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On this first Sunday, the liturgical texts present an image of a God who calls us together to his kingdom. These readings invite us to be grateful to God for choosing us to be his people, a people called to bring God's light and presence to the world. For this reason, we must always live prepared to walk on the path that God has placed before us, avoiding the ways of selfishness and isolation.

If the Gospel today announces a better tomorrow with the phrase "when the Son of Man comes" (Matthew 24:39), the Letter to the Romans insists that "salvation is near at hand (Romans 13:12)." Perhaps our community groups could reflect on these phrases, sharing their thoughts on what it means to "wait in our times" for salvation in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



En este primer domingo, los textos litúrgicos presentan una imagen de un Dios que nos convoca a su reino. Estas lecturas nos invitan a estar agradecidos con Dios por elegirnos para ser su pueblo, un pueblo llamado a traer la luz y la presencia de Dios al mundo. Por esta razón, siempre debemos vivir preparados para caminar en el camino que Dios ha puesto delante de nosotros, evitando las formas de egoísmo y aislamiento.

Si el Evangelio de hoy anuncia un mañana mejor con la frase "cuando venga el Hijo del Hombre" (Mateo 24:39), la Carta a los Romanos insiste en que "la salvación está cerca (Romanos 13:12)". Quizás nuestros grupos comunitarios podrían reflexionar sobre estas frases, compartiendo sus pensamientos sobre lo que significa "esperar en nuestros tiempos" la salvación en Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)
11:00 am (Español)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 1/2 hour before Masses

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:00 am-5:00 pm

Friday.....8:00 am -12:00 pm

Office closes from 9:00-9:45 am on Wednesday so staff can attend Mass and 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch Monday -Thursday.

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From the Desk of Father Kurt

This weekend we begin the season of Advent. Advent is a time for waiting, a time for longing for the coming of God in our lives. A longing that once fulfilled, will bring lasting joy. As a child I remember Advent as a time for the anticipation of Christmas, and all the good things that I would get underneath the Christmas tree and in my stocking Christmas morning. I couldn't even sleep at night as the days drew closer for the permission to unwrap all those presents under the Christmas tree with my name on them. Christmas morning brought great joy as I tore through all those packages but in a couple of weeks, after playing with my new gadgets, the joy was gone.

Unlike the joy of material gifts, the joy of accepting the Christ child into our hearts is everlasting. Christmas is not about gifts underneath the tree, but about a child being born, a child, which brings hope of salvation to a world broken by violence and hatred. This advent let us make sure that we have a burning desire for the coming of the birth of Jesus in our hearts.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

November 23rd & 24th, 2019

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$8,405.39	\$725.01	\$420.00	\$12,620.00
2019 Catholic Ministry Appeal Received (74.47%)			\$44,816.00

Financial Statement of Activities (thru October 31, 2019)

Income		
General & Administrative Totals	\$	203,685.50
Building & Grounds-Parish Totals	\$	3,610.00
Liturgy & Worship Totals	\$	4,044.08
Faith Formation Totals	\$	3,395.00
Income Totals	\$	214,734.58
Expense		
General & Administrative Totals	\$	164,265.50
Building & Grounds-Parish Totals	\$	30,785.37
Liturgy & Worship Totals	\$	13,391.37
Faith Formation Totals	\$	21,937.50
Expense Totals	\$	230,379.68
Income – Expense		(\$ 15,645.10)

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Dec 15	† Byron Spear by multiple memorials
Dec 22	For the deceased family members of the Peterson/ Klocek/Kalis Families by Dori & Dennis Kocek
Dec 29	† Donald Roberts by Andrew & Karen Cibert, Additional Sponsors Needed
Jan 5	Sponsors Needed



Immaculate Conception
Monday, December 9, 2019, 9:00 AM Mass

Mass Intentions, Schedule & Readings

Mon, Dec 2	IS 4:2-6 MT 8:5-11		
Tue Dec 3 IS 11:1-10 LK 10 th 21-24	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Byron Spear by Rindelaub Family	Church Church
Wed Dec 4 IS 25:6-10A MT 15: 29-37	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass In Reparation for our Sins	Church Church
Thurs Dec 5 IS 26:1-6 MT 7:21, 24-27	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Byron Spear by Rindelaub Family	Church Church
Fri Dec 6 IS 29:17-24 MT 9:27-31	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 - 10 am 9:30 am	Rosary Mass For All Parishioners First Friday Confession Adoration	Church Church Church Church
Sat Dec 7 IS 30:19-21, 23-26 MT 9:35-10:1, 5-8	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass † Ryan Moore by Mike & Suzanne	Church Church Church
Sun Dec 8 IS 11:1-10 PS 72:1-2, 7-8 12-13, 17 ROM15: 4-9 MT 3: 1-12	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass † Donald Roberts by Andrew & Karen Cibert, † Jean Sykes Burks, sister of Margaret Savalkoul, For the living and deceased family members of Don & Darlene Sullivan, & For All Parishioners. Hispanic Mass For All Parishioners	Church Church Church

Romans 3:23

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."




