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This feast that concludes the Christmas—Epiphany cycle presents the beginning of the ministry of Jesus in the midst of a people who longed for the Messiah. In the Gospel, the Father points to Jesus as his beloved son and, with the Holy Spirit, asks that all listen to him. Jesus begins to announce the kingdom through his own life of service. It is the kingdom John the Baptist had been proclaiming, though he assured his disciples that he was not the one they were waiting for. This baptism of conversion, which Jesus did not have to receive, anticipates in a way our own commitment to the proclamation of the kingdom resulting from the baptism we received through the Church. We are embraced and welcomed by the love of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who rescues us from sin and evil so we may live as his adopted children in the faith of the Church that sustains us with word and sacrament. During the week, it would be convenient for community groups to reflect on the meaning of baptism in their faith lives. Is baptism a traditional rite? Do we understand how important it is as a sacrament?



Esta fiesta que concluye el ciclo Navidad-Epifanía presenta el comienzo del ministerio de Jesús en medio de un pueblo que anhelaba al Mesías. En el Evangelio, el Padre señala a Jesús como su hijo amado y, con el Espíritu Santo, pide que todos lo escuchen. Jesús comienza a anunciar el reino a través de su propia vida de servicio. Es el reino que Juan el Bautista había estado proclamando, aunque aseguró a sus discípulos que él no era el que estaban esperando. Este bautismo de conversión, que Jesús no tuvo que recibir, anticipa en cierto modo nuestro propio compromiso con el anuncio del reino resultante del bautismo que recibimos a través de la Iglesia. Somos abrazados y acogidos por el amor de Dios el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo, quien nos rescata del pecado y del mal para que podamos vivir como sus hijos adoptivos en la fe de la Iglesia que nos sostiene con la palabra y el sacramento. Durante la semana, sería conveniente que los grupos comunitarios reflexionaran sobre el significado del bautismo en sus vidas de fe. ¿Es el bautismo un rito tradicional? ¿Entendemos lo importante que es como sacramento?

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



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which also marks for us the beginning of Ordinary Time in the Liturgical year. For Jesus it marked the beginning of His ministry, and established for us the rite of Baptism as the ordinary way to become His disciples and receive Eternal Life. In this context however, ordinary does not mean unimportant or unnecessary. It means that it is the primary way in which Jesus chooses to redeem His people from the stain of sin. Without the grace that we receive at Baptism there is no hope for salvation. Therefore Baptism is not an option for us who have come to know this truth. We must choose it.

However, it leaves the door open for others who have not yet come to know this truth. Jesus can dispense his grace to these people in another way according to his pleasure. This is the basis for Vatican II's teaching in the document, Lumen Gentium, which leaves room for salvation for those of other faiths, such as the Muslims and the Jews.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

December 27, 2021-January 2, 2022

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$5,342.51	\$1,040.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christmas Total Giving			\$17,751.00

2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	\$55,605.00
Amount Received (12.23.21)	\$46,797.00

We have a **\$9,123** shortfall!

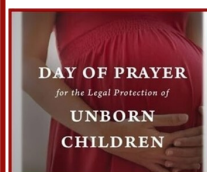
Thank you to those who gave to help us work toward appeal goal. We have already started collecting for 2022!

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 1/10	1 Sm 1:1-8	Mk 1:14-20
Tues: 1/11	1 Sm 1:9-20	Mk 1:21-28
Wed: 1/12	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	Mk 1:29-39
Thu: 1/13	1 Sm 4:1-11	Mk 1:40-45
Fri: 1/14	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	Mk 2:1-12
Sat: 1/15	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1	Mk 2:13-17
Sun: 1/16	Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11	Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 Jn 2:1-11

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Jan 23	For the living and deceased members of the Kolker and Sparks families.
Jan 30	Sponsors Needed
Feb 6	† Patricia Rynerson by Roger Rynerson & family



Friday, **January 22**, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: respectlife.org/january-22.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues Jan 11	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Gen Olson by friends	Church Church
Wed Jan 12	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Gen Olson by friends	Church Church
Thurs Jan 13	8:30 am 9:00 am 2:00 pm	Rosary Mass † Lupe Ortiz by family Mass	Church Church Good Sams
Fri Jan 14	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass For the poor souls in purgatory	Church Church
Sat Jan 15	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass For the poor souls in purgatory	Church Church Church
Sun Jan 16	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass For All Parishioners Hispanic Mass For the intentions listed in the book of intentions and for all parishioners.	Church Church Church

What is the Chaplet of St. Joseph?

It's a beautiful devotion in honor of our spiritual father.

If you've ever seen a beaded item that looks a bit like a fifteen-decade rosary—but has three small beads instead of ten at the start of each decade—you may have been looking at the Chaplet of St. Joseph.



This devotion is a combination of the Holy Rosary of Our Lady and special prayers in honor of the Holy Family. The Chaplet consists of fifteen sets of four beads: one large, white bead (representing St. Joseph's purity) and three blue or purple beads (representing his piety). Each four-bead set corresponds to a Mystery of the Rosary.

