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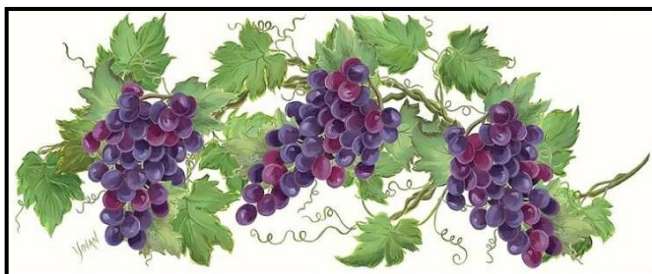
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We, the baptized, share a deep intimacy with the Lord through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The image of today's Gospel is that of the vine and the vineyard. The gift of faith compels us to remain in Jesus so we may bear good fruit in our families, society, and the world. It is in God's love that we can carry on our mission to be symbols of his presence in the world, despite the rejection that honoring this commitment may cause us. This is how the reading from Acts of the Apostles describes Saint Peter; misunderstood after his conversion, he suffered for his role as a sign of God's presence. Despite this, he always recognized Jesus as the vine and, through him, bore good fruit in his ministry. In what way can we measure our intimacy with the risen Lord? Through our prayers, the works we do in his name, the love we share with others? All of this and more. We should pay attention to the signs of the times to see where the Lord steers us.



Nosotros, los bautizados, compartimos una profunda intimidad con el Señor por medio del don del Espíritu

Santo. La imagen del Evangelio de hoy es la de la vid y la viña. El don de la fe nos obliga a permanecer en Jesús para que podamos dar buenos frutos en nuestra familia, sociedad y en el mundo. Es en el amor de Dios que podemos llevar a cabo nuestra misión de ser símbolos de su presencia en el mundo, a pesar del rechazo de que honrar este compromiso puede causarnos. Así describe san Pedro la lectura de Hechos de los Apóstoles; incomprendido después de su conversión, sufrió por su papel como signo de la presencia de Dios. A pesar de esto, siempre reconoció a Jesús como la vid y, a través de él, dio buenos frutos en su ministerio. ¿De qué manera podemos medir nuestra intimidad con el Señor resucitado? ¿A través de nuestras oraciones, las obras que hacemos en su nombre, el amor que compartimos con los demás? Todo esto y más. Debemos prestar atención a los signos de los tiempos para ver hacia dónde nos dirige el Señor.

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 for this Sunday Jesus says, "I am the vine and you are the branches, apart from me you can do nothing." Way too often in our lives we forget that Jesus is in control and we begin to get frustrated when things don't go exactly as we planned them to go. If we truly believe that Jesus is the source of all that is good in our lives, we will have the courage to let go and trust that things will work out for the best as long as we place our trust in Him.

Jesus says he prunes the branches that our on his vine. Pruning is the painful process of allowing God to have his way with us. The pain comes from our resistance to God's merciful healing grace that purifies our imperfections and makes us into the adopted son or daughter that we our called to be. The sooner we give in to Him the better off we will be. Special congratulations to all our children that made their First Communion. May the Lord always remain in their hearts.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

April 19-25, 2021

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$8,324.00	\$1,213.33	\$20.00	\$0.00

2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	\$55,605.00
Amount Received (4.23.21)	\$25,592.00

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

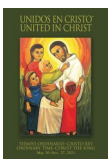
Date	Intention(s)
May 16	For the living & deceased family members of Judy Popp-Anderson
May 23	† Jim Broskoff by family
May 30	† Art & Helen Rudolph For all those listening on the radio Additional Sponsors Needed
June 6	† Kenneth Schroeder by his children † Art & Helen Rudolph Additional Sponsors Needed
June 13	† Kenneth Schroeder by his children † Henry John Martin Additional Sponsors Needed

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 5/3	1 Cor 15:1-8	Jn 14:6-14
Tues: 5/4	Acts 14:19-28	Jn 14:27-31a
Wed: 5/5	Acts 15:1-6	Jn 15:1-8
Thu: 5/6	Acts 15:7-21	Jn 15:9-11
Fri: 5/7	Acts 15:22-31	Jn 15:12-17
Sat: 5/8	Acts 16:1-10	Jn 15:18-21
Sun: 5/9	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
	1 Jn 4:7-10	Jn 15:9-17

United In Christ

We have received the next United In Christ books that will start May 30th! Please stop in the parish office to pick up a copy!



