

St. Theodore



Albert Lea

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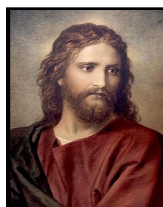
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“REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF  
HEAVEN IS AT HAND.”  
MT 4:17

**The thematic tension** between darkness and light surfaces again in today's readings. The first reading reiterates that God's people are called to be a light for all nations, and in the psalm, we sing that "the Lord is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27:1). The Gospel narrates a ministerial tension, for Jesus is ready to begin his ministry in Galilee, while John is in prison for his preaching. But Jesus is committed to preach and to heal, and his proclamation of the kingdom would become a new everlasting light, sealed by his death and resurrection. In today's second reading, Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to heal their divisions, which cannot exist between Christians. He exhorts them not to be divided by showing preference for certain pastors, and appeals to their unity in the Lord through their common baptism. The thematic tension in today's readings can prompt dialogue among ministers and volunteers in parishes. When has there been division in the history of the Church? Framing the question with crucial dates from different historical periods can help clarify this prompt. Are there ecclesial divisions in the parish today? How can we overcome these tensions and challenges?

**La tensión temática** entre la oscuridad y la luz vuelve a aparecer en las lecturas actuales. La primera lectura reitera que el pueblo de Dios está llamado a ser una luz para todas las naciones, y en el salmo, cantamos que "el Señor es mi luz y mi salvación" (Salmos 27:1). El Evangelio narra una tensión ministerial, porque Jesús está listo para comenzar su ministerio en Galilea, mientras Juan está en prisión por su predicación. Pero Jesús se compromete a predicar y sanar, y su anuncio del reino se convertiría en una nueva luz eterna, sellada por su muerte y resurrección. En la segunda lectura de hoy, san Pablo insta a los corintios a sanar sus divisiones, que no pueden existir entre los cristianos. Les exhorta a no ser divididos mostrando preferencia por ciertos pastores, y apela a su unidad en el Señor a través de su bautismo común. La tensión temática en las lecturas actuales puede impulsar el diálogo entre ministros y voluntarios en las parroquias. ¿Cuándo ha habido división en la historia de la Iglesia? Enmarcar la pregunta con fechas cruciales de diferentes periodos históricos puede ayudar a aclarar esta pronta. ¿Hay divisiones eclesiales en la parroquia hoy en día? ¿Cómo podemos superar estas tensiones y desafíos?

## 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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.

The words from Sacred Scripture make me think of the generous response from people of the United States and elsewhere in the world after devastating events and tragedies that strike. In the Gospel these words are attributed to Christ and to the goodness that will come into the world because of his presence.

Whether we realize it or not, our belief in Jesus Christ makes the world a better place and truly does bring light into dark places. Our belief in Him inspires us to embrace the human suffering of others and bring love into places where there is only hatred and discord. Remember the inspiring lives of Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King Jr. and many other modern day Christians that inspired the world to be a better place because of their example.

These people have taught us that by embracing the power of the cross of Christ we gain strength to embrace our own sufferings and the courage to try to alleviate the sufferings of others. Let us continue to give thanks to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, who is our light and let Him inspire us to continue to bring His light into the darkness of this world.

Love in Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

## Sacrificial Giving

January 13 - January 19, 2020

Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$9,409.51	\$621.29	\$98.00	\$40.00

## 2019 Catholic Ministry Appeal Results

Goal	\$60,180.00
Amount Paid	\$49,811.00
% of Goal Received	82.77%
Under Goal:	\$10,368.00

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

## Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Feb 9	Sponsors Needed
Feb 16	In memory of Troy Peterson by family
Feb 23	Sponsors Needed
Mar 1	In memory of Glen Sherburn by his family. Additional Sponsors Needed

## Mass Intentions, Schedule & Readings

Tues Jan 28	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Betty Cashin	Church
Wed Jan 29	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Mary Lou Borland by Ruth Spear	Church
Thurs	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> For Those in Attendance	Church
Fri Jan 31	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Betty Cashin by Ruth Spear	Church
	9:30 am- 6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Adoration</b> <b>Hispanic Holy Hour</b>	Church Church
Sat Feb 1	4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
	4:45 pm	Rosary	Church
	5:15 pm	<b>Mass</b> † Gar Peterson by Ruth Spear	Church
Sun Feb 2	8:30 am	Reconciliation & Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> For All Parishioners For the living & deceased family members of Judy Popp-Anderson	Church
	11:00 am	<b>Hispanic Mass</b> For Those in Attendance	Church