Romans 10:9-10

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday, December 8, 2019, 3:00 pm



SEMCAAC is now accepting applications to assist home owners and renters with winter heating expenses. For more information or to fill out an application, please contact 1-507-373-1329, or stop in at 2202 Stevens Street, Albert Lea, Monday-Thursday, from 8am -12pm or download the application at www.semcaac.org

<i>This Week's Activities & Reminders</i>			<i>Liturgical Ministers</i>				
Mon Dec 2	Loaves & Fishes 5:00 - 6:30 pm Hispanic Bible Class & Rosary 6:00 - 7:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Marian Hall		Saturday Dec 7, 2019		Sunday December 8, 2019	
		Church Basement		5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	
Tue Dec 3	Deans Meeting 11:00 am - 4:00 pm School Staff Meeting 3:15-4:15 pm Aztec Dance Practice 5:00 - 6:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 6:00 - 7:00 pm Hispanic Ministry Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm	Church/Rec Dining Room	Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	AdaTheusch	Hispanic Choir	
		School	Cantor	Mollie Schwartz w / choir	Abbie Theusch		
		Gym	Lectors	Grzybowski's	Sue Amundson Steve Schwab		
		Church	Altar Servers	Diego Guerra Brayden Kirsch	Dominica Eckstrom Jenny Mulholland	Jade Ambriz Marelyn Grande	
Wed Dec 4	Morning Prayer Group 6:00 - 7:00 am Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 5:30 - 6:30 pm Hispanic Ministry Training 6:00-7:00 pm Faith Formation: 5th-11th Grades 7:00 - 8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:30-8:30 pm	Parish Meeting Room	Ministers are needed for our Christmas Masses. The signup sheet is located in the access area.				
Thurs Dec 5	Quilting Group 9:00 am - 12:00 noon SCRIP Sales 1:00-4:00 pm RCIA 6:00 - 9:00 pm Parish Council Prayer & Meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 6:30 - 7:30 pm Hispanic Choir Practice 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Church	 St. Theodore School News				
		Church Basement	We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends.				
		School, Gym, Marian Hall	Mark your calendars! We are having our Christmas Concert on Friday, December 13 th at 6:30pm. We would love for you to join us.				
		Church Basement	Jack Frost's Closet is still in need of winter clothing from children - adult sizes. Items needed are new socks, and gently used coats, hats, gloves, and boots. Donation boxes are located in the Parish & School Offices and Church. We would appreciate any donations you can give. If you have any questions, contact the School Office at 507-373-9657. We will be collecting until mid-December.				
			Check out the schools Weekly Newsletter on the St. Theodore website at www.sttheo.org for school updates and happenings.				
Fri Dec 6	Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Parish Office	Have a blessed weekend! St. Theodore Catholic School				
Sat Dec 7	Hispanic Prayer Group 9:00-11:00 am Annual Bake Sale 2:00 - 7:00 pm Eucharistic Minister Training 10:00-11:00 am	Parish Meeting Room	Faith Formation News				
Sun Dec 8	Annual Bake Sale 9:00 am Faith Formation: PreK-4th Grades 10:05-10:55 am Hispanic Apologetics Class 12-1:30 pm Aztec Dance Practice 12:00 - 1:30 pm Parish & First Communicants Sacrament of Reconciliation 3:30-4:30 pm	Church	Communal Reconciliation will be held December 8th at 3:00 pm. Please pray for all our First Reconciliation students as they participate in this beautiful sacrament for the first time. May they truly know and love this healing gift the Lord has given us through His sacrament of reconciliation.				
		Church Basement	No Christmas Pageant practice on December 8th so students and their families can attend communal reconciliation.				
		Church	God Bless St. Theodore Faith Formation				
		Church	Poinsettias for Christmas! Addie's Floral & Gifts will be filling orders for poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas. Contact Addie's Floral directly at 377-2081. Deadline to order is December 17th You may order memorials or in honor of plants for the following costs:				


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