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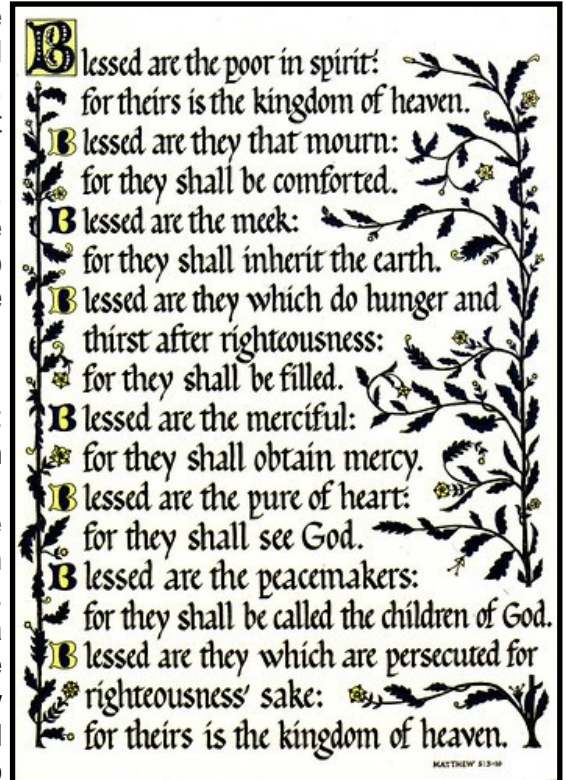
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Today we hear the Beatitudes: Blessed are you who.... We also hear the woes, that is, those who live lives devoid of blessing, fully satisfied in this earthly life, with no need for God. The prophet Jeremiah also contrasts a life that is cursed with one that is blessed. Those who trust and hope in the Lord, as the prophet urges, receive the strength to bear what most consider misfortunes in this life: poverty, hunger, sorrow, hatred or prejudice, marginalization, insults. Those who are fully satisfied in this life have nothing to look forward to in the next, the resurrected life with Christ.

Hoy escuchamos las Bienaventuranzas: Bienaventurados los que... También escuchamos las aflicciones, es decir, aquellos que viven vidas desprovistas de bendición, plenamente satisfechos en esta vida terrenal, sin necesidad de Dios. El profeta Jeremías también contrasta una vida que está maldita con una que es bendecida. Aquellos que confían y esperan en el Señor, como insta el profeta, reciben la fuerza para soportar lo que la mayoría considera desgracias en esta vida: pobreza, hambre, dolor, odio o prejuicio, marginación, insultos. Aquellos que están plenamente satisfechos en esta vida no tienen nada que esperar en la próxima, la vida resucitada con Cristo.



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

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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 theme of this weeks Gospel is enduring rejection as prophets gives us HOPE of a heavenly reward.

The presence of a huge and distinguished audience--the Twelve, a great crowd of disciples, and a large number of people from near and far--sets the scene

for Jesus' solemn utterance of his "sermon on the plain" in Luke's gospel. The first three beatitudes of this sermon urge the followers of Jesus to accept present poverty, hunger, and sorrow for the sake of experiencing the kingdom of God now and receiving satisfaction and joy from God in the future.

The fourth beatitude encourages us to endure with joy, and like the true prophets of old, the hatred, insults, and rejection we may undergo in living our lives in accord with Jesus' teachings. Such endurance blesses us now and gives us hope for a great reward in heaven.

The urging of these four positive beatitudes are reinforced by four corresponding woes. Those who are rich, satisfied, and laughing now must beware as they have already received their consolation and will have their good fortunes reversed by God in the future. These things bring present reward but hold no hope for a future reward in heaven.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues Feb 15		NO MASS Intention has been moved to 2/16/2022	
Wed Feb 16	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass –Celebrated by Fr. Stenzel For the living & deceased family members of Byron & Ruth Spear	Church Church
Thurs Feb 17	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Alfonso Hernandez Sandovol by family	Church Church
Fri Feb 18	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Fr. Melvin Hemann by Ruth	Church Church
Sat Feb 19	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	Church Church Church
Sun Feb 20	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass † Troy Peterson by his family Hispanic Mass For the intentions listed in the book of intentions and for all parishioners.	Church Church Church

Sacrificial Giving

January 31-February 6, 2022

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$9,321.50	\$1,004.00	\$5.00	\$70.00

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 2/14	Jas 1:1-11	Mk 8:11-13
Tues: 2/15	Jas 1:12-18	Mk 8:14-21
Wed: 2/16	Jas 1:19-27	Mk 8:22-26
Thu: 2/17	Jas 2:1-9	Mk 8:27-33
Fri: 2/18	Jas 2:14-24, 26	Mk 8:34-9:1
Sat: 2/19	Jas 3:1-10	Mk 9:2-13
Sun: 2/20	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15:45-49	Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 Lk 6:27-38

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Feb 27	† Art & Helen Rudolph † Jesus H. Guerra by family † Charles Kermes by Mary & family For the living & deceased members of the Schiltz family Additional Sponsors Needed
Mar 6	† Ryan Moore by Suzanne & family
Mar 13	† Ramona & William Boyer by family



What is the "burial of the Alleluia"?

It's an old Church practice that anticipates the solemnity of Lent.

