



St. Theodore Catholic Church

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Today, the readings introduce us to the first symbol of Christian initiation: water. In the reading from Exodus, the people, freed from slavery and on their journey to freedom, protest against Moses because they are thirsty. The Gospel invites us to listen carefully to the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. They meet in front of a well that will not fully satisfy anybody's thirst. As the narrative ensues, Jesus promises to satisfy the woman's thirst, and all who are thirsty, by offering her living water. The Samaritan woman, accustomed to drinking at the earthly well, has lived a life trapped in a dark past.

Jesus frees the woman from her past by offering her water of eternal life. For catechumens, these readings become a great source of reflection, as they will soon be baptized in the waters of new life, baptism. For the assembly who participates in the first scrutiny of the elect today, these texts can help them renew their vocation as disciples of the Lord and servants of the Church.



Hoy, las lecturas nos introducen en el primer símbolo de la iniciación cristiana: el agua. En la lectura del éxodo, el pueblo, liberado de la esclavitud y en su camino a la libertad, protesta contra Moisés porque tiene sed. El Evangelio nos invita a escuchar atentamente el diálogo entre Jesús y la mujer samaritana. Se encuentran frente a un pozo que no satisfará plenamente la sed de nadie. A medida que se narra, Jesús promete satisfacer la sed de la mujer, y todos los que tienen sed, ofreciendo su agua viva. La mujer samaritana, acostumbrada a beber en el pozo terrenal, ha vivido una vida atrapada en un pasado oscuro. Jesús libera a la mujer de su pasado ofreciendo su agua de vida eterna. Para los catecúmenos, estas lecturas se convierten en una gran fuente de reflexión, ya que pronto serán bañadas en las aguas de la nueva vida, el bautismo. Para la asamblea que participa en el primer escrutinio de los elegidos hoy, estos textos pueden ayudarles a renovar su vocación como discípulos del Señor y siervos de la Iglesia.

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

In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus addresses the hunger in each of us to be loved. All of us have an unrelenting desire to be needed and accepted for who we are by others. However, none of us feels accepted and needed all the time, and many of us feel a need to cover up the things we do wrong or don't like about ourselves in order to be loved.

The woman in the Gospel, finds in Jesus the unconditional love and acceptance she has been thirsting for all her life. Her being a Samaritan makes her unacceptable by the Jews and some bad choices have led to her being shunned by her own people, but in Jesus she finds forgiveness and mercy.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we too can find the same love and forgiveness from Jesus that the Woman from Samaria felt. We too can confess our sins, change our lives, and with the help of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the forgiveness of Jesus. Hopefully everyone will have an opportunity to experience this wonderful sacrament this year.

Love in Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

March 7th & 8th, 2020

Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$6,937.00	\$776.31	\$618.00	\$35.00

2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	Amount Received	% Goal Received
\$61,725.00	\$14,435.00	23.39%

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Mar 29	† Betty Cashin by Friends & the Cashin Family, For the special intention of Thomas Newell <i>Additional Sponsors Needed</i>
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Apr 19	<i>Sponsors Needed</i>

St. Theodore Quilting Group Annual Quilt Raffle

This year's quilt is Queen Size

Raffle Ticket Cost: 1 ticket - \$1.00 6 tickets - \$5.00

Tickets will be available at the St. Theodore Fish Fries
March 20 and April 3 5:00 - 7:00 pm in Marian Hall

All proceeds go to St. Theodore's School

Mass Intentions & Schedule

Tues Mar 17	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass For all Parishioners	Church Church
Wed Mar 18	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass For all Parishioners	Church Church
Thurs Mar 19	2:00 pm	Mass † Adeline James	Thorne Crest
Fri Mar 20	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am-6:30 pm 6:30-8:00 pm	Rosary Mass † Tony & Francis Bok by Gerry Gilbertson Adoration Hispanic Holy Hour	Church Church Church Church
Sat Mar 21	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass † John Steffen by parents	Church Church Church
Sun Mar 22	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass † Jeanne Johnson by Lloyd Johnson & family For All Parishioners Hispanic Mass In reparation for our sins	Church Church Church

2020 Stations of the Cross

Wed, Mar 18	6:30 PM	Stations with Fr. Kurt	Church
Fri, Mar 20	1:15 PM	Stations with School Children	Church
Fri, Mar 20	6:30 PM	Hispanic Stations & Rosary	Church

Lenten Adoration

Monday - Thursday ♦ 9:30 am - 8:30 pm
Friday ♦ 9:30 am - 6:30 pm

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 3/16	2 KGS 5:1-15AB	LK 4:24-30
Tues: 3/17	DN 3:25, 34-43	MT 18:21-35
Wed: 3/18	DT 4:1, 5-9	MT 5:17-19
Thurs: 3/19	2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16	PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29
	ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22	MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A
Fri: 3/20	HOS 14:2-10	JN 4:5-42
Sat 3/21	HOS 6:1-6	LK 18:9-14
Sun: 3/22	1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A	PS 23: 1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6.
	EPH 5:8-14	JN 9:1-41

Easter Flowers: Addie's Floral & Gifts is taking orders for those who want to donate flowers for Easter.

