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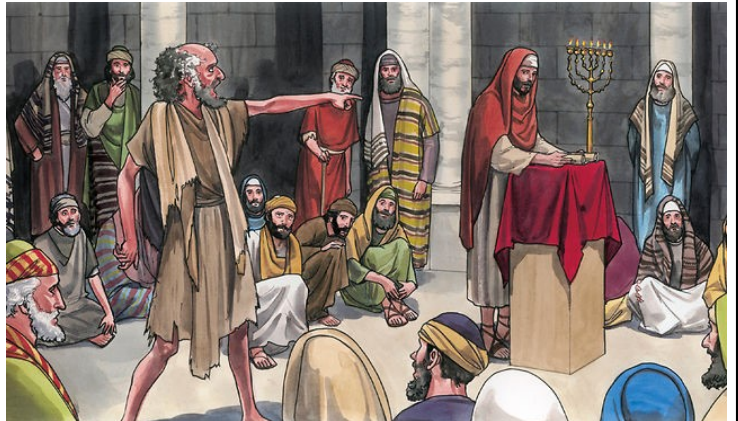
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In today's second reading, it appears that Saint Paul does not want us to worry. But the context of the reading helps us to understand that, in those times, the disciples of Jesus Christ believed the Lord would return almost immediately. Today we lead our lives with many worries, remembering always, however, that the Lord is in our midst in various ways to free us from our worries and from the social "demons" that impede our spiritual growth (as he did in the synagogue of Capernaum). A basic question that surfaces from today's readings, particularly the Gospel, would be: What are the demons that interfere

most with our Christian life, demons the Lord can free us from? Apathy or indifference, selfishness, exclusivity, addictions, greed?



Dans la deuxième lecture d'aujourd'hui, il semble que saint Paul ne veut pas que nous nous inquiétons. Mais le

contexte de la lecture nous aide à comprendre qu'à cette époque, les disciples de Jésus-Christ croyaient que le Seigneur reviendrait presque immédiatement. Aujourd'hui, nous menons nos vies avec beaucoup d'inquiétudes, en nous souvenant toujours, cependant, que le Seigneur est parmi nous de diverses façons pour nous libérer de nos soucis et des « démons » sociaux qui entravent notre croissance spirituelle (comme il l'a fait dans la synagogue de Capharnaüm). Une question fondamentale qui fait surface à partir des lectures d'aujourd'hui, en particulier l'Évangile, serait la suivante: Quels sont les démons qui interfèrent le plus dans notre vie chrétienne, les démons dont le Seigneur peut nous libérer? Apathie ou indifférence, égoïsme, exclusivité, addictions, cupidité ?

### 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

In the Gospel this Sunday, we hear Jesus speak as one who has authority. It is important to note that the Gospel did not say he speaks as one who has power. There is a very significant difference between power and authority. Power is that which is given and exercised externally from oneself, whereas authority is recognized as coming from within the person and thus is a characteristic of that person. The people in the Gospel listened to Jesus because they saw that he was someone special and someone they could respect and admire. Anyone can gain power but only those that live a life of moral integrity and righteousness, will be respected by others as people of authority. Let us strive not for power, but to become people that others can look to for moral authority.

Love in Christ,  
Father Kurt Farrell

## Sacrificial Giving

January 18-24, 2021

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$23,586.81	\$721.33	\$10.00	\$0.00

## 2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal **\$55,605.00**

Our 2021 CMA goal has dropped slightly from last year. This number is based on registered members. It is our prayer that we can achieve success in reaching our new goal for 2021. Thank you to those who have already started giving.

## Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Feb 14	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>
Feb 21	† Troy Peterson by Corald & Connie Peterson
Feb 28	† Jesus H. Guerra by family
Mar 7	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>
Mar 14	† Michael Moore by Suzanne Moore & friends



*In an effort to keep St. Theodore's open for individuals to come and spend private time with our Lord, we are looking at investing into a camera system to deter future vandalism and theft. If you are willing and able to help with our efforts, please contact the parish office or our parish administrator.*



Those who would like to receive a hard copy of the Courier in the mail are asked to send their name and address to Nick Reller at [nreller@dowr.org](mailto:nreller@dowr.org).

