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requests in
Spanish!

In today's readings, the tension that comes from the apostles' response to Christ's call to follow him and shepherd his flock is palpable. On the one hand, the testimony of his resurrection led them to severe punishment while, on the other hand, the communion of love they experienced at the eucharistic banquet gave them everlasting sustenance and joy. In today's Gospel, Saint John presents us with the beautiful dialogue between Christ and Peter during which Peter affirms his love for the Lord and the Lord understands that this love will grow and mature over time as Peter shepherds his flock. All these texts can help those who will be receiving holy orders this year reflect. They can also help their communities. What motivates their desire to be missionaries in today's world? How can the communities that will become their new families show their love for their new family member? Embracing sacrifice in order to serve others should become their primary source of motivation.



En las lecturas de hoy, la tensión que proviene de la respuesta de los apóstoles al llamado de Cristo a seguirlo y pastorear su rebaño es palpable. Por un lado, el testimonio de su resurrección los llevó a un castigo severo, mientras que, por otro lado, la comunión de amor que experimentaron en el banquete eucarístico les dio sustento y alegría eternos. En el Evangelio de hoy, San Juan nos presenta el hermoso diálogo entre Cristo y Pedro durante el cual Pedro afirma su amor por el Señor y el Señor entiende que este amor crecerá y madurará con el tiempo a medida que Pedro pastoree su rebaño. Todos estos textos pueden ayudar a aquellos que recibirán órdenes sagradas este año a reflexionar. También pueden ayudar a sus comunidades. ¿Qué motiva su deseo de ser misioneros en el mundo de hoy? ¿Cómo pueden las comunidades que se convertirán en sus nuevas familias mostrar su amor por su nuevo miembro de la familia? Abrazar el sacrificio para servir a los demás debe convertirse en su principal fuente de motivación.

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



Do you love me?

This is the question that Jesus asks Peter in the Gospel today, but it is