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This Sunday's readings seem to indicate that the Christmas message is not contained within the infancy narratives and stories of the Holy Family, rather, they include all of us who strive to live as disciples of the Lord. All who testify to life in the Spirit received in baptism look to the prophetic figure of John the Baptist, pointing to the Lamb of God, and emulate his example. John echoes the message of Isaiah who, in today's first reading, recognizes God's call to serve his chosen people. In the second reading, Saint Paul greets the Corinthians, affirming the joy of those who serve the Lord. Today, our technical advances in mass communication allow us to better see the shadows of our world. As members of the Church, how are we called to be the light of Christ in the midst of those shadows? Keeping this question in mind, it is important for us to pray the today's Psalm refrain during this week: "Here am I, Lord; I've come to do your will" (Psalm 40:2).

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

PS 40:8A; 9A

Las lecturas de este domingo parecen indicar que el mensaje de Navidad no está contenido en las narraciones e historias de la infancia de la Sagrada Familia, sino que incluyen a todos los que nos esforzamos por vivir como discípulos del Señor. Todos los que testifican de la vida en el Espíritu recibido en el bautismo miran a la figura profética de Juan el Bautista, señalando al Cordero de Dios, y emulan su ejemplo. Juan se hace eco del mensaje de Isaías que, en la primera lectura de hoy, reconoce el llamado de Dios de servir a su pueblo escogido. En la segunda lectura, san Pablo saluda a los corintios, afirmando el gozo de los que sirven al Señor. Hoy en día, nuestros avances técnicos en la comunicación masiva nos permiten ver mejor las sombras de nuestro mundo. Como miembros de la Iglesia, ¿cómo estamos llamados a ser la luz de Cristo en medio de esas sombras? Teniendo presente esta pregunta, es importante que oremos el estribillo del Salmo de hoy durante esta semana: "Aquí estoy yo, Señor; He venido a hacer tu voluntad" (Salmos 40:2).

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

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From the Desk of Father Kurt

“Behold the Lamb of God, Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.”

In today's Gospel, we heard these words come from the mouth of John the Baptist, and then later on in the Mass we heard these words come from the mouth of the priest as he held up the host before communion. In both situations we are called upon to make an act of faith. When we hear these words we are invited to make an act of faith to allow Jesus to be our Savior. He waits for us to come to Him so that He can take away our sin and bring us the healing that we so desperately need. The invitation is open to everybody but not everyone will receive it.

In the book of Revelation, Jesus tells us that He stands at the door of our hearts, and that any one that would open the door for Him, he would come in and dine with them. It is important to point out that from what Jesus is telling us the knob to the door is only on our side, therefore we must be the ones to open the door to Him. As we receive that Eucharist this Sunday, let us welcome Christ in our hearts and allow Him to save us.

I also want to take a moment and thank all the man and woman in our community that have chosen to serve our community as police officers, fire fighters and other emergency personnel.

Love in Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

January 6 - January 12, 2020

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$7,803.17	\$820.00	\$575.00	\$50.00

2019 Catholic Ministry Appeal Results

Goal	\$60,180.00
Amount Paid	\$48,896.00
% of Goal Received	81.25%
Under Goal:	\$11,284.00
Number of Givers	157

As we have a short fall, we are still responsible to pay this amount. Donations to the 2019 CMA can still be given to help us meet this amount. If you can help, please make your check out to the **2019 CMA** and you can drop it in the collection (please be sure it is clearly marked), the parish office or mail it directly to the following:

2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal
PO Box 30098
Winona, MN 55987

Offering Envelopes



Parish Giving Envelopes

Please be sure to pick up your box of envelopes located in the lower church access. What doesn't get picked up by February 1st, will be kept in the parish office.

Mass Intentions, Schedule & Readings

Tues Jan 21	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass For Those in Attendance	Church Church
Wed Jan 22	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass †Mary Lou Borland by Ruth Spear	Church Church
Thurs	9:00 am	Mass †James Allen	
Fri Jan 24	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am- 6:30 pm	Rosary Mass †Betty Cashin by Ruth Spear Adoration Hispanic Holy Hour	Church Church Church
Sat Jan 25	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass † Mary Lou Borland	Church Church Church
Sun Jan 26	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass For All Parishioners Hispanic Mass † Santos Alfredo Davila Florez by family	Church Church Church

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 1/20	1 SM 15:16-23	MK 2:18-22
Tues: 1/21	1 SM 16:1-13	MK 2:23-28
Wed: 1/22	1 SM 17:32-33, 37, 40-51	MK 3:1-6
Thurs: 1/23	1 SM 18:6-9; 19:1-7	MK 3:7-12
Fri: 1/24	1 SM 24:3-21	MK 3:13-19
Sat 1/25	ACTS 22:3-16	MK 16:15-18
Sun: 1/26	IS 8:23—9:3 1 COR 1:10-13, 17	PS 27:1, 4, 13-14 MT 4:12-23 OR 4:12-17

