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## Our first honest look

into our hearts before the Lord leads us to recognize the disorder in our daily lives, in which we are frequently inclined to sin. In the second reading, Saint Paul makes reference to the first Adam, narrated in the book of Genesis. Through him, sin came into the world; yet, Paul also points out another man, Jesus Christ, through whom the gift of God has been manifested as the fullness of redemption. In the Gospel text depicting the temptations of Jesus in the desert, we see our own lives in the "enemy" who tempts us to accumulate power and influence, while keeping us away from the opportunity to love and to serve our neighbor. What are we to choose? Here in lies our challenge during this season of Lent! God has made us free to overcome temptations and provides us with the strength of the Holy Spirit to grow in our love of others.



## Nuestra primera mirada honesta

en nuestro corazón ante el Señor nos lleva a reconocer el trastorno en nuestra vida diaria, en el cual con frecuencia nos inclinamos al pecado. En la segunda lectura, San Pablo hace referencia al primer Adán, narrado en el libro del Génesis. A través de él, el pecado vino al mundo; sin embargo, Pablo también señala a otro hombre, Jesucristo, a través del cual el don de Dios se ha manifestado como la plenitud de la redención. En el texto evangélico que representa las tentaciones de Jesús en el desierto, vemos nuestra propia vida en el "enemigo" que nos tienta a acumular poder e influencia, al tiempo que nos aleja de la oportunidad de amar y servir al prójimo. ¿Qué vamos a elegir? ¡Aquí radica nuestro desafío durante esta temporada de Cuaresma! Dios nos ha hecho libres para vencer las tentaciones y nos proporciona la fuerza del Espíritu Santo para crecer en nuestro amor por los demás.

## A Prayer For The Beginning of Lent

Lord, at the beginning of this Lenten season, I sense my need of you. Yet, I am not quite sure how to reach you. I heard someone say, "Read your Bible", but too often the words are like bullets that ricochet off my brain.

I heard someone say, "Pray", but my prayers, hurled heavenward, fall back to earth like lifeless stones.

I heard someone say, "Meditate", but my wandering mind is lost in a desert of random thoughts.

Lord, speak to me through your word and let it penetrate my mind and my heart. Lord, speak to me through prayer and turn the lifeless stones to bread. Lord, speak to me in my meditation that I may see amid life's wilderness, The way, The truth, and The life.

-Robin E. Van Cleef

## 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

Every year Catholics confuse their non-catholic brothers and sisters with their particular observance of Lent. Why does Johnny have ashes on his forehead? What is with this fish on Friday stuff? Why can't Mary have that ice cream sundae I know she craves? The reason Catholics fast a little during Lent is to help them focus on the love of God and charity towards their neighbor. By embracing the three disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting, and works of charity, Catholics are able to refocus their life and once again embrace their call to live in the footsteps of Jesus. Although, often times we think of Lent as a time of fasting from what we enjoy, it is more important for us to fast from sin and negativity. Lent can also be a time for feasting on what is good and holy in life.

We should fast from judging others; and feast on Christ dwelling in us.  
 Fast from emphasis on difference; Feast on the unity of all life.  
 Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of the light.  
 Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.  
 Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.  
 Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.  
 Fast from anger; Feast on patience.  
 Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.  
 Fast from worry; Feast on God's providence.  
 Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.  
 Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.  
 Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.  
 Fast from hostility; Feast on nonresistance.  
 Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.  
 Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.  
 Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.  
 Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.  
 Fast from facts that depress; Feast on truths that uplift.  
 Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.  
 Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.  
 Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.  
 Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.  
 Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.  
 Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that sustains.  
 (Author unknown)

Love in Christ  
 Father Kurt Farrell

## Sacrificial Giving

February 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$8,009.51	\$928.67	\$0.00	\$10.00

## 2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	Amount Received	% Goal Received
\$61,725.00	\$8,880.00	14.06%

## Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Mar 15	† for the deceased members of the Peterson, Klocek, & Kalis families
Mar 22	† Jeanne Johnson by Lloyd Johnson & family.
Mar 29	Sponsors Needed

## Mass Intentions & Schedule

Date	Time	Intention	Location
Tues Mar 3	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Donna Turner by Ruth Spear	Church
Wed Mar 4	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Roger Bok by Gerry Gilbertson	Church
Thurs Mar 5	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † For All Parishioners	Church
	2:00 pm	Distribution of Eucharist	St John's
Fri Mar 6	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Joan Paczkowski by Gerry Gilbertson	Church
	9:30-10:00 am	<b>First Friday Confession</b>	Church
	9:30 am-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	<b>Adoration</b> <b>Hispanic Holy Hour</b>	Church Church
Sat Mar 7	8:30 am	<b>Charismatic Mass</b>	Church
	4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
	4:45 pm	Rosary	Church
	5:15 pm	<b>Mass</b> † Darlene Pyzick by Sylvia Dziura	Church
Sun Mar 8	8:30 am	Reconciliation & Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Ryan Moore by Mike & Suzanne Moore & For All Parishioners	Church
	11:00 am	<b>Hispanic Mass</b> † Santos Alfredo Davila Florez by family	Church

## 2020 Stations of the Cross

Wed, Mar 4	6:30 PM	Stations with Fr. Kurt	Church
Fri, Mar 6	1:15 PM	School Children Stations	Church
Fri, Mar 6	6:30 PM	Hispanic Stations & Rosary	Church

## Adoration Opportunities During Lent


Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM - 8:30 PM in Chapel  
 Friday Adoration: 9:30 -6:30 PM in Church  
 Friday Hispanic Holy Hour In Church  
 6:30-8:00 PM