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 1/27	2 SM 5:1-7, 10	MK 3:22-30
Tues: 1/28	2 SM 6:12B-15, 17-19	MK 3:31-35
Wed: 1/29	2 SM 7:4-17	MK 4:1-20
Thurs: 1/30	2 SM 7:18-19, 24-29	MK 4:21-25
Fri: 1/31	2 SM 11:1-4A, 5-10A, 13-17	MK 4:26-34
Sat 2/1	2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17	MK 4:35-41
Sun: 2/2	MAL 3:1-4 HEB 2:14-18	PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10 LK 2:22-40

## Respect Life

January 2020 is **National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month**, as decreed by presidential proclamation. There are approximately 40.3 million people in forced labor, sexual exploitation, domestic servitude and forced marriage worldwide. About \$150 billion is made each year from forced labor, that's over \$4,750 a second. National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month culminates in the annual observation of **National Freedom Day** on February 1st. To learn more, see [www.hopeforjustice.org](http://www.hopeforjustice.org).



We pray for the family of Marilyn Remakel as they mourn the loss of their loved one. May the love, mercy and compassion of our Lord bring them peace and comfort during this time.

## This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Jan 27	<b>Catholic Schools Week</b> <b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 5:00 - 6:30 pm <b>Hispanic Bible Class</b> 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Marian Hall  Church Basement
Tue Jan 28	<b>School Staff Meeting</b> 3:15 - 4:15 pm <b>Music Selection Meeting</b> 6:00 - 8:00 pm <b>Parent/School Association Meeting</b> 6:00-7:00 pm	School Room 15  Parish Meeting Room  Marian Hall
Wed Jan 29	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6:00 - 7:00 am <b>Faith Formation: 5th-11th Grades</b> 7:00-8:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room  School, Gym, Marian Hall
Thurs Jan 30	<b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Church Basement
Fri Jan 31	<b>No Scheduled Activities</b>	
Sat Feb 1	<b>No Scheduled Activities</b>	
Sun Feb 2	<b>KC Auxiliary Coffee and Rolls</b> 10:00 am - 11:00 am <b>Faith Formation: PreK-4th Grades</b> 10:05-10:55 am	Marian Hall  Gym




The Carmelites of St. Joseph at Annunciation Hermitage will be hosting a Lenten Day of Prayer on Friday, February 28, 2020 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Mass & lunch are included. A free will offering will be accepted. The Hermitage is located at 1009 Oakland Ave East, Austin, MN. Please call (507) 437-4015 to register by February 21, 2020.

**Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS)**  
**PAS Myth:** People want to die with dignity before they lose who they are.  
**Truth:** Dying with dignity means honoring that people never cease being wholly themselves, regardless of declining abilities.  
**Catholic compassion:** Men and women are beloved sons and daughters of the Father, and that does not change with disability or illness. The language about "losing who they are" suggests that being human is measured by our abilities, and when we lose them, we lose the self. Losing abilities is hard and calls for friendship and compassion. But the human being created in God's image never loses that identity. To die with dignity is live until God says it is time to go, supported by your brothers and sisters in Christ.



**Home Visits:** Father would love to visit and get to know our homebound parishioners. If you or someone you know would like Father to come for a visit, please contact the parish office to set up a time at 373-0603.

## Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday Feb 1, 2020	Sunday Feb 2, 2020	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	AdaTheusch	Hispanic Choir
Cantor	Carrie Boyer w / choir	Mollie Schwartz	
Lectors	Lois Ahern	Kelly Goskeson Steve Schwab	
Altar Servers	Jenna & Kyle Steffl	Danny & Timothy Chalmers	Francisco Lopez Anthony Cernio

### St. Theodore School News

Catholic United Raffle goes until March 1<sup>st</sup>. This fundraiser gives 100% of the 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. Get your raffle tickets while you can.

Check out the schools Weekly Newsletter on the St. Theodore website at [www.sttheo.org](http://www.sttheo.org) for school updates and happenings.

Have a blessed weekend!  
**St. Theodore Catholic School**

## Faith Formation News

### 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

Our Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors will be packaging up these items on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2020. Collection boxes are located in the parish & school offices and the church access.



Our Faith Formation Students will be having an extra collection at each Mass Super Bowl weekend. The money collected will come back to the Loaves and Fishes Program right here at St. Theodore.. Please give generously.

**"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."**

We continue to rely on and appreciate your generous support!  
**St. Theodore Faith Formation**

## Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help



St. Theodores will be sponsoring an over-night pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin, May 11 & 12, 2020. Information and registration material will be available next week on our parish website and in next weekend's bulletin. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

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