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Today's readings encourage us to live in the Spirit as members of the body of Christ, the Church. This life demands that we share the gifts the Spirit bestows on each of us; to do so, we must discern what these gifts are in our spiritual life since, as Saint Paul says in his Letter to the Corinthians, "the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." In today's Gospel, Saint John presents the first of the signs that Jesus performed that point out the transformation to which we are all called. At the wedding at Cana, under the loving persistence of his mother for the good of the new spouses, Jesus shows that, in his hands, we will all be transformed through the love of God, who is always attentive to our needs. Our communities would do well to value more the quality of the ministerial groups that function as a whole than the number of groups they can list off. Reflections by each group may be truly valuable for the good of all who make up the body of Christ at the local level and aim to serve those most in need.

Las lecturas de hoy nos animan a vivir en el Espíritu como miembros del cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia. Esta vida exige que compartamos los dones que el Espíritu nos otorga a cada uno de nosotros; para ello, debemos discernir cuáles son estos dones en nuestra vida espiritual, ya que, como dice san Pablo en su Carta a los Corintios, "la manifestación del Espíritu se da para algún beneficio". En el Evangelio de hoy, San Juan presenta el primero de los signos que Jesús realizó y que señalan la transformación a la que todos estamos llamados. En las bodas de Caná, bajo la persistencia amorosa de su madre por el bien de los nuevos esposos, Jesús muestra que, en sus manos, todos seremos transformados a través del amor de Dios, que siempre está atento a nuestras necesidades. Nuestras comunidades harían bien en valorar más la calidad de los grupos ministeriales que funcionan en su conjunto que el número de grupos que pueden enumerar. Las reflexiones de cada grupo pueden ser verdaderamente valiosas para el bien de todos los que componen el cuerpo de Cristo a nivel local y tienen como objetivo servir a los más necesitados.

Let us Review

- The Holy Spirit is GOD.
- The Holy Spirit Loves You.
- The Holy Spirit Came Rushing.
- The Holy Spirit Wants to Hug You.
- The Holy Spirit is Your COMFORTER, INTERCESSOR, HELPER, ADVOCATE, STRENGTHENER, ALONGSIDE...
- The Holy Spirit Convicts you of Righteousness.
- **The Holy Spirit Lives in You.**

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



In today's Gospel, John tells us the story of Jesus' first miracle. Jesus and his disciples had been invited to a family wedding. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was also there and was still very much acting like his mother. She asks him to save the wedding party from embarrassment by providing more wine for the wedding. Jesus is still very much acting like a son when he questions his mother about why he should get involved. Mary doesn't respond to his question but just assumes that Jesus will obey her. She orders the servants to do what ever He tells them. Thus, Jesus turns about a hundred and fifty gallons of water into the finest quality of wine.

John makes use of this story to help illustrate the theme of his Gospel, which is that Jesus is the full manifestation of the love of God for his people. That quantity of wine at any occasion could have been a cause for great scandal. By no means is John telling us that Jesus approves of drunkenness. However, he is using the story to illustrate the abundance of God's love that is being poured out through the sacrifice of his son to the world. John is saying that by putting our faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we will be totally satisfied in this life and in the next to come.

Let us choose Christ to be our source of happiness and we shall never thirst again.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues Jan 18	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Alfonso Hernandez Sandoval by family	Church Church
Wed Jan 19	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Lupe Ortiz by family	Church Church
Thurs Jan 20	8:30 am 9:00 am 2:00 pm	Rosary Mass † Patty Rynerson Mass	Church Church Thorne Crest
Fri Jan 21	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Darlene Nistler by Robert Nistler	Church Church
Sat Jan 22	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass † Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary	Church Church Church
Sun Jan 23	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass For the living and deceased members of the Kolker & Sparks Families Hispanic Mass For the intentions listed in the book of	Church Church Church

Sacrificial Giving

January 2-9, 2022

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$7,772.00	\$791.00	\$745.00	\$0.00
Christmas Total Giving			\$17,831.00

2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	\$55,605.00
Amount Received (1.7.22)	\$48,407.00

We have a **\$7,198** shortfall!