Cyclamen ♦ Mums ♦ Kalanchoe - \$15 ♦ Lilies - \$12

Please stop in or contact Addie's Floral & Gifts at
507-377-2081 to submit your order on or before April 6th, 2020.


Thank You!



This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Mar 16	Loaves & Fishes 5:00 - 6:30 pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 5:30 - 6:30 pm Hispanic Bible Class 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Marian Hall Church Church Basement
Tue Mar 17	School Board Meeting 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room
Wed Mar 18	Morning Prayer Group 6:00 - 7:00 am Faith Formation: 5th-11th Grades 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room School, Gym, Marian Hall
Thurs Mar 19	Quilting Group 9:00 am - 12:00 noon RCIA Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 pm KC Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 - 8:00 pm Hispanic Choir Practice 7:00 - 8:00 pm	Church Basement Parish Meeting Room Marian Hall Church Basement
Fri Mar 20	Fish Fry 5:00 - 7:00 pm	Marian Hall
Sat Mar 21	Hispanic Prayer Group 9:00 - 11:00 am	Church Basement
Sun Mar 22	Lenten Prayer Group 10:00 - 11:00 am Faith Formation: PreK-4th Grades 10:05 - 10:55 am Shadow Drama Practice (11th Grade) 5:00 - 6:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room School Church

Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday Mar 21, 2020	Sunday Mar 22, 2020	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch	Hispanic Choir
Cantor	Jodi Blong w/choir	Carrie Boyer	
Lectors	Robert Steffl	Catherine Buboltz Sue Amundson	
Altar Servers	Jenna & Kyle Steffl	Jenny Mulholland Ericka Saindon	Alan Teran Anthony Cernio

St. Theodore School News

Please join us on Friday's at 1:15pm for **Stations of the Cross** presented by our students. The students will also be presenting on March 20th, 27th and April 3rd.

Registration is now open for St. Theodore School. Please contact us if you would like any information. We offer tuition assistance for those who need it.

Check out the schools Weekly Newsletter on the St. Theodore website at www.sttheo.org for school updates and happenings.

St. Theodore Catholic School

God's mercy never ends.

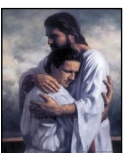


The Light is On Southern Minnesota

The Light is On is our diocese's initiative to reach out to those with anxiety about confession and encouraging them God's mercy is there, waiting, and will transform their life. If you would like to receive inspirational emails about the mercy of God this holy season, please visit www.thelightisonSouthernMN.org. Please consider looking at the resources yourself and sharing this website widely: read local witness stories, how-to tips, and encouragement. The Light is On weekend is March 20-22.

Men's Conference

The fifth annual Man of God Men's Conference will take place at Resurrection Parish in Rochester on Saturday, April 25, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Bishop Quinn would like to invite all men to attend this faith-filled event. Men can expect dynamic talks, great food, and opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Penance, participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and spend time with Jesus Christ in Eucharistic Adoration. This year's keynote speaker is Doug Barry, host of EWTN's show, Battle Ready. Please register at www.dowr.org.



Fish Fry

March 20th & April 3rd

5:00-7:00 PM • Marian Hall

Adults \$10 • Kids (ages 12-4) \$6 • Kids 3 & under Free

Menu: Fish, potato: mashed or baked potato, coleslaw, roll, ice cream, coffee, milk & water

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help



There is still space available to attend St. Theodore's over-night pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI, May 11 & 12, 2020. Registration deadline is April 11, 2020. Information and registration material is available in the church access area, parish office or on our parish website: sttheo.org.

Respect Life – Join us, along with Mary American Life League, for the **Marian Blue Wave** this past October. Its goal is to end abortion, with the help of our Blessed Mother and her Son. It is a call to Catholics across America to pray a weekly Rosary with the specific intentions of ending all clinical, chemical, medical, and surgical abortions and shutting down every Planned Parenthood facility in the United States. It all began when Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas tweeted that “what this country needs is a Marian Blue Wave.” Please consider joining this prayer movement! For information, see www.marianbluewave.com and <https://www.all.org/marian-blue-wave-aims-for-5000/>.



Chrism Mass

Monday, April 6th, 2020
7:00 PM

Sacred Heart Parish, Owatonna, MN



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