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Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!

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For Year B, the Lectionary offers several readings to choose from for today's celebration. All of them, however, maintain the same sequence of themes proper to this season: God's promise, alive in the consciousness of Israel since the time of Abraham, and the fulfillment of the promise with the birth of the Savior. The Holy Family, therefore, becomes for us a symbol of fidelity and selfless love that makes us work to increase the care and love we offer our own families.

As we live in a culture with a diversity of family models, we must consider the elements that make this celebration a gift and a challenge: the attitudes that we display in family life through our actions, the presence of God in the difficult or joyful moments of family life, the trust and understanding that should characterize the members of each Christian family. Precisely now that the Church is so committed to highlight the role of family in society, we should make a commitment, with God's help, to work to improve family life whenever possible.



Para el Año B, el Lecionario ofrece varias lecturas para elegir para la celebración de hoy. Todos ellos, sin embargo, mantienen la misma secuencia de temas propios de este tiempo: la promesa de Dios, viva en la conciencia de Israel desde la época de Abraham, y el cumplimiento de la promesa con el nacimiento del Salvador. La Sagrada Familia, por lo tanto, se convierte para nosotros en un símbolo de fidelidad y amor desinteresado que nos hace trabajar para aumentar el cuidado y el amor que ofrecemos a nuestra propia familia.

Al vivir en una cultura con diversidad de modelos familiares, debemos considerar los elementos que hacen de esta celebración un don y un reto: las actitudes que mostramos en la vida familiar a través de nuestras acciones, la presencia de Dios en los momentos difíciles o gozosos de la vida familiar, la confianza y la comprensión que deben caracterizar a los miembros de cada familia cristiana. Precisamente ahora que la Iglesia está tan comprometida a poner de relieve el papel de la familia en la sociedad, debemos comprometernos, con la ayuda de Dios, a trabajar para mejorar la vida familiar siempre que sea posible.

MASS TIMES

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 9 & 11 am Masses

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

Closed Friday

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The waiting is finally over and the joy for rejoicing has arrived, the longed for Messiah has entered into our world. God has taken on our human nature, and therefore it will never be the same again. The joy and the peace of knowing that God loves us so much that He would be willing to take on our human nature, should help us overcome the anxieties and trails that we are facing in our lives. Christmas is a wonderful time for priests because we don't have to say much to bring out the meaning of the liturgical experience. Christmas speaks loudly and clearly all by itself; God loves us, God loves us, and God loves us.

This year has come with many challenges, and heart aches. The pandemic and as a consequence, the government shut downs, have us feeling like we have been hit by a Mac truck. However, despite the struggles faced by Covid19, I have also felt so very blessed by God's providential care and protection. I also feel so very blessed to be a part of this wonderful parish and I am so excited to continue serving here for as long as I am able. I know that Christ's presence dwells strongly in each of you and that His love drives you on to spread the Gospel in greater ways.

This Christmas let us focus on the good that is all around us, especially the inner beauty of God's love that we can find in ourselves and in those we love. May God bless you and grant you a very merry Christmas this year.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Mass Intentions & Schedule

The dispensation from the obligation to attend and participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in effect until further notice for all who may be hesitant at this time to be in larger gatherings. St. Theodore will continue to provide the opportunity to listen to Mass on 1450 AM, KATE radio.

Tues Dec 29	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Larry & Marian Thompson by Gerry	Church Church
Wed Dec 30	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Duane Krosman by John & Barb Farrell	Church Church
Thurs Dec 31	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Betty Cashin by Don Cashin & family	Church Church
Fri Jan 1	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass: Solemnity of Mary † Eddie Luna Sr by Ray Luna & Mary Larson	Church Church
	9:30-10:00 am 9:30am-6:30 pm	First Friday Confession Adoration	Church Church
Sat Jan 2	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass † Matt Klocek by Vi Klocek	Church Church Church
Sun Jan 3	8:30 am 9:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass † Bob, Eddie, & Andy Luna by Ray Luna & Mary Larson † Ralph Drees Jr. † Jim Felber by Mary Keating	Church Church
	11:00 am	Hispanic Mass † Senor Margarito Castillo by Angela Lazaro	Church

2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal (12/21/2020)

Goal	Amount Received	% Goal Received
\$61,725.00	\$39,647.00	63.89%

Sacrificial Giving

December 14-20, 2020

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$11,958.51	\$710.00	\$90.00	\$20.00

