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As is customary, the texts chosen for the final Sundays in Ordinary Time point toward the second coming of the Lord when the final harvest will take place. For many, these texts can incite fear or insecurity; in fact, we have witnessed religious groups and movements that, along with astrologists, have set dates for this time. The biblical texts, however, do not pretend to be either horoscopes or warnings of the future. The word of God awakens the faith of believers and invites them to recognize that the path to the future, where the Lord will embrace us forever, is in the present; as today's psalm proclaims, it is the Lord who shows us "the path to life." Those who live in the Lord always have nothing to fear; his life is ours from our baptism and confirmation. How can we fear the one who sanctifies us daily in the Eucharist? As Saint Paul would say, "Who can separate us from the love of Christ?" It is worthwhile for members of the community to discuss this topic of the second coming of the Lord, or the end times. Some people live, at times, influenced or pressured by those who, via the media, announce doctrines foreign to Catholicism and fill the lives of the faithful with fear and negativity. The homily and group meetings both lend themselves well for this discussion.



Como es costumbre, los textos elegidos para los últimos domingos del Tiempo Ordinario apuntan hacia la segunda venida del Señor, cuando tendrá lugar la cosecha final. Para muchos, estos textos pueden incitar al miedo o la inseguridad; de hecho, hemos sido testigos de grupos y movimientos religiosos que, junto con los astrólogos, han fijado fechas para este tiempo. Los textos bíblicos, sin embargo, no pretenden ser horóscopos ni advertencias del futuro. La palabra de Dios despierta la fe de los creyentes y los invita a reconocer que el camino hacia el futuro, donde el Señor nos abrazará para siempre, está en el presente; como proclama el salmo de hoy, es el Señor quien nos muestra "el camino a la vida". Los que viven en el Señor siempre no tienen nada que temer; su vida es nuestra desde nuestro bautismo y confirmación. ¿Cómo podemos temer a aquel que nos santifica diariamente en la Eucaristía? Como diría San Pablo. "¿Quién puede separarnos del amor de Cristo?" Vale la pena que los miembros de la comunidad analicen este tema de la segunda venida del Señor, o el fin de los tiempos. Algunas personas viven, a veces, influenciadas o presionadas por quienes, a través de los medios de comunicación, anuncian doctrinas ajenas al catolicismo y llenan de miedo y negatividad la vida de los fieles. La homilía y las reuniones de grupo se prestan bien para esta discusión.

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



"Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this One offered one sacrifice for sins, and took His seat forever at the right hand of God." Hebrews 10:11-14

An important question that can be asked is, why are Catholic clergy called priests? The answer has to do with the Catholic understanding of Priesthood and the scripture verse written above found in the first reading today.

A priest is one who offers sacrifice for sin. Jesus Christ is the one true priest who offered Himself on a cross for the forgiveness of our sins. The Catholic Church was founded on this belief and the ministry given to the Apostles to carry this truth to the foundation of the world. The Apostles and their successors were not only given the task of proclaiming this mystery of salvation with their mouths, but were also called upon to join in the mystery through their lives and in their deaths.

As a priest of Jesus, I am called upon to continue the work of the Apostles, which is the work of Christ. The sacrifice of Christ is one but continues to be carried out over time in each Mass that is said. As a priest, I am called upon to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, but I am also called to offer myself along with the one sacrifice of Christ for the salvation of the world, through each Mass that I offer. Through our baptism, all the baptized are priests called to offer themselves to God for the sake of others. Every Mass is offered for the salvation of souls. I want you to know that I offer each of you to God at every Mass I say.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues Nov 16	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Joan Sullivan	Church Church
Wed Nov 17	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Alfonso Hernandez Sandoval by family	Church Church
Thurs Nov 18	8:30 am 9:00 am 2:00 pm	Rosary Mass † Dorrene Walker by Dick & her sister, Pat Mass: Thorne Crest	Church Church Thorne Crest
Fri Nov 19	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Vanessa Whelan by Stoen family	Church Church
Sat Nov 20	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass † Donald & Delores Stencil by Kim	Church Church Church
Sun Nov 21	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass In celebration of John & Penee McGaughey's 54th Anniversary Hispanic Mass 10th Gr. Rite of Commitment † Alba Nubia Martinez by family † Santos Alfredo Davila by family	Church Church Church

Sacrificial Giving

November 1-7, 2021

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$8,179.11	\$1,413.75	\$55.00	\$30.00

2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	\$55,605.00
Amount Received (11.5.21)	\$39,817.00

We have \$15,788 left to raise!
Please consider helping us reach our goal with your donation!