## Daily Scripture Readings

<b>Mon: 3/2</b>	LV 19:1-2, 11-18	MT 25:31-46
<b>Tues: 3/3</b>	IS 55:10-11	MT 6:7-15
<b>Wed: 3/4</b>	JON 3:1-10	LK 11:29-32
<b>Thurs: 3/5</b>	EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25	MT 7:7-12
<b>Fri: 3/6</b>	EZ 18:21-28	MT 5:20-26
<b>Sat 3/7</b>	DT 26:16-19	MT 5:43-48
<b>Sun: 3/8</b>	GN 12:1-4A 2 TM 1:8B-10	PS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 MT 17:1-9

## This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Mar 2	<p><b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 5:00 - 6:30 pm</p> <p><b>Hispanic Bible Class</b> 6:00 - 7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group</b> 6:00 - 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Marian Hall</p> <p>Church Basement</p> <p>Church</p>
Tue Mar 3	<p><b>School Staff Meeting</b> 3:15 - 4:15 pm</p>	School Room 15
Wed Mar 4	<p><b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6:00 - 7:00 am</p> <p><b>Hispanic Ministry Training</b> 6:00-7:30 pm</p> <p><b>Faith Formation: 5th-11th Grades</b> 7:00-8:00 pm</p>	<p>Parish Meeting Room</p> <p>Church Basement</p> <p>School, Gym, Marian Hall</p>
Thurs Mar 5	<p><b>Quilting Group</b> 9:00 am - 12:00 noon</p> <p><b>RCIA Meeting</b> 6:00 - 8:00 pm</p> <p><b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 7:00 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>Church Basement</p> <p>Parish Meeting Room</p> <p>Church Basement</p>
Fri Mar 6	<p><b>P.A.K.E.T. Day</b> 12:00 - 1:00 pm</p>	Marian Hall
Sat Mar 7	<p><b>Diocesan Unbound Development Day</b> 8:30am-12:00pm</p>	Marian Hall
Sun Mar 8	 <p><b>Daylight Savings Starts</b></p> <p><b>Lenten Prayer Group</b> 10-11:00 am</p> <p><b>NO Faith Formation: PreK-4th Grades</b></p> <p><b>Hispanic Apologetics Class</b> 12:00 - 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Marian Hall</p> <p>Church Basement</p>

## Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday Mar 6, 2020	Sunday Mar 8, 2020	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	Mike Szymanski	Mike Szymanski	Hispanic Choir
Cantor	Needed	Needed	
Lectors	Deb Schatz	Dennis Dieser Melissa Wentzel	
Altar Servers	Diego Guerra Mario Guerra	Tanner Conn Dakota Jahnke	To be determined

### St. Theodore School News

Thank you to everyone that came to check out our school! If you were not able to make it to our **Open House**, feel free to contact the school for any information. We can be reached at 507-373-9657 or email the school secretary at [kgarcia@sttheoschool.org](mailto:kgarcia@sttheoschool.org). Remember we offer tuition assistance if you have any concerns about the cost of tuition.

Thank you to anyone that purchased a **Catholic United Raffle** ticket. This fundraiser gives 100% of money collected directly to the school. This is the last weekend to get your raffle tickets, so watch for any students selling tickets after Mass. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Ticket sales end Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

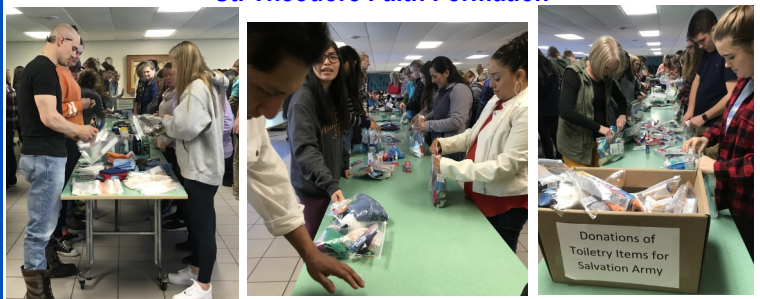
Have a blessed weekend!

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### Faith Formation News

These pictures are of our Confirmation students and their sponsors packing up items for the Salvation Army. Thank you to all who supported our efforts with help and donations!

#### St. Theodore Faith Formation



### Two \$500 KC Scholarships Available

Eligibility: All HS Seniors or older with an active KC family member. Scholarship must be used for an accredited post-HS education.

#### To Sign Up

1. Pick up the application at the parish office
2. Label it for the KC Scholarship & turn into the parish office.
3. Deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Funds will be awarded after the recipient successfully completes the 1<sup>st</sup> semester or quarter of school.

**Also Available:** The State KC has a Student Loan Program with very reasonable rates.

**To discover more reasons for joining the KC's, contact a local Knight!**

### Presentation on Saint Oscar Romero

by Marta Portillo

A presentation on the life of Bishop Oscar Romero who was martyred during the civil war in El Salvador will be held on Sunday, March 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Church of St. Joseph in Owatonna.

**Contact the St. Joseph office at 507-451-4845 or [parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjosephowatonna.org) or contact Tom Parlin at**



"Just before "Brianna's" scheduled C-section, physician Brent Boles asked her if she'd allow a photo to be taken once the baby was born. He wouldn't share any identifying information with the world, he said. Just the photo. A photo to celebrate human life. A photo to explain just why he provides the ever-growing **Abortion Pill Reversal** regimen to women looking to undo their chemical abortions. Brianna happily agreed, and a little bit later, a gripping photo of a newborn baby, crying under the blaze of operating room lights, was captured. Sometime it works and sometimes it doesn't, but it is worth the effort." For information, see [www.abortionpillreversal.com](http://www.abortionpillreversal.com).

**Transportation Providers:** If you are willing to be on a list of individuals that can be called to help someone get to church, please call the parish office at 507-373-0603 and let us know!

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