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Fidelity or infidelity. Light or darkness. These are some of the sharp contrasts we see in today's readings. The Book of Chronicles summarizes the choices made by the people of Israel, who did not listen to God's messengers; it was Cyrus, the Persian, who helped them restore their lives with God through the Covenant centuries later. In the dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, the evangelist invites us to recognize that our choices can lead us to eternal life; to help us choose this, the Son of God gave himself up for us. It would be helpful for the adults in the community to explain this idea to the younger parishioners. What other contrasts between faith and daily life do we discover nowadays? If God desires our salvation, who is responsible for the wars and hate we see on the news so often? How can we avoid these tragedies?



Fidelidad o infidelidad. Luz o oscuridad. Estos son algunos de los contrastes agudos que vemos en las lecturas de hoy. El Libro de las Crónicas resume las decisiones tomadas por el pueblo de Israel, que no escuchó a los mensajeros de Dios; fue Ciro, el persa, quien los ayudó a restaurar sus vidas con Dios a través de la Alianza siglos después. En el diálogo entre Jesús y Nicodemo, el evangelista nos invita a reconocer que nuestras decisiones pueden llevarnos a la vida eterna; para ayudarnos a elegir esto, el Hijo de Dios se entregó por nosotros. Sería útil para los adultos de la comunidad explicar esta idea a los feligreses más jóvenes. ¿Qué otros contrastes entre la fe y la vida cotidiana descubrimos hoy en día? Si Dios desea nuestra salvación, ¿quién es responsable de las guerras y el odio que vemos en las noticias tan a menudo? ¿Cómo podemos evitar estas tragedias?

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.

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From the Desk of Father Kurt

If asked, most people will agree that they prefer light to darkness. However, how many of us at one time or another has tried to conceal something from someone by keeping him or her in the dark? We love truth and honesty as long as it suits our own purpose, but when the truth will cause us some discomfort or embarrassment we try to hide from it.

Jesus Christ is the light of the World who comes to take away the darkness. The man born blind is the image of our fallen human nature that remains blind and in the darkness until Jesus cures us and brings us into the light through the power of Baptism. Those of us who choose to live in Christ have no reason to fear the light of truth. We need to be people of light and truth for others whom have yet to see the light and come to the truth. At times it can be difficult for us to be honest with each other, but honesty is truly the best policy. Let us never forget that Jesus is the Light who calls us out of the darkness of sin and into the light of his mercy and forgiveness.

Love in Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

Fr. Kurt is inviting everyone to pray daily with him as he does a 33 day consecration. Please join our faithful Father in prayer.

The Year of St. Joseph Prayer



To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through the charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by His Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O most holy might protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Sacrificial Giving

March 1-7, 2021

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$14,274.00	\$1,123.43	\$220.00	\$10.00

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 3/15	Is 65:17-21	Jn 4:43-54
Tues: 3/16	Ez 47:1-9, 12	Jn 5:1-16
Wed: 3/17	Is 49:8-15	Jn 5:17-30
Thurs: 3/18	Ex 32:7-14	Jn 5:31-47
Fri: 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
Sat: 3/20	Jer 11:18-20	Jn 7:40-53
Sun: 3/21	Jer 31:31-34	PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15
	Heb 5:7-9	Jn 12:20-33

Mass Intentions & Schedule

Tues Mar 16	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass Prayer of healing for Vince Warner by Marilyn Waner	
Wed Mar 17	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass † Michael Moore by the Jemmings	
Thurs Mar 18	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass † Rose Zgoda by Ruth Spear	
Fri Mar 19	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass † Rose Zgoda by Ruth Spear	
Sat Mar 20	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass † David Utzka by Ann & Gene Utzka & family	
Sun Mar 21	8:30 am	Reconciliation & Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass † Cam & Leonard Shelhamer	
	11:00 am	Hispanic Mass † Santos Alfredo Davila by family	

Lenten Adoration

Mondays-Wednesday	9:30 am-8:30 pm	Chapel
Thursdays	9:30 am-6:30 pm	Chapel
Spanish Prayer Group	6:30 pm-8:00 pm	Chapel
Fridays	9:30 am-5:30 pm	Church

Stations of the Cross

- **1:15pm Fridays** (Lead by the St. Theodore school children)
February 19th & 26th
March 5th, 12th, 26th (No school stations 19th)
- **5:30pm Fridays during Lent**, Hispanic Stations
- **7:00pm Fridays during Lent**, English Stations

