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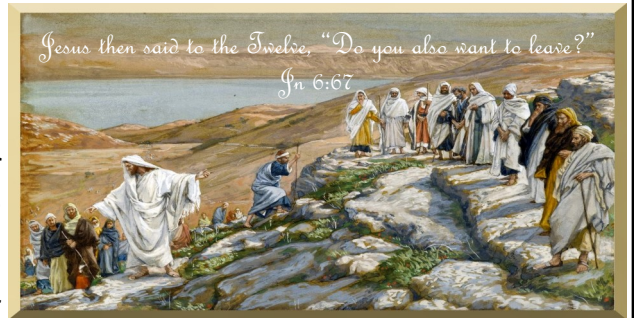
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The Church invites us to respond tangibly to the demands of the Gospel, which are the demands of our Christian faith. Our faith must always reflect concrete positions that inspire others to follow the Lord. In today's first reading, Joshua demands that the people of Israel make a choice to either profess their faith before the God who freed them from slavery or choose other gods. Their answer is clear: "we ... will serve the Lord, for he is our God." Jesus goes on to affirm that the Spirit, not the flesh, brings life. He demands from his disciples a response many cannot give and, instead, they abandon him. His apostles trust and follow him. Today the Church invites us to be clear and transparent in all aspects of our faith, doctrine, moral life, and charity. Do we choose prayer to help us evaluate decisions we have made? Do we seek help when we are confused? What does it mean to be transparent as Catholic Christians before the Lord and others?



La Iglesia nos invita a responder de manera tangible a las demandas del Evangelio, que son las demandas de nuestra fe cristiana. Nuestra fe siempre debe reflejar posiciones concretas que inspiren a

otros a seguir al Señor. En la primera lectura de hoy, Josué exige que el pueblo de Israel tome la decisión de profesar su fe ante el Dios que los liberó de la esclavitud o elegir a otros dioses. Su respuesta es clara: "nosotros ... servirá al Señor, porque él es nuestro Dios". Jesús continúa afirmando que el Espíritu, no la carne, trae vida. Exige a sus discípulos una respuesta que muchos no pueden dar y, en cambio, lo abandonan. Sus apóstoles confían en él y lo siguen. Hoy la Iglesia nos invita a ser claros y transparentes en todos los aspectos de nuestra fe, doctrina, vida moral y caridad. ¿Elegimos la oración para ayudarnos a evaluar las decisiones que hemos tomado? ¿Buscamos ayuda cuando estamos confundidos? ¿Qué significa ser transparente como cristianos católicos ante el Señor y los demás?

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)
11:00 am (Español)

Nursing Home Masses - 2:00 pm

1st Thursday - All St. Johns Locations
2nd Thursday - Good Samaritan
3rd Thursday - Thorne Crest

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm ♦ **Sunday:** 1/2 hour before Mass

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHAPEL

Open all hours

Parish Office Hours

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

Hispanic Office Hours

Tuesday 8:00 am-noon
Wed & Thurs 1:00-3:00 pm

Offices Close Daily

- 9:00-9:45 am for Mass (except Monday)
- 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch

From the Desk of Father Kurt



“Brothers and Sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

The word “subordinate” has a negative feel to it in the English language, especially when we are talking about marriage. In our culture, no one wants to be subordinate to anyone. We all want to be our own boss so we don’t have to take orders from someone else. Saint Paul’s command to married couples about being subordinate to each other might come in one ear and go out the other. However, if spouses want good relationships based in the message of Jesus, there is no other choice but to listen to Saint Paul’s advice.

To be subordinate to another out of reverence for Christ means, “having enough trust in the love of the other that you are willing to follow him or her because you know they have only your own best interest in mind”. In marriage, this works great until one or the other breaks this trust and someone gets hurt.

When this happens, the couple has a lot of work to do in order to regain the trust that has been broken. If there is no real effort to forgive and restore the broken trust, eventually one or the other will give up trying and love will be lost.

There is no perfect human love and without forgiveness there cannot be a perfect marriage. Subordination in marriage does not mean blind obedience but rather a willingness to give up one’s own self interest for the sake of love. May the Lord make true love a part of all marriages by a willingness to love and forgive one another.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues Aug 24		No Mass Intention moved to 9/30/2021	
Wed Aug 25	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Polly Schiltz by Teresa Schiltz.	Church Church
Thurs Aug 26		No Mass Intention moved to 10/6/2021	
Fri Aug 27	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass In thanksgiving for Matthew Ramirez by family	Church
Sat Aug 28	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass: CONFIRMATION In Celebration of Gerry & Marian Gehling’s 63rd Wedding Anniversary	Church Church Church
Sun Aug 29	9:30 am 10:00 am	Rosary Mass in the Park † Polly Schiltz by family † Lupe Ortiz by family	Edgewater Park

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

- Heidi Emily Menodza Ortiz, daughter of Lorenzo Mendoza Barrios and Cominga Oritz Cruz
- Emma Nicole Perez Huerta, daughter of Martin Perez Victorino and Juanita Huerta Gonzalez
- Harley Arlene Hansen, daughter of Jacob & Jasmine Hansen

We celebrate the blessings of these beautiful eternal souls and may we help them grow to be the Saints the Lord has called them to become.