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 11/15	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63	Lk 18:35-43
Tues: 11/16	2 Mc 6:18-31	Lk 19:1-10
Wed: 11/17	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31	Lk 19:11-28
Thu: 11/18	1 Mc 2:15-29	Lk 19:41-44
Fri: 11/19	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59	Lk 19:45-48
Sat: 11/20	1 Mc 6:1-13	Lk 20:27-40
Sun: 11/21	Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8	Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Jn 18:33b-37

Due to an oversight, the following intentions for Sunday, November 7, have been moved to:

† Art & Helen Rudolph moved to 12/12/2021
Moved to 12/5/2021

† Echan Galewski, grandson of Ray Luna and Nephew of Mary Larson
† Phillip & Felix Jo Luna be Ray Luna & Mary Larson
In celebration of Ron & Shirley Woitas' 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Nov 28	† Kenneth Schroeder by his children † Polly Schiltz by family † Benny Scherb by Cindy, his wife
Dec 5	† Art & Helen Rudolph † Echan Galewski, grandson of Ray Luna and Nephew of Mary Larson † Phillip & Felix Jo Luna by Ray Luna & Mary Larson In celebration of Ron & Shirley Woitas' 63rd Wedding Anniversary.
Dec 12	† Art & Helen Rudolph Additional Sponsors Needed
Dec 19	Sponsors Needed

We pray for the following families who mourn the loss of their loved one:

- Janice Janelle Dempewolf (died November 7, 2021)
 - Cynthia Grayce Trebil (Friedline) (died November 6, 2021)
- We pray that the Lord's love, mercy and compassion bring their families peace and comfort during this difficult time. We pray the Lord will grant their souls peace, mercy and eternal rest.



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

- Alexah Maree and Josiah Rey Guerrero, children of Jose Guerrero and Janet Maria Herman.
- We celebrate the blessings of their beautiful eternal souls and may we help them grow to be the Saints the Lord has called them to be.



This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Nov 15	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30 pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study & Guadalupe Rosary 6-8:00 pm	Marian Hall Church Church Basement
Tues Nov 16	School Board Meeting 6-8:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 6-7:00 pm	Marian Hall Church
Wed Nov 17	Morning Prayer Group 6-7:00 am Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 5:30-6:30 pm Faith Formation Classes: Grade 5th-11th 7:00-8:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room Church Marian Hall, School, Gym
Thurs Nov 18	Quilting Group 1-4:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary 6-7:00 pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8:00 pm Finance Council Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm	Church Basement Church Church Basement Marian Hall
Fri Nov 19	Adoration 9:30am-6:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary and Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8:00 pm	Church Church
Sat Nov 20	RCIA 9:30 am-12:00 pm Baptism: Iturbe Ocamp 3:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room Church
Sun Nov 21	Faith Formation Classes: Grade K-4th 10:05-10:55 am Christmas Pageant Practice 2:00-4:00pm	School Church

Baby Bottle Campaign: Thank you to all the very generous donations to this year's Baby Bottle Campaign! All proceeds go to the Catholic Charities Mother and Child Fund for the Diocese of Winona/Rochester. A special thank you to all who helped make this campaign a success; Father Kurt, Joanne Tibodeau, Leon Axtman, Ushers and Money Counters!! I am grateful to have had the privilege of running the Baby Bottle Campaign for the past 13 years, but am ready to pass the "baton" on! Please consider volunteering to help with this wonderful campaign by contacting St. Theodore's Church Office. God Bless, Tami Boyer



6th Annual Christmas Bake Sale


St. Theodore School Gym
 Saturday, December 4th ♦ 2-7 pm

Sunday, December 5th ♦ 9 am until supplies last.

You can help support this wonderful event by creating homemade items, donating baking goods, or monetary donations to cover the cost of baking goods. Donations of baking items can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours. Baked items for the sale can be dropped off at Marian Hall on Thursday, December 2nd from 4:00-7:00 pm.



Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday Nov. 20, 2021	Sunday November 21, 2021	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	Ada Theusch	
Cantor		Jodi Blong	
Lectors	Bob Steffl	Carol Thompson	
Servers	Schedule is pending.		
Eucharistic Ministers	3 from the current month	4 from the current month	

Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details

Christmas Musicians Needed

Volunteer bell ringers and singers are needed for the 10 pm Christmas Mass. Practice for bell choir is from 7-8pm every Wednesday in December. Please contact Ada at atheusch@ac242.us or 402-5434.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Christmas Pageant

All St. Theo's children, K-12th grade, are invited to participate in our annual Children's Christmas Pageant! Our next practice will be Sunday, November 21st, from 2-4pm in the church! There are several parts to fill! We are also in need of adult volunteers to assist with costumes, decorations, music, lighting, and stage prep. If you're interested in helping with this highly anticipated event, please contact Irene: ian@sttheo.org, 507-373-5254.



Confirmation Information

Year 1 Students (10th Graders)

- Confirmation applications and sponsor forms are now due! Please find them in your Confirmation packet and hand them in!
- Rite of Commitment for candidates & sponsors is scheduled at 9am and 11am Masses, Sunday, November 14th.

Year 1 & 2 Students (10th & 11th Graders)

DATE CHANGE Sponsor & Candidate Session has been moved to December 5th from 1-3 pm in Marian Hall - Let your sponsors know!

Reconciliation Centers

DATE & LOCATION CHANGE Reconciliation Centers have been moved to December 4th from 9-11 am in Marian Hall!

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

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

We are participating in a **food drive sponsored by Cars & Credit of Albert Lea**. If you would like to donate any non-perishable food, we have donation boxes in the School and Parish Offices or you can drop it off at Cars & Credit on Main St. We will be collecting items until December 3rd.

We are also **collecting winter items for the United Way of Albert Lea**. Those donation boxes are also located in the School and Parish Offices. They are looking for new socks, hats, gloves, coats, snow pants, and boots.



We pray everyone has a blessed weekend!

Christmas Wreaths Will Arrive

November 20th & 21st

Please make arrangements to pick up your Christmas wreath at the school gymnasium after the 5:15 pm or 9:00 am Masses. There will be a few extra wreaths available for sale if you missed ordering!

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