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The gift of faith leads us to a total surrender in service. Many people, however, are afraid of the adjective "total" because they feel, like the young man in today's Gospel, that they have to abandon everything to follow Jesus. In fact, we know that many Christians have done so in the past and in the present; some are saints, many of them missionaries, many religious men and women who consecrated their lives, and they are all models and inspiration for those of us who cannot leave it all once and for all but who do a little bit at a time. The wisdom that comes from God and that is highlighted in today's first reading feeds our faith life and helps us make decisions that prompt sacrifice; this is part of our "total surrender." The word of God leads us to preaching and action, which helps us abandon our self-centeredness day by day and grow in God's love. This theme could be explored in today's homily and prayers of the faithful as part of the answer to the question, what does it mean for me to follow Jesus and to leave everything with him so I can serve my neighbor?



"Go, sell what you have and give it to the poor."

El don de la fe nos lleva a una entrega total en el servicio. Muchas personas, sin embargo, tienen miedo del adjetivo "total" porque sienten, como el joven en el Evangelio de hoy, que tienen que abandonar todo para seguir a Jesús.

De hecho, sabemos que muchos cristianos lo han hecho en el pasado y en el presente; algunos son santos, muchos de ellos misioneros, muchos religiosos y religiosas que consagraron sus vidas, y todos son modelos e inspiración para aquellos de nosotros que no podemos dejarlo todo de una vez por todas, pero que hacemos un poco a la vez. La sabiduría que viene de Dios y que se destaca en la primera lectura de hoy alimenta nuestra vida de fe y nos ayuda a tomar decisiones que impulsan el sacrificio; esto es parte de nuestra "rendición total". La palabra de Dios nos lleva a la predicación y a la acción, lo que nos ayuda a abandonar nuestro egocentrismo día a día y crecer en el amor de Dios. Este tema podría ser explorado en la homilía de hoy y las oraciones de los fieles como parte de la respuesta a la pregunta, ¿qué significa para mí seguir a Jesús y dejar todo con él para poder servir a mi prójimo?

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



The young man in the gospel today comes to Jesus with the question that is in each of our hearts. "What must I do to gain eternal life?"

All of us were made for heaven, and we long for it, but at the same time we know that there is something lacking in our capacity to achieve this reality on our own. We all have been touched by original sin, and although forgiven at baptism, the residue from it called concupiscence, still plagues us. Concupiscence is the tendency to focus on our own welfare and concern for worldly concerns and pleasures, which gets in our way of being focused on things of heaven. Only by turning our will over to Christ will we ever find the strength and the courage to overcome our sinful nature and live in a way that deserves eternal life.

Just as the young man instinctively knew, obeying the commandments is just the beginning to opening our hearts to God's eternal plan for us. We also must allow the grace of God to propel us into a life of Christian service and unconditional love. Riches and worldly goods can keep us from choosing this road, and so the best and safest road to heaven is to be grateful for the simple things in life and spend our resources serving the needs of others.

As the leaders and politicians of the world continue to wrangle over who gets to pay the heaviest share of taxes, let us spend our time focusing on treasures of a divine nature.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

September 27-October 3, 2021

| Adult Envelopes | Offertory | Imp Fund | St. James |
|-----------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| \$8,025.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$75.00 | \$10.00 |

2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Goal | \$55,605.00 |
| Amount Received (10.1.21) | \$37,832.00 |

**We have \$17,773 left to raise. We're getting closer to reaching our goal!
 Four more months to go! Thank you for giving!**

Daily Scripture Readings

| | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|
| Mon: 10/11 | Rom 1:1-7 | Lk 11:29-32 |
| Tues: 10/12 | Rom 1:16-25 | Lk 11:37-41 |
| Wed: 10/13 | Rom 2:1-11 | Lk 11:42-46 |
| Thu: 10/14 | Rom 3:21-30 | Lk 11:47-54 |
| Fri: 10/15 | Rom 4:1-8 | Lk 12:1-7 |
| Sat: 10/16 | Rom 4:13, 16-18 | Lk 12:8-12 |
| Sun: 10/17 | Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 | Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 Mk 10:35-45 |

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

| Date | Intention(s) |
|--------|---|
| Oct 24 | † Art & Helen Rudolph Additional Sponsors Needed |
| Oct 31 | For the living and deceased family members of Judy Popp-Anderson |
| Nov 7 | † Art & Helen Rudolph Additional Sponsors Needed |
| Nov 14 | For the living and deceased family members of Roger & Mary |
| Nov 21 | In celebration of John & Penee McGaughey's 54th Wedding Anniversary |

Mass Schedule & Intentions

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|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Tues Oct 12 | 8:30 am 9:00 am | Rosary Mass † Ryan Moore by Suzanne Moore | Church Church |
| Wed Oct 13 | 8:30 am 9:00 am | Rosary Mass † Ralph Drees Jr by friends of Joanne | Church Church |
| Thurs Oct 14 | 8:30 am 9:00 am 2:00 pm | Rosary Mass † Joan Sullivan Mass: Good Samaritan | Church Church Good Sam. |
| Fri Oct 15 | 8:30 am 9:00 am | Rosary Mass In Reparation for our sins | Church Church |
| Sat Oct 16 | 4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm | Reconciliation Rosary Mass: Confirmation Isabele G Avelar by Guerra family | Church Church Church |
| Sun Oct 17 | 8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am | Reconciliation & Rosary Mass: 1st Communion Welcome Blessing † the deceased family members of Terry & Peggy Vandernick Hispanic Mass: † Alfonso Hernandez Sandoval by family | Church Church Church |

MCCL NEWS



MCCL will **NOT** be taking wreath orders this year. Please check the bulletin for future fundraising.