Sacrificial Giving

August 9-15, 2021

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$7,446.74	\$1,247.00	\$65.00	\$0.00

2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	\$55,605.00
Amount Received (8.13.21)	\$35,072.00

We have \$20,533 left to raise. Please consider doing your part to help us reach our goal. What isn’t raised must be paid from the church budget. Thank you!

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Sept 5	† Art & Helen Rudolph † Peter Tautges by Larry † David Johannsen by Patricia, his wife
Sept 12	† Dale Peters by Pat Peters
Sept 19	† Loretta Kermes by Harold & family
Sept 26	Sponsors Needed

Seeking Prayer?



Our parish offers a Life in the Spirit prayer group that encourages anyone to come and pray with them. If you are in need of prayer and want a safe and supportive group to pray with you, please contact the parish office to sign up to attend.

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 8/23	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10	Mt 23:13-22
Tues: 8/24	Rv 21:9b-14	Jn 1:45-51
Wed: 8/25	1 Thes 2:9-13	Mt 23:27-32
Thu: 8/26	1 Thes 3:7-13	Mt 24:42-51
Fri: 8/27	1 Thes 4:1-8	Mt 25:1-13
Sat: 8/28	1 Thes 4:9-11	Mt 25:14-30
Sun: 8/29	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27	Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23


Prayer Chain Volunteer Coordinator: Needing a coordinator for prayer requests. The coordinator passes the information on to the volunteers in the prayer chain. This individual also coordinates the individuals who serve in the prayer chain. If interested, please contact the parish office at 507-373-0603.


<i>This Week's Activities & Reminders</i>			<i>Liturgical Ministers</i>					
Mon Aug 23	First Day of Pre-Kindergarten 7:30am-12:00pm	School		Saturday August 28, 2021	Sunday August 29, 2021			
	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30 pm	Marian Hall		5:15 pm	10:00 am			
	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7:00 pm	Church		Accompanist	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch		
	Hispanic Bible Study 6-8:00 pm	Church Basement		Cantor	Alex Amundson	Raul & Ada		
				Lectors	Confirmation Students	Nicole Eckstrom		
Tues Aug 24	NO SCHOOL		Servers	Schedule is pending.				
Wed Aug 25	Morning Prayer Group 6:00-7:00am	Parish Meeting Room	Eucharistic Ministers	3 from the current month	4 from the current month			
	5th-9th Faith Formation Registration 7-7:30pm	Marian Hall	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">FAITH FORMATION NEWS</div> <p>5th-11th grade Faith Formation Substitutes Needed Please contact the director at 507-373-5254 or email at ian@sttheo.org if interested in helping to teach the faith with our youth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Save the Dates!</p> <p>August 25th: Registration for 5th-11th grade in Marian Hall 7:00 pm 5th- 9th grade families 7:30 pm 10th-11th grade families</p> <p>August 29th: Registration for PreK-4th grade in Marian Hall 3:00 pm PreK-1st & 3rd - 4th grade families 4:00 pm First Communion students & families</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mass in the Park Service Hours Opportunity Confirmation Students in 10th & 11th Grades For more information on ways you can participate to obtain service hours, please contact Irene at 507-373-5254!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Faith Formation Council Currently seeking individuals to serve as volunteers on our Faith Formation Council. Responsibilities would include helpful support, suggestions and guidance for our director. Will meet quarterly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director</p>					
10th & 11th Faith Formation Registration 7:30-8:00pm	Marian Hall	<p style="text-align: center;">PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Monday, September 6, 2021 To observe the Labor Day Holiday.</p>						
Thurs Aug 26	Parish Office Closes so Parish Staff can attend Diocesan Ministry Day					Rochester, MN		
Fri Aug 27	NO SCHOOL							
	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm					Church		
Sat Aug 28	Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8:00pm	Church						
	Baptism: Aguilar Ortiz 3:00 pm	Church						
Sun Aug 29	Confirmation 5:15 pm	Church						
	Prek-1st, 3-4 Faith Formation Registration 3:00-4:00pm	Marian Hall						
	First Communion Registration 4:00-5:00pm	Marian Hall						

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Give us Hope
When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in Your presence, and purpose in doing Your will. Amen

For Protection
Christ, light of light, brightness indescribable, the Wisdom, power and glory of God, the Word made flesh: you overcame the forces of Satan, redeemed the world, then ascended again to the Father. Grant me, I pray, in this tarnished world, the shining of your splendor. Send your Archangel Michael to defend me, to guard my going out and coming in, and to bring me safely to your presence, where you reign in the one holy and undivided Trinity, to ages of ages. Amen.



 Now that school is in session, Monday-Friday, from 7:30am-1:00 pm, the back parking lot will be blocked off from between the canopy and parish office door over to the playground. Those who want to come to the parish office before 1:00 pm will need to enter the back parking lot by the west entrance, the lane between the church and the city building.

 The Active Aging Programs, Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, is offering **Powerful Tools for Caregivers**. This free group workshop is designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. Whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend who lives at home, in assisted living, or in a nursing home, you will benefit from the tools presented in this program. You will learn strategies to better handle the unique caregiver challenges you face, as well as how to reduce stress, communicate more effectively, make tough decisions, and reduce feelings of guilt, anger, and depression. *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* will meet at the Mower County Senior Center at 400 3rd Avenue NE in Austin for six weeks, Tuesdays, September 28 through November 2, 2021 from 1:00-3:30p.m. Please register by September 17, 2021 as seats are limited. Call or email Marlene at 507-450-1518, mlevine@ccsommn.org

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