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Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!

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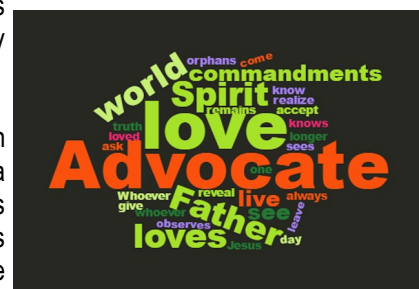
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The early Christians never felt abandoned by Christ, the Lord. The Church has always been and is the presence of Christ in the world and her members have become the voice, hands, feet and heart of the one who surrendered his life to rescue us from the darkness of death to lead us into the light of eternity. This theme resounds in today's readings, especially in the Gospel. In Christ, we discover the way that leads us to the Holy Spirit, the comforter, who showers us with the strength we need and the truth to set us free, liberating those who suffer from evil. Once again, in the second reading, Saint Peter offers us a clear exhortation about the lifestyle that must characterize a life of faith, always rooted in charity and service, full of hope that never fades. As the Easter season is soon to end, we must ask ourselves if we have entered more deeply into the Paschal Mystery this year, or showed others the love of Christ through lives of service. To conclude this mystogical season, our communities should hold a retreat in which the neophytes, or newly baptized members of the community, may also participate.

Los primeros cristianos nunca se sintieron abandonados por Cristo, el Señor. La Iglesia siempre ha sido y es la presencia de Cristo en el mundo y sus miembros se han convertido en la voz, las manos, los pies y el corazón de quien entregó su vida para rescatarnos de las tinieblas de la muerte para conducirnos a la luz de la eternidad. Este tema resuena en las lecturas de hoy, especialmente en el Evangelio. En Cristo, descubrimos el camino que nos lleva al Espíritu Santo, el consolador, que nos llena de la fuerza que necesitamos y la verdad para liberarnos, liberando a los que sufren del mal. Una vez más, en la segunda lectura, San Pedro nos ofrece una clara exhortación sobre el estilo de vida que debe caracterizar una vida de fe, siempre arraigada en la caridad y el servicio, llena de esperanza que nunca se desvanece. Como el tiempo pascual está a fin, debemos preguntarnos si hemos entrado más profundamente en el misterio pascual este año, o hemos mostrado a los demás el amor de Cristo a través de la vida de servicio. Para concluir esta temporada mistogógica, nuestras comunidades deben celebrar un retiro en el que los neófitos, o miembros recién bautizados de la comunidad, también pueden participar.



RADIO & TV MASSES

Sunday: 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)
9:30 am (Español)
Also posted on our parish website and Facebook page!

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Prayer Chapel open all hours
(with restrictions)

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:00 am-4:00 pm
Friday.....Closed
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.

Office staff is closed to the public.
Please call by phone or email and staff will respond when appropriate.

PRAYER CHAIN

Deanna Ille
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From the Desk of Father Kurt

In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus tells his disciples that he will soon leave them. He tells them that his leaving them is actually a good thing, because it means that they soon will be receiving the gift of His Spirit, which will remain in them, leading them and guiding them in their mission to bring about the kingdom of God.

This past week I have been reflecting upon all the loss of life from the Coronavirus that families have been experiencing. When someone you love leaves you, whether it be through reassignment, in death or otherwise, there is always the pain of loss. However, it is in this feeling of loss that we can experience great peace, if we embrace the truth that Jesus speaks in the Gospel. If we believe in the promise of eternal life, we know in our hearts that true love can never die but will one day reunite those that have been separated. The love that we have for our deceased loved ones is real. I believe firmly that this love is forever and will reunite us some day with them. May the peace of Christ always remain in your hearts.

Love in Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

Mass Intentions & Schedule

Daily Mass is available for public celebration. Those wanting to attend need to call the parish office as space is limited. Weekend Masses are still suspended.

Tues, May 19	For All Parishioners
Wed, May 20	† Betty Cashin by Don Cashin Family & Friends
Thurs, May 21	For All Parishioners
Fri, May 22	For All Parishioners
Sat, May 23	† MaryAnn Wilder by family
Sun, May 24	<p>9:00 am -English Radio Mass † Betty Cashin by Don Cashin Family For the special intentions of Judy Jaquette Anonymous Donor Intention and For All Parishioners</p> <p>9:30 am - Hispanic Radio Mass For the Poor Souls in Purgatory</p>

2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal (5/8/2020)

Goal	Amount Received	% Goal Received
\$61,725.00	\$22,360.00	36.23%

Sacrificial Giving

April 27-May 10.2020

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$13,712.33	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$29.00

Daily Mass Being Celebrated
 Due to restrictions, space is limited so you need to **call the parish office to be added to the list of attendees.** 507-373-0603
 See insert for more details.

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
May 31	Sponsors Needed
June 7	† Lucy Luna by Ray Luna & Mary Larson Additional Sponsors Needed
June 14	Sponsors Needed
June 21	† Orren Olson from his loving family
June 28	Sponsors Needed

Welcome

- On May 9, 2020 we welcomed Briseyda Feria Barrios, daughter of Antolin Feria Silva and Ana Barrios Cruz into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism.
- We celebrate the blessing of her beautiful eternal soul and may we help her grow to be the Saint the Lord has called her to become.



Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 5/18	ACTS 16:11-15	JN 15:26—16:4A
Tues: 5/19	ACTS 16:22-34	JN 16:5-11
Wed: 5/20	ACTS 17:15, 22—18:1	JN 16:12-15
Thurs: 5/21	ACTS 1:1-11	PS 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9
	EPH 1:17-23	MT 18: 16-20
Fri: 5/22	ACTS 18:9-18	JN 16:20-23
Sat: 5/23	ACTS 18:23-28	JN 16:23B-28
Sun: 5/24	ACTS 1:1-11	PS 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9
	EPH 1:17-23	MT 18: 16-20

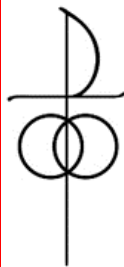
Parish Office

The parish secretary is physically back in the office but the office remains closed to the public. Please contact the office during the following hours by phone or email and staff will respond when appropriate:
 8:00 am - 4:00 PM Monday - Thursday
 Closed Friday
 507-373-0603 ♦ office@sttheo.org

Congratulations

We congratulate the following couples who privately celebrated their entrance into a Catholic marriage. May their sacred unions always keep Christ at the center of their relationship for the rest of their lives.

We congratulate...
 David Ambriz Becerra & Sonia Parr Lesdesma (4/17/2020)
 Delfino Ambriz Becerra & Dennis Yopez (4/24/2020)



We pray for the family of Steven Runkel, younger brother of John McGaughy who passed away due to the Coronavirus. We also pray for Darrel Johndro, father of Jodi Blong. May the love, mercy and compassion of our Lord bring them peace and comfort during this difficult time.



This Week's Activities & Reminders

All parish activities have been suspended until further notice.

Church Schedule

Open for Private Prayer.....Friday, 10am-4pm
Confessions.....Friday, 4:00-5:00pm
CLOSED.....Saturday-Monday

Please follow CDC regulations of the maximum number individuals gathering.

Please keep social distance of 6 feet apart!

These restrictions must be strictly followed to prevent violations causing fines from the CDC!

Prayer Chapel is Open 24 hours a Day!

Max 1 individual per time

Or

3 Immediate Family Members Only

Please limit your time to 30 minutes

Weekend TV Mass

- ◆ Parish website: sttheo.org Weekends anytime
- ◆ KATE Radio 1450 AM: Sunday, 9:00 am
- ◆ KIMT Channel 3: Rochester Sunday 7:30 am
- ◆ KEYC Channel 12: Mankato Sunday 7:30 am

The TV Mass can also be watched online anytime at www.dowr.org.

It has recently come to our attention that the Channels provided by the Diocese may not be available to those who live in the Albert Lea area. Below are Charter Channels that work in our area

Charter Communication Channels in Albert Lea

- WGN Chicago, channel 15 7:00 a.m.
- CW-Rochester, channel 7 9:00 a.m.
- KIMT Mason City, channel 3 7:30 a.m.
- KEYC Mankato, channel 5 7:30 a.m.

If you have other channels with different providers other than Charter, please let us know so we can share this information with others who are struggling to find a TV Mass.

Diocesan Pentecost Virtual Seminar Living and Growing in the Holy Spirit

May 30th, 8:30 am-Noon & May 31st, 3-5pm

Follow up meeting: June 7th, 3-4:30 pm

All are welcome to this online adaptation of a "Life in the Spirit" seminar that will awaken the hearts of all those that participate to God's love and transforming power. The seminar uses material from the popular series, *The Wild Goose*, along with praise, prayer and witness talks.

For more information or to register, please contact: Dcn. John Hust (nhust@aol.com) or Scott Schwalbe (scottschwlb@yahoo.com) or (cell: 507-208-0877)

Register via email or phone.

Information about the seminar, along with the details on how to attend this **free** virtual seminar will be sent out a week before to all that are registered.



OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, JESUS APPEARED TO HIS DISCIPLES AND MANY OTHER WITNESSES. THEN HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN.

Where??
Where??
I can't see him!!

ASCENSION DEFICIT DISORDER

St. Theodore School News

We are on the last leg of our Distance Learning. Only four school days remain. We can do this!

All are invited to come help us celebrate the success of our 5th graders. We are planning a "Celebration Drive By Parade" in our parking lot on Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00pm. If you want to join in the fun and celebration, please meet at Central Park at 5:45 pm. We will drive down Fountain St., pull into the lower lot and exit out onto Clark St. The students will be in the parking stalls by the driver's side of your vehicle. They will be spaced apart to provide social distancing.

We are still accepting registration for St. Theodore's 2020-2021 School year. We have registration forms available on our website at www.sttheo.org. Please contact us if you would like any information. We offer tuition assistance, contact us for details.

St. Theodore School Weekly Newsletter is on the St. Theodore website at www.sttheo.org.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

Have a blessed weekend!
St. Theodore Catholic School

Faith Formation News

First Communion Families

We pray you are doing well. As of now, the latest update regarding First Communion is we still cannot set a date for this Sacrament. As soon as we are given the ok, we will be in contact with each of you. We pray that our Lord will continue to give you the strength you need to do the work He has give you today.

God Bless
Kristy Minear
St. Theodore Faith Formation

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Returning to St. Theodore's

With the Governor's recent statement allowing the stay at home order to expire and modifying some of the restrictions, St. Theodore is responding with Phase One.

PHASE ONE	
May 19, 2020	The main church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. With the restrictions of maintaining social distancing and no more than 10 gathered.
May 19, 2020	Daily Mass will resume for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9:00 am to those who sign up . With the restrictions of maintaining social distancing and no more than 10 gathered, those wanting to attend daily Mass will need to contact the parish office to sign up. 507-373-0603
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Any individual who is sick in any way please stay at home. Individuals in one of the more vulnerable groups of persons at a higher risk of contracting the COVID-19 including those over 65 are also encouraged to continue to shelter at home. <p>DAILY MASS GUIDELINES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Individuals that want to attend Daily Mass are encouraged to limit their attendance to one day a week to allow others to attend on different days. Individuals can ask to be put on a rotating waiting list in the event that a day doesn't fill. ◆ The chapel entrance will be the only open entrance. ◆ Bathrooms will not be available. ◆ Attendees will utilize chairs provided and spaced to meet social distancing requirements. Pews and kneelers will not be used. Family households may move chairs to sit together. (Children are counted as an individual even if they don't sit in a chair) ◆ When entering, individuals must fill chairs furthest from the entrance to ensure that individuals do not cross into another's space. ◆ Father will go to each individual during the distribution of Holy Communion. Individuals will stay at their seats. ◆ Holy Communion will be distributed under the sacred species of the Consecrated Host only and is to be received in the hand only. ◆ The exchange of the Sign of Peace remains suspended. ◆ All attending are encouraged to wear masks and use hand sanitizer. ◆ All United in Christ, Breaking Bread, and Flor y Conto hymnals are removed to avoid contamination. Individuals may have a United in Christ for their own personal use to take home. This book is yours to use permanently.
May 22, 2020	Friday Adoration will resume from 9:30 am - 6:30 pm with the restrictions of maintaining social distance and fewer than 10 gathered. Sign up will be in the Chapel Entrance area. Holy Hour and other prayer groups are suspended at this time.
May 23, 2020	Weekend Masses are still prohibited. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The dispensation from the obligation to attend and participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in effect until further notice. St. Theodore will continue to provide the opportunity to listen to Mass on KATE radio.

Regresando a St. Theodore's

Con la reciente declaración del Gobernador permitiendo que la orden de quedarse en casa expire y modificando algunas de las restricciones, St. Theodore está respondiendo con la Fase Uno.

Fase Uno

May 19, 2020	La iglesia principal estará abierta para la oración privada de martes a viernes de 10:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. Con las restricciones de mantener el distanciamiento social y no más de 10 reunidos.
May 19, 2020	La misa diaria se reanuda los martes, miércoles, jueves y viernes a las 9:00 a.m. para quienes se inscriban. Con las restricciones de mantener el distanciamiento social y no más de 10 reunidos, aquellos que quieran asistir a la misa diaria deberán comunicarse con la oficina de la parroquia para inscribirse.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Cualquier persona que esté enferma de alguna manera, quédese en casa. También se alienta a las personas en uno de los grupos de personas más vulnerables con mayor riesgo de contraer el COVID-19, incluidas las personas mayores de 65 años, a continuar refugiándose en sus hogares. <p>DURING DAILY MASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Se alienta a las personas que desean asistir a Misa diaria a limitar su asistencia a un día a la semana para permitir que otros asistan en días diferentes. Las personas pueden solicitar que se les incluya en una lista de espera rotativa en caso de que un día no se complete.◆ La entrada de la capilla será la única entrada abierta.◆ Los baños no estarán disponibles para su uso.◆ Los asistentes utilizarán sillas proporcionadas y espaciadas para cumplir con los requisitos de distanciamiento social. No se utilizarán bancos ni rodilleras. Los miembros de una misma familia pueden mover sillas para sentarse juntos.◆ Al entrar, las personas deben llenar las sillas más lejos de la entrada para asegurarse de que las personas no crucen en el espacio de otro.◆ El Padre irá a cada individuo durante la distribución de la Santa Comunión. Los individuos se quedarán en sus asientos.◆ La Santa Comunión se distribuirá únicamente bajo las especies sagradas de la Hostia Consagrada y se recibirá únicamente en la mano.◆ El intercambio de la Señal de Paz sigue suspendido.◆ Sólo un lector por cada Misa◆ Se alienta a todos los asistentes a usar máscaras y usar desinfectante de manos.◆ Todos los himnarios de Breaking Bread, Unidos en Cristo, Flor y Canto se eliminan para evitar la contaminación. Las personas pueden tener un Unidos en Cristo para su propio uso personal. Este libro es suyo para usarlo permanentemente.
May 22, 2020	La adoración del viernes se reanudará de 9:30 a.m. a 6:30 p.m. con las restricciones de mantener la distancia social y menos de 10 reunidos.
May 23, 2020	Las misas de fin de semana aún están prohibidas. <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ La dispensa de la obligación de asistir y participar en misa los domingos y días santos permanece vigente hasta nuevo aviso. St. Theodore continuará brindando la oportunidad de escuchar misa en la radio KATE.