drive thru as meals will not be made available in Marian Hall.

\$12 Advance Tickets ♦ \$14 at the Door

Tickets can be purchased at the school or parish offices.

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$55,629.00
Amount received (3/15/24)	\$10,935.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

March 3-11, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$7,779.50	\$1,192.05	\$2,275.00
Salvation Army Donation for 3/6/24		37 lbs

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 3/18	Dn 13:41c-62	Jn 8:1-11
Tues:3/19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Wed: 3/20	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	Jn 8:31-42
Thu: 3/21	Gn 17:3-9	Jn 8:51-59
Fri: 3/22	Jer 20:10-13	Jn 10:31-42
Sat: 3/23	Ez 37:21-28	Jn 11:45-56
Sun: 3/24	Mk 11:1-10 Phil 2:6-11	Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Mk 14:1-15:47


SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Mar 31	† Marlene Tautges by Larry
April 7	† Mrs.Ray & Lucy Luna by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson Additional Sponsors Needed
April 14	Sponsors Needed

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Mar 18	Lenten Adoration 9:30am-8pm Loaves and Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm	Chapel Marian Hall Church Basement Church
Tues Mar 19	Lenten Adoration 9:30am-8pm Church Dusting 9:30-10:30am School Board Meeting 6-8pm Hispanic Holy Spirit Group 6-8pm	Chapel Church Marian Hall Church
Wed Mar 20	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Lenten Adoration 9:30am-7pm Revival Meeting 10:30am-12 noon Faith Formation Stations of the Cross ♦ Soup Supper ♦ 6:00-8:30pm	Parish Meeting Room Chapel Parish Meeting Room Church/ Marian Hall
Thurs Mar 21	Father Teaching K-1st Grade 8:25-8:45am Lenten Adoration 9:30am-8pm The Mass Video 10:30am-12pm Quilting Group 1-4pm Knights of Columbus Auxiliary Meeting 5-8pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm Finance Council Meeting 6:30-7:30	School Chapel Parish Meeting Room Church Basement Kitchen/Marian Hall Church Basement Parish Meeting Room
Fri Mar 22	Lenten Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Station of the Cross 2:15-3:15pm Fish Fry Drive Thru 5-6:30pm Station of the Cross ♦ English 6-6:30pm Hispanic Lenten Adoration & Stations 6:30-8pm	Church Church Marian Hall Church Church
Sat Mar 23	Church Decorating 8-10am RCIA 9am-12 noon Baptism 3-4pm	Church Parish Meeting Room Church
Sun Mar 24	Faith Formation Class PreK-4th Grade 10-10:55am Shadow Drama Practice (11th gr.) 5-7pm	School Church

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	5:15 pm ♦ Saturday, Palm Sunday, March 23, 2024	9:00am ♦ Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	TBD
Cantor	Jodi Blong	TBD
Lectors & Narrator Voice	Lois Ahern Voice: Leon Axtman	Nicole Eckstrom Voice: Therese Salazar
Servers	Lauren & Lily Raleigh	Ethan Chrissinger, Blake Redman & Mathew Rende

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Shadow Drama Practice
March 17th & 24th at 5pm
Shadow Drama Performance: March 27th, 7pm
 We invite everyone to attend this moving performance of Jesus's last days through the eyes of His mother, Mary. We hope to see you there!

Please join us, March 20th at 6:00pm
Stations of the Cross Performed by our 5th & 6th graders and
Soup Supper Served by Confirmation students immediately following Stations in Marian Hall (Free Will Offering)

First Communion Session & Banner Making Day!
 All students preparing for their First Communion are encouraged to attend with their parents & sponsors/Godparents on Saturday, March 25th from 9-11am in Marian Hall. Students will be making their First Communion Banners! Refreshments will be provided.

TOTUS TUUS Registration Forms now available!
TOTUS TUUS at St. Theodore: July 7-12, 2024
 School youth entering 1st-6th & 7th-12th grades

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**

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Easter Flowers: Addie's Floral & Gifts will now be taking orders for those who want to donate flowers for Easter. She will be offering the following plants in pink, yellow, white, or lavender.
Hydrangeas - \$30 ♦ Cyclamen & Kalanchoe - \$20
Mums & Begonia - \$16 ♦ Lilies - \$14

Please stop in or contact Addie's Floral & Gifts at 507-377-2081 to submit your order on or before March 25th, 2024. **Thank You!**

Friday Stations of the Cross

- 2:15pm Friday, March 22 (Lead by the St. Theodore school children)
- 6-6:30pm All Fridays during Lent, English Stations
- 6:30-8:00pm All Fridays during Lent, Hispanic Stations
- 6:00pm Stations & Soup Supper ♦ March 20th, 2024
 Stations lead by the 5th & 6th grade Faith Formation students followed by a Soup Supper by the Confirmation students.

SERVERS NEEDED FOR GOOD FRIDAY: We need at least one more server for Good Friday Service at 3:00 PM. Please contact the parish office if you can help!

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