"Alleluia" is the Church's great song of joy and praise, used throughout most of the liturgical year.

However, the solemnity of the coming Lenten season brings a more somber, reflective atmosphere to her liturgies, which will culminate in the sorrowful mysteries of Our Lord's Passion and Death.

The "burial of the Alleluia" refers to the ceremony surrounding the official liturgical end of the use of this word until the Easter Vigil, when it will be joyfully sung again in celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection.

In the current calendar, the Alleluia goes silent after Shrove Tuesday. In former times, it ceased the eve of "Septuagesima" Sunday, or the Ninth Sunday before Easter. In those days, the season of Septuagesima was a "pre-Lent" which prepared us spiritually for the forty days that begin on Ash Wednesday.

The ceremonial dismissal of the Alleluia from the liturgy began as a simple ritual in the time of Pope Alexander II in the 11th century. However, different regions developed their own, often spectacular, variations. These customs often included the physical removal of the "Alleluia" from the church: the word being written on a



plaque or board, deposited in a box, carried in procession, and removed from view. In France, where these customs seem to have been especially splendid, the ceremony sometimes included placing the Alleluia in a coffin, burying it, and even burning a straw "Alleluia" outside the church!

Many parishes still continue some version of this tradition, either on the eve of Septuagesima or on a day leading up to Ash Wednesday. Even if a physical removal of the Alleluia isn't included, we all participate in the silence that encourages us to gradually gather our thoughts and prepare ourselves to embark on the spiritual journey of Lent.

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

- Rosemary (Cookie) Dowling (died February 6, 2022)


We pray the Lord's love, mercy & compassion bring her family peace & comfort during this difficult time. We pray the Lord will grant her soul peace, mercy and eternal rest.



This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Feb 14	Happy Valentine's Day 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 Feb 15	School Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm	Marian Hall
Wed Feb 16	NO Morning Prayer Group Faith Formation Classes: Gr 5th-11th 7:00-8:00 pm	Marian Hall, School, Gym
Thurs Feb 17	Quilting Group 1:00-4:00 pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8:00 pm	Church Basement Church
Fri Feb 18	Adoration 9:30am-6:30 pm Wedding: Minear & Rende 5:00 pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8:00 pm	Church/Chapel Church Chapel
Sat Feb 19	RCIA 9:30-11:30 am Baptism: Anderson 3:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room Church
Sun Feb 20	Faith Formation Classes: Grade K-4th 10:05-10:55 am	School

Liturgical Ministers

	Feb 19, 2022	Feb 20, 2022	
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	Diane Heaney	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
Cantor	Iris Goodnature	Alex Amundson	
Lectors	Mary Larscheid	Kim & Dan Otten	
Servers	Kyle & Matthew Ramirez	Seeking Servers	

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

10th & 11th Grade Confirmation Students & Sponsors!

Required Sponsor & Candidate Session, this Sunday, Feb. 13th from 2-4pm



Our Faith Formation Students will be having a Super Bowl Collection at each Mass this weekend. The money collected will come back to the Loaves & Fishes Program right here at St. Theodore. Please give generously.

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Registration for Summer Camps Coming Soon!

Save the dates for the following:



TOTUS TUUS at St. Theodore

July 18-22, 2022, School youth entering 1st-6th and 7th-12th grades.




CAMP SUMMIT at Lanesboro, MN

July 25-28, 2022, Middle School youth entering 6th-8th grade
 Team Leadership opportunities available for High school youth!
 Dream Team & Fiat Team applications are due March 1st! To register go to <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/20e07ecd-94b1-4733-9f43-687342741299> or contact Irene today!




Stuebenville Conference: The Diocese of Winona-Rochester

will be taking a diocesan group to Steubenville Rochester this summer, July 15-17. Parish youth are also welcome to go individually, and still participate in the group t-shirt and picture for The Courier. Cost for the Diocesan Group is \$400 per person which includes lodging & transportation if registered by March 30. Contact Irene for more information.



Drive Thru Fish Fry

March 4th, 25th & April 8th
5:00-6:30 PM • Marian Hall
\$10 Advance Tickets ♦ **\$12** at the door
 Tickets can be purchased at the school or parish offices.



ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic School's Week Highlights!



Have a Blessed Weekend!



Applications for **St. Theodore Scholarships** are now available at the parish office or website. Eligible applicants must submit their application on or before April 22, 2022.

Recipients will be announced at the Baccalaureate Mass on May 14, 2022.

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

St. Theodore School Endowment Fund News

The St. Theodore School Endowment Fund Board of Directors recently approved a grant of \$46,700.86 to the St. Theodore School for the 2022-2023 school year. A big **THANK YOU** to all those who donated their SCRIP proceeds to the Endowment Fund and for those who utilize the green envelopes provided in their box of parish envelopes! Your participation helps provide an excellent and faith based education to the students of the St. Theodore School."



Scholarship Audition Day for 2022: Albert Lea Civic Music is

excited to be offering scholarships for vocalists and instrumentalists in Junior and Senior High School for private lessons during the 2022-2023 school year. These lessons are available to students who live in Freeborn Count, MN. Application deadline is April 25, 2022. Please contact Eileen Nelson Ness at 507-383-7629 or eileenness@msn.com for more information.

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