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

Daily Scripture Readings

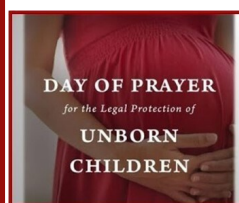
Mon: 1/10	1 Sm 1:1-8	Mk 1:14-20
Tues: 1/11	1 Sm 1:9-20	Mk 1:21-28
Wed: 1/12	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20	Mk 1:29-39
Thu: 1/13	1 Sm 4:1-11	Mk 1:40-45
Fri: 1/14	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	Mk 2:1-12
Sat: 1/15	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1	Mk 2:13-17
Sun: 1/16	Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11	Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 Jn 2:1-11

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Jan 30	Sponsors Needed
Feb 6	† Patricia Rynerson by Roger Rynerson & family
Feb 13	Sponsors Needed
Feb 20	† Troy Peterson by Carol & Kenny & family



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 Friday, **January 22**, (the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*) 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.



We are once again offering the Eucharist to those who are homebound and in nursing homes. If you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the parish office at 373-0603 to sign up.



Home Visits: Father would love to visit and get to know our homebound parishioners. If you or someone you know would like Father to come for a visit, please contact the parish office to set up a time at 373-0603.

United Way Winter Gear Drive drop boxes are still located in the parish office, back access of the church, and the school until the end of January. Anything designed to keep a person warm during our cold Minnesota winters is being accepted.



This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Jan 17	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 18	School Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm	Marian Hall
Wed Jan 19	Morning Prayer Group 6-7:00 am Faith Formation Meal & Classes: Gr 5th-11th 7:00-8:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room Marian Hall, School, Gym
Thurs Jan 20	Quilting Group 1:00-4:00 pm Finance Council 6:30-8:00 pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8:00 pm	Church Basement Marian Hall Church
Fri Jan 21	Adoration 9:30am-6:30 pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8:00 pm	Church Church
Sat Jan 22	NO Additional Parish Activities	
Sun Jan 23	Faith Formation Classes: Grade K-4th 10:05-10:55 am	School



Saint Michael, the leader of God's army,

has been given the highest place among the angels of heaven. The Church calls him "Prince of the Heavenly Host." His name, literally translated, means: "Who is like unto God?"

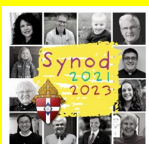
As Protector of the Church and Guardian of souls, St. Michael wages war against Satan. He protects faithful souls, especially at their death. He is the

champion of God's people. The Book of Revelation (12:7-9) tells us:

"there was a great battle in heaven; Michael and his angels fought with the dragon...who is called the devil and Satan, who seduces the whole world; and he was cast unto the earth, and his angels (the demons) were thrown down with him."

Although we tend to downplay the reality of the devil and his army of fallen angels, they do indeed exist and have every intention of destroying our relationship with God. Each of us has our own battle against the forces of evil, which attempt to keep us from attaining eternal life with our Creator. St. Michael the Archangel is our God-given helper against these assaults. His is a patron for our times. Always pray and ask for his help and intercession!

St. Michael, the Archangel, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Synod on Synodality Sessions
 Next week, please check the bulletin for an insert on how you can participate.

Liturgical Ministers

	Jan. 22, 2022	January 23, 2022	
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	Ada Theusch	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
Cantor	NEEDED	Alex Amudson	
Lectors	Bob Steffl	Nicole Eckstrom	

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



Our students will begin selling Catholic United raffle tickets on Friday, January 14th. Each raffle ticket is \$5.00 and ALL proceeds come back to St. Theodore School. This year's grand prize is a 2022 Ford Escape or \$20,000 in cash. Raffle tickets may be purchased through a student or from the school and parish offices.



Mark your calendars! St. Theodore School will be hosting our Pre-K/Kindergarten Open House on Tuesday, February 8th, from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Come take a look at our school and see what we have to offer. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 507-373-9657.

Have a Blessed Weekend!



Please pick up your box of envelopes located in the lower church access area.

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

- Michael Johnson (died December 30, 2022)
- San Juana (Judy) Flores (Cruz) (died January 5, 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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