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Mar 28	† Jeanne Johnson by Lloyd Johnson
Apr 4	For the Mike Olson Family by Karen Olson
Apr 11	† Lucy Luna, wife of Ray Luna by Ray Luna & Mary Larson † Duane Elyea and Leo & Martha Kirsch by Patty Christopherson † Esther Mulholland by Mulhollan family † John Buttweiler by the Farrells
Apr 18	Sponsors Needed

2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	\$55,605.00
Amount Received (3.8.21)	\$17,990.00

Sacrificial giving envelopes are now located in the Parish office. Thank you!

This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Mar 15	Adoration 9:30am-8:30 pm Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30 pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7 pm	Chapel Marian Hall Church
Tues Mar 16	Adoration 9:30am-8:30 pm	Chapel
Wed Mar 17	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Adoration 9:30am-8:30 pm NO Faith Formation	Parish Meeting Room Chapel
Thurs Mar 18	Adoration 9:30am -6:30 pm Quilting Group 1:00-4:00 pm Hispanic Holy Hour 6:30-8:00 pm	Chapel Church Basement Church
Fri Mar 19	Adoration 9:30am-5:30 pm NO 1:15 pm Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross (Español) 5:30pm Stations of the Cross (English) 7:00pm	Church Church Church
Sat Mar 20	RCIA 9:30-11:30am	Parish Meeting Room
Sun Mar 21	NO Faith Formation	



Communal Penance
 Sunday, March 14, 2021
3:00 – 4:00 PM



Respect Life : We Are Blessed to be Americans


We are blessed to be Americans! We are free because thousands of American soldiers went to war to keep us free. Sadly, a great many soldiers gave their lives and died on foreign soil to achieve this goal. The expression 'War is Hell' is so true. Behind all the evil in the world is the devil who comes from Hell. He enters people's minds and souls and unless they have God in their lives, he is able to lead them down a sinful path.

The saddest and most heinous war of all time is going on right now. It is called Abortion. Since 1973, we have actually killed over 62 million little Americans, more than soldiers who died in all the wars put together. Granted, they are human babies still in the womb, but they are alive, they are our future.

How did this happen in America? Are we so blind to this atrocity? We must not lose this war! Our soldiers fought for each and every one of us, from the babies in the womb to the elderly, to have life until natural death. God gave us the Ten Commandments and a free will to choose right from wrong.

We will never have peace until our "Little Americans" have life. We are a country of a lot of good people who save animals' lives. Now let's save our children, including the unborn!

Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday March 20, 2021	Sunday March 21, 2021	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
 Accompanist	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch	
Cantor	TBD	Alex Amundson	
Lectors	Axtmans	Penny Jahnke	
Eucharistic Ministers	3 from March schedule	5 from March schedule	3 needed from schedule

St. Theodore School News

Thank you for supporting our **Drive Thru Fish Fry's**. They have been a great way to still be able to do our AMAZING Fish Fry's. All proceeds help with the costs of our Pre-Kindergarten Program. Thank you for helping our school! Our last Drive Thru Fish Fry is March 26th, tickets are available in the School and Parish Offices.

We are still accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration forms are available in the School Office or on our website: www.sttheo.org. If you have any questions or would like to set up a tour, contact the school office at 507-373-9657 or email the school secretary at kgarcia@sttheoschool.org.

We hope everyone has a great Spring Break!

St. Theodore Catholic School

Faith Formation News

Upcoming Faith Formation Classes:

SPRING BREAK (NO CLASSES) March 14th, 17th & 24th

Kristy Minear ♦ St. Theodore Faith Formation



Easter Flowers: Addie's Floral & Gifts will now be taking orders for those who want to donate flowers for Easter. She will be offering the following plants in pink, yellow, white, or lavender, all in white baskets with a bow:

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Catholic Charities

MERCY IN MOTION

Each week during Lent we will focus on one of the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Visit the Imprisoned:

'The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners' (Is. 61:1). This week, answer Christ's call to Visit the Imprisoned by 1) Praying for an end to human trafficking and the use of the death penalty; 2) Fasting from social media and unnecessary phone use; 3) Writing to prisoners. For more ideas on how to put Christ's Mercy in Motion this Lent, visit www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion.

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