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues May 4	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Angel Gutierrez by family	Church Church
Wed May 5	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Jack Bloomquist by the Hench kids	Church Church
Thurs May 6	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Mark Kunkel by family	Church Church
Fri May 7	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Georgianna Mae Martin	Church Church
Sat May 8	4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Rosary Mass † Memorial Mass Association	Church Church
Sun May 9	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass In recognition of all mothers living & deceased by the KC Auxilliary Hispanic Mass † Jose Refugio Silva by family	Church Church Church

Catholic Charities Annual Mother's Day Appeal

theme:

"Show COMPASSION ~ Create Lasting CHANGE"

inspires all to sustain one another with creating change!

Next weekend, our parish families have the blessed opportunity to bring God's love to families in crisis, vulnerable adults and seniors, and children in need. Your compassionate generosity and support of the mission of Catholic Charities efforts embraces a love that sees the face of God in all those who suffer. Your generosity on all levels makes a life-changing difference!



Congratulations to the KC brothers that obtained their 4th degree at a 4th Degree Virtual Exemplification held at St. Theodore's Marion Hall in Albert Lea, MN, Sat. April 17, 2021

Welcome: We welcome the following into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

- Castiel Teran Lazaro (5/1/2021)
- Son of Bernardino Hugo Teran Cortes & Miriam Lazaro Vasquez
- We celebrate the blessings of his beautiful eternal soul and may we help him grow to be the Saint the Lord has called him to become.



This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon May 3	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30 pm Hispanic Bible Study 6:00-8:00pm	Marian Hall Church Basement
Tues May 4	Music Selection Meeting 6:30-8:30pm	Parish Meeting Room
Wed May 5	Morning Prayer Group 6:00-7:00 am	Parish Meeting Room
Thurs May 6	Quilting Group 1:00-4:00pm	Church Basement
Fri May 7	Parish Office Closed Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8:00 pm	Church Church
Sat May 8	Spring Fling: Ladies Tea 1:00--3:00 pm	Marian Hall
Sun May 9	No additional Parish Activities	

On May 18-20, 2021, Father will be gone and there will be no Mass on the following dates. Below are the intentions and the dates that have been moved:

May 18 - In Reparation for our sins - moved to July 6, 2021

May 19 - † Delores Sternhagen - Is not moved as Fr. Pete will celebrate the 9am Mass with the school children.

May 20 - † Leon Steffen by family & friends - moved to July 1, 2021

Funeral Kitchen Volunteers Needed

We are need of volunteers to help with funerals as setup/servers and dishwashers. Please contact the parish office at 507-373-0603 or Jolene our kitchen coordinator at 373-1545. Thank you!



A New Voice: We are so excited to welcome Maria Lopez as our new parish office assistant. Maria's duties include assisting our Office Administrator, Joanne, with various office duties, especially helping to ensure better communication and records with our Hispanic brothers and sisters. Her office hours below will start May 4, 2021:

Tuesday 9am-noon
Wednesday 1:00-2:30pm
Thursday 1:00-2:30 pm



SAVE THE DATE

Men's Retreat ♦ JULY 22-25, 2021
Jesuit Retreat House in Lake Elmo.

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Contact Leon at 507-373-0603 or 651-491-7432.
website: www.demontrevilleretreat.com

Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday May 8, 2021	Sunday May 9, 2021	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	Ryan Hulshizer	
Cantor	Stephanie Redman	Alex Amundson	
Lectors	Grzybowski	Kelly Goskeson	

Calling all Servers:



Father Kurt has scheduled Training/Refresher class for all individuals that would want to be a server for the weekend Masses.

We hope to see you on
May 8, 2021
10:00 -11:00 am

Let the countdown begin! It's hard to believe we only have 3 ½ weeks left of school. St. Theodore's school has been so fortunate to have been able to stay open this entire school year. We want to thank our dedicated staff and students for staying positive during this difficult time. We are almost to the finish line, keep up the great work!

We have now capped our Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms. We still have openings in our Pre-K and 2nd-5th grades. If you know anyone still undecided for the 2021/2022 school year, registration forms are still available in the School Office or on our website: www.sttheo.org. If there are any questions or you know someone who 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 blessed weekend!

PASCHAL CANDLE DONATIONS

Your \$5 donation will give you the chance to win last years Paschal Candle and help us cover the cost of next years candle. To enter, stop in at the parish office to fill out the entry ticket with your name and contact number by May 20th.

Drawing will occur after the 11:00 AM Mass on May 23rd!



Amazing Movie Coming To Our Parish!

May 23, 2021 at 1:00 PM
Marian Hall

An 81 minute film for all ages

Our parish has the opportunity to experience the rosary like never before. Power in My Hands, conveys the timeless message of hope and the power of the Rosary in a way that speaks to the heart of modern viewers. Don't miss this opportunity to transform your life! A free rosary will be available to all who attend. Find out more about the film at powerinmyhandsthemovie.com

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