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Jan 26	Sponsors Needed
Feb 2	For the Living & Deceased family members of Judy Popp-Anderson
Feb 9	Sponsors Needed
Feb 16	In memory of Troy Peterson by family



Community Connect: All are invited to Freeborn County's Community Connect event being held Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at First Lutheran Church. This event provides a free lunch and also available are haircuts, groceries and clothes. Attendees can learn of the many resources available to them and their families including childcare, housing, mental health and more.

<i>This Week's Activities & Reminders</i>			<i>Liturgical Ministers</i>			
Mon Jan 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO School Loaves & Fishes 5:00 - 6:30 pm Martin Luther King Jr. Program 5:30 - 6:30 pm Hispanic Bible Class 6:00 - 8:00 pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Marian Hall Riverland Community College Church Basement Church		Saturday Jan 25, 2020	Sunday Jan 26, 2020	
				5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
			Accompanist	AdaTheusch	AdaTheusch	Hispanic Choir
			Cantor	Stephanie Redman w / choir	Abbie Theusch ?	
			Lectors	Pat Hartmann	Dennis Dieser Nicole Eckstrom	
Altar Servers	Brayden & Brycin Kirsch	Jenny Mulholland Ericka Saindon	Jesus Boites Miguel Palma			
Tue Jan 21	School Staff Meeting 3:15 - 4:15 pm School Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm	School Room 15 Parish Meeting Room	 St. Theodore School News			
Wed Jan 22	Morning Prayer Group 6:00 - 7:00 am Bell Choir Practice 6:00 - 7:00 pm Faith Formation: 5th-11th Grades 7:00-8:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room Church Basement School, Gym, Marian Hall	It's that time again. Catholic United Raffle began January 17th. This fundraiser gives 100% of money collected directly to the school. This year's top prize is \$20,000 or a 2020 Buick Encore. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Watch for any students selling tickets after Mass. Raffle tickets will also be available in the School and Parish offices. This fundraiser ends on March 1 st , so get your raffle tickets while you can. We will be kicking off Catholic Schools Week with our students leading masses on January 25 th (5:15pm) and January 26 th (9:00am). Please join us to worship with our students celebrating our Catholic School. Check out the schools Weekly Newsletter on the St. Theodore website at www.sttheo.org for school updates and happenings.			
Thurs Jan 23	Pastors' Luncheon for Parish Success Group 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Parish Council Prayer & Meeting 6:00-7:30 pm Hispanic Choir Practice 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Marian Hall Church & Parish Meeting Room Church Basement	We will be kicking off Catholic Schools Week with our students leading masses on January 25 th (5:15pm) and January 26 th (9:00am). Please join us to worship with our students celebrating our Catholic School. Check out the schools Weekly Newsletter on the St. Theodore website at www.sttheo.org for school updates and happenings.			
Fri Jan 24	Red Cross Blood Drive 3:00 - 7:00 pm	Marian Hall	Faith Formation News			
Sat Jan 25	Spanish Prayer Group 9:30 - 11:30 am	Church Basement	Parish Community Service Project Below is a list of toiletry items still needed for the Salvation Army. toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand towels, washcloths, razors 2-1 shampoo, conditioner, body soap, brushes, combs			
Sun Jan 26	Faith Formation: PreK-4th Grades 10:05-10:55 am	Gym	Our Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors will be packaging up these items on Sunday, February 9 th 2020. Collection boxes are located in the parish & school offices and the church access. We would greatly appreciate your generous support! St. Theodore Faith Formation			

Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS)
PAS Myth: People can't afford pain management medications. Physician Assisted Suicide is a dignified out.
Truth: For people over 65, hospice care is covered by Medicare. The VA and Minnesota Medical Assistance, as well as most private insurers, also cover hospice care.
Catholic Compassion If people are struggling with the cost of health care or signing up for Medicare, please contact Catholic Charities or your county's social services. However, hospice care is covered by Medicare, and cost should not be a consideration. We never want to encourage assisted suicide as a substitute for decent health care – we want to fix the health care system where it is broken.



January 22nd is the day of prayer for the legal protection of human life & to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion.
respectlifeprogram.org/january-22



Nine Days For Life: The annual Respect Life novena is January 21 – 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more at www.9daysforlife.com!

PROMISE TO PROTECT







PLEDGE TO HEAL

VIRTUS Recertification Training: Please read the insert in this weekend's bulletin on how you can help St. Theodores provide a safe environment for all.

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