On each white bead, you announce the Mystery and say two Hail Mary's. On the blue/purple beads, you say the following prayer in honor of the Holy Family:

"Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary, and Joseph!"

Next to Our Lord and Our Lady, this great saint is the most powerful patron we have in Heaven and we should strive to foster our devotion to him. He was the man closest to Christ, the guardian of the Holy Family, God's chosen protector of His beloved Son and His Immaculate Mother.

God gave what was most precious to Him, to the care of St. Joseph; if we place ourselves under the patronage of St. Joseph, we, too, are assured of his loving protection.

St. Teresa of Ávila, who had a strong devotion to St. Joseph, assured us that—while God has given other saints the ability to aid us in some necessities—St. Joseph succors us in them all.




9 Days for Life Novena: The sign-up page for the 9 Days for Life novena is now active! Anyone can sign up to receive the novena January 19-27 via daily email or text messages at 9daysforlife.com. St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!

This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Jan 10	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30 pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8:00 pm	Marian Hall Church Church Basement
Tues Jan 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 pm Endowment Board Meeting 5:30-6:30 pm	School Marian Hall
Wed Jan 12	Morning Prayer Group 6-7:00 am Faith Formation Classes: Grade 5th-11th 7:00-8:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room Marian Hall, School, Gym
Thurs Jan 13	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8:00 pm	School Church Basement Church
Fri Jan 14	NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:30 am-12:00 pm Adoration 9:30am-6:30 pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8:00 pm	School Church Church
Sat Jan 15	NO Additional Parish Activities	
Sun Jan 16	Faith Formation Classes: Grade K-4th 10:05-10:55 am	School

Liturgical Ministers

	Jan. 15, 2022	January 16, 2021	
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Accompanist	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
Cantor	NEEDED	Alex Amudson	
Lectors	Axtmans	Catherine Buboltz	

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

RSVP to attend the Faith Formation Family Meal!

Mark your calendars! Wednesday, January 19th, is our Special Faith Formation Supper for Parents and Students (5th-11th grade) at 6:30pm in Marian Hall. Please RSVP for the meal by January 14th to: ian@sttheo.org. All 10th & 11th grade CONFIRMATION PARENTS are highly encouraged to stay after supper for a special program!

10th & 11th Grade Confirmation Students & Sponsors!

Be sure to be working on your Faith Challenges! They're due at the next Sponsor & Candidate Session, Feb. 13th from 2-4pm.

Registration for Summer Camps Coming Soon!

Save the dates for the following:

TOTUS TUUS at St. Theodore

July 17-22, 2022, Elementary School youth entering 1st-6th grade

CAMP SUMMIT at Lanesboro, MN

July 25-28, 2022, Middle School youth entering 6th-8th grade

Team Leadership (camp counselor) opportunities available for High school youth!


Be sure to check future bulletins for further information on how you can take part in these awesome summer opportunities!

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

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

We are still collecting items for the United Way of Albert Lea and have donation boxes in the Church, School and Parish offices. Items needed are hats, gloves, coats, snow pants, boots, and new socks.



 It's Starting! For the month of January, the school will receive a \$1 donation from the purchase of the \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" Bag at the Hy-Vee store located Albert Lea MN!

Have a Blessed Weekend!

12 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage

Tiberias - Mt. Beatitudes - Mazareth - Bethlehem - Jerusalem - Mount of Olives - Dead Sea

March 13-24, 2023

Cost \$3,790.00 per person from Minneapolis

Space is limited so contact the parish office to get more info!

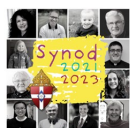
Married Couples Retreat: The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will host its 7th Annual Married Couples in Lanesboro, February 18-19. This year's theme is "Merciful Love" and couples will reflect on the importance of Divine Mercy in marriage. Married couples will enjoy a wine and cheese social Friday night with lunch and dinner included on Saturday, all while enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Lanesboro countryside. Register now at www.dowr.org. Please note that lodging is not included, but Lanesboro is the Bed & Breakfast Capitol of Minnesota.



Updating Parish Records: Start the New Year right by making sure your records are up-to-date at St. Theodore's. Just contact the parish office at 373-0603 or send us a quick email to ensure that we have the most current information, especially if you have made any changes during 2021. Thank You!



Synod on Synodality Listening Sessions




The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue that will conclude in 2023. Pope Francis has asked the entire Church to take an active part in the synod, inviting people from all walks of life and from all around the world to gather together for prayer, sharing experiences, listening, and seeking the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Please check future bulletins for when our parish's listening session will be. For more information, visit <https://www.dowr.org/synod/>

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

- Darlene Mae Nistler (died December 29, 2021)
- Dr. John M. Enger (died December 31, 2021)

We pray that the Lord's love, mercy & compassion bring their families peace & comfort during this difficult time. We pray the Lord will grant their souls peace, mercy and eternal rest.



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