## 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**

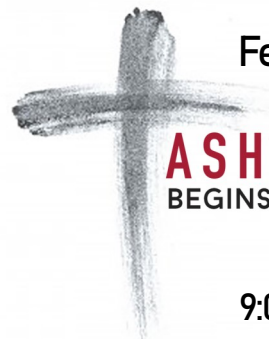
Tues-Friday February 2-4		No Daily Mass	
Fri Feb 5	9:30am-6:30 pm	Adoration	Church
Sat Feb 6	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Marlene Dilleuth by the Jemmings	Church Church Church
Sun Feb 7	8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary <b>Mass</b> For the living & deceased family member of Judy Popp-Anderson <b>Hispanic Mass</b> † Luis Angel Ibarra and † José Villagomez	Church Church  Church

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 2/1 Tues: 2/2	Heb 11:32-40 Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18	Mk 5:1-20 PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wed: 2/3 Thurs:2/4	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Heb 12:18-19, 21-24	Mk 6:1-6 Mk 6:7-13
Fri: 2/5 Sat: 2/6	Heb 13:1-8 Heb 13:15-17, 20-21	Mk 6:14-29 Mk 6:30-34
Sun: 2/7	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23	Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 1:29-39

*"Do Small Things With Great Love"*  
Mother Teresa

**No Daily Mass**  
**February 2-5, 2021**



February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

**Mass Times**

9:00am School Mass


5:30pm Mass

7:00pm Spanish Mass

## This Week's Activities & Reminders

Feb 1-7	<b>Catholic School's Week</b>	
Mon Feb 1	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30 pm <b>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group</b> 6-7 pm	Marian Hall  Church
Tues Feb 2	<b>Music Selection Meeting</b> 6:30-8:30 pm	Parish Meeting Room
Wed Feb 3	<b>Faith Formation: 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grades</b> 7-8 pm	Marian Hall, Church
Thurs Feb 4	<b>Quilting Group</b> 1-4 pm	Church Basement
Fri Feb 5	<b>No Parish Activities</b>	
Sat Feb 6	<b>RCIA</b> 9:30-11:30 am	Parish Meeting Room
Sun Feb 7	<b>Faith Formation: First Communion Only</b> 10:05-10:55 am	School

## Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday February 6, 2021	Sunday February 7, 2021	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Accompanist</b>	AdaTheusch	AdaTheusch	
<b>Cantor</b>	Abbie Theusch	Jodi Blong	
<b>Lectors</b>	Lois Ahern	Melissa Wentzel	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	3 from January schedule	5 from January schedule	3 needed from schedule

### St. Theodore School News

#### Catholic Schools Week starts on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>!

We look forward to fun dress up days and exciting activities planned for our students during this important week. We can't express how grateful we are for our families, students, and staff. They make it possible for us to be able to stay open (5 days a week) during this entire school year. We are greatly blessed by your AMAZING dedication, sacrifice and hard work!

Be sure to mark your calendars! Our **Pre-K/Kindergarten Open House** is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. Please be advised that we will be capping the size of our classrooms again this year. Families with children older than Pre-K/Kindergarten age you also welcomed to come check us out.

**Catholic United Raffle tickets are now on sale.** This year's grand prize is a 2021 Ford EcoSport or \$20,000. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. Tickets will be on sale until February 28<sup>th</sup>. St. Theodore students and Parish Office have tickets available for purchase. Some of our students may also be selling tickets at HyVee on the weekends. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this fundraiser come back to the school.

Have a blessed weekend!

**St. Theodore Catholic School**

## Drive Thru Fish Fry

February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

5:00-7:00 PM • Marian Hall

**Cost \$10**



Menu: Fish, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, cookie and/or bar  
All proceeds go towards reducing Preschool Enrollment Fees


### St. Theodore Catholic School Endowment Fund News

St. Theodore



Albert Lea

The St. Theodore Catholic School Endowment Fund board of directors recently voted to approve a **\$41,516.00** funding grant to the St. Theodore Catholic School for the 2021-2022 school year to help reduce our Pre-K tuition .

A big "Thank You" to all those who supported the endowment fund by using the green contribution envelopes and by purchasing SCRIP. In an effort to keep St. Theodore's open for individuals to come and spend private time with our Lord, we are looking at investing into a camera system to deter future vandalism and theft. If you are willing and able to help with our efforts, please contact the  **ShopWithScrip**®

### Faith Formation News

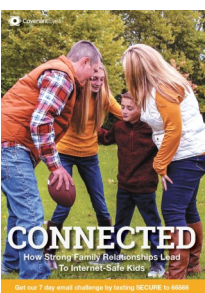


The annual **Souper Bowl of Caring** will be on **February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>** at all Masses. This is a special collection that is always taken during Super Bowl weekend. This collection gives our Faith Formation students an opportunity to give back to our community. All monies collected go to our Loaves & Fishes program.

**Kristy Minear ♦ St. Theodore Faith Formation**

### Parish Envelopes

To prevent additional costs to the parish in postage, (\$5.30 per box) please pick up your parish giving envelopes located in the lower access area of the church by the elevators.



**Safe Haven Sunday:** Next weekend, St. Theodore's will celebrate Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from pornography and other online threats that are often one click away. Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event.

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