MCCL Fall Tour Coming to Austin — You're invited! Friday, October 15, 2021, 7-8pm at Queen of Angels Church. At a pivotal time, we can confront the growing challenges and save lives. Each fall, MCCL travels the state holding informational pro-life meetings in dozens of cities and towns. These FREE meetings educate pro-life citizens about current trends and issues, legislation, elections, and more. They also equip citizens to make a difference in their own communities. If you want to learn how you can help save lives, please come!

If you wish to write letters or notes of encouragement to the seminarians studying in Winona, please send them to:
 Michael Szymanski
 Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
 700 Terrace Heights, Box #960, Winona MN 55987-1399



Seminary Come & See Fall Weekend

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary Fall Come and See Weekend is November 5-7. All young men who are juniors and seniors in high school or older are invited to IHN for a visit to learn more about discernment and a potential call to enter seminary. Contact Fr. Jason Kern for more information at jkern@dowr.org




St. United Way Winter Gear Drive drop boxes will be located in the parish office, back access of the church, and the school from October to January. Anything designed to keep a person warm during our cold Minnesota Winters will be accepted. This includes coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, snowsuits, boots and more.

This Week's Activities & Reminders

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| Mon Oct 11 | Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30 pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8:00 pm | Church Church Church Basement |
| Tues Oct 12 | Endowment Board Meeting 5:15-7:30 pm | Marian Hall |
| Wed Oct 13 | Morning Prayer Group 6-7:00 am 5th-11th Faith Formation Classes 7-8:00 pm | Parish Meeting Room School & Marian Hall |
| Thurs Oct 14 | Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 - 8:00 pm | Church Church Basement |
| Fri Oct 15 | Adoration 9:30am-6:30 pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8:00 pm | Church Church |
| Sat Oct 16 | RCIA 9:30 am- 12:00 pm Rosary for Our Nation 12:00 - 1:00 pm Wedding: Minear & Grzybowski 1:00 pm | Parish Meeting Room East Parking Lot Church |
| Sun Oct 17 | Baptism: Rosas Hernandez 9-10:00 am PreK-4th Grade Faith Formation Classes 10:05-10:55 am | Church School |

Liturgical Ministers

| | Saturday Oct 16, 2021 | Sunday October 17, 2021 | |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|
|  | 5:15 pm | 9:00 am | 11:00 am |
| Accompanist | AdaTheusch | AdaTheusch | Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details |
| Cantor | Alex Amundson | Jodi Blong | |
| Lectors | Deb Schatz | Dennis Dieser | |
| Servers | Schedule is pending. | | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | 3 from the current month | 4 from the current month | |

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

Mark your calendars!

St. Theodore School will be hosting **Purse Bingo** in Marian Hall on Saturday, November 6th, at 1:00pm, doors will open at noon. Pre-sale tickets are available at \$35.00 each in the school and parish offices. It will be \$50.00 at the door. Walking Tacos and a Cash Bar will be available during the event.

Due to rain on our School **Marathon day**, we have rescheduled it for Friday, October 15th. Thank you to everyone that donated to our students. If you see us walking that day, give us a wave!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Classes

5th- 11th Grades Wednesdays, 7-8 pm in School & Marian Hall
PreK-4th Grades Sundays, 10:05-10:55 in School

Face masks will be required until further notice!

Faith Formation Family Supper

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

5th-11th grade Faith Formation students and their families
 6:30pm in Marian Hall ♦ 7-8pm students go to their classrooms
 Parents are welcome to stay for a special program and fellowship. Please
RSVP number attending meal to Irene!

Christmas Pageant

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's Children's Christmas Pageant! If you'd like to offer your assistance, time, and talents please contact Irene for more details!

Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director - ian@sttheo.org


Thy Kingdome Come

Our Inaugural Holy Spirit Alive Conference

Two Days of Inspirational Talks, Adoration, Witness, Prayer & Music.

Full Conference: **November 12-13, 2021**
 St. Theodore Church, Albert Lea

Spanish Translation Available
 Evening Healing Service November 13



Main Speaker: Barbara Heil from His Heart Ministries, Catholic Convert, International Speaker and Missionary.

REGISTRATION: WWW.DOWR.ORG

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October 2021



Check out the insert!


St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

respectlife.org/celebrate



Confirmation

Saturday
October 16, 2021
5:15 pm Mass



Jason Gray Concert

October 24, 2021

Crossroads Church, Albert Lea

Purchase tickets at fivesistersproject.com

Benefit concert for outreach to women and families in crisis.

Baby Bottle Campaign: Please pick up a baby bottle available in the gathering space. Simply fill the bottle with your spare change and return it to the bassinet by the end of October!! Donations provide assistance to pregnant women and mothers with babies through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund. Thank you!

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