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Jan 10	For all health workers, first responders, care givers and all who have suffered loss or hardship during the past year.
Jan 17	For the living & deceased family members of Judy Popp-Anderson
Jan 24	Sponsors Needed
Feb 7	Sponsors Needed

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 12/28	1 JN 1:5-2:2	MT 2:13-18
Tues: 12/29	1 JN 2:3-11	LK 2:22-35
Wed: 12/30	1 JN 2:12-17	LK 2:36-40
Thurs: 12/31	1 JN 2:18-21	JN 1:1-18
Fri: 1/1	NM 6:22-27 GAL 4:4-7	Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 LK 2:16-21
Sat: 1/2	1 Jn 2:22-28	Jn 1:19-28
Sun: 1/3	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 2:1-12

Due to Christmas Break,
No Loaves & Fishes
Monday, December 29, 2020



Feast of the
Epiphany

January 6, 2021



This Week's Activities & Reminders

Until Further Notice, all parish board & committee meetings and prayer groups have been postponed. Please check parish media sources for future updates and changes.

Mon Dec 28	No Loaves & Fishes	
Tues Dec 29	No Additional Parish Activities	
Wed Dec 30	No Additional Parish Activities	
Thurs Dec 31	No Additional Parish Activities	
Fri Jan 1	Parish Office Closed No Additional Parish Events	
Sat Jan 2	Baptism 3:00 pm	Church
Sun Jan 3	No Additional Parish Events	

Liturgical Ministers



	Saturday Jan 2, 2021	Sunday January 3, 2021	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	Ryan Hulshizer	
Cantor	Mike Syzmanski	Betsy Schultz	
Lectors	?????	?????	
Eucharistic Ministers	3 from January schedule	5 from January schedule	3 needed from schedule

Would you like to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Would you like to learn about and identify the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that you have been given? Join us for a (free) Life In The Spirit seminar, using "The Wild Goose" series by Father Dave Pivonka, starting Wednesday January 6th and ending February 17th, 2021. We will meet online via Zoom at 7:00pm CST, sponsored by The Breath of God Zoom prayer group. Zoom login information will be sent upon registration. Contact Joshua for more information and to register: [\(218\)349-9660](tel:2183499660) or jjj3279@aol.com



Thinking about adoption but not sure where to start? Catholic Charities offers free adoption information meetings to help you learn about the process to begin building your family. We have adoption social workers in Winona, Rochester, Mankato, and Worthington who can walk you through the process of international or domestic infant adoption. Please email adoption@ccsommn.org or call 507-287-2047 to schedule an information meeting.

On behalf of Father Kurt and the parish staff, we are so grateful and blessed by the many who thought of us during the Christmas season with gifts, treats, and prayers.

Thank you!

Encountering Jesus through Scripture:
The 30 Day Prayer Challenge

Encountering Jesus in Scripture: The 30 Day Prayer Challenge 2021

Do you want your parish, school, small group, or family to become a "school of prayer"? Do you want your 2021 to be better than your 2020? Then rest on God's promises to those who reach out to Christ in prayer, and join us in this 30-day daily prayer challenge. Encourage your parish, family and/or friends to pray through the Gospel of Luke in one month through 15 minutes daily of Lectio Divina (sacred reading). This free 12-page booklet challenges you and shows you how to pray through lectio, and gives you daily scripture prompts and space for short prayers each day. There are also weekly reflection challenges. There are two booklets: the same inside, but one has a black and white cover and the other a color cover. The pastoral center does have free printed copies of the black and white cover booklet for parishes taking this challenge: first come, first served. This challenge will be supported on our diocesan facebook page in the month of January. Feel free to download from the Diocese of Winona website: <https://www.dowr.org/offices/missionary-discipleship/monthly-prayer.html>



*******ALERT*******

Recently various parishioners and parish staff have once again been receiving emails or texts that appear to be coming from Father Kurt asking for assistance. This **scam** is asking you to purchase gift cards for Father Kurt to use for parishioners in need. Please **DO NOT** respond to the email or text. As soon as possible, please report the email or text to Police Officer Ben Mortenson at 507-377-5200, extension 5. Father Kurt will never send out an email or text asking for assistance in this manner.

Thank you!

Don't Forget!

Please pick up your parish envelopes located in the lower church access area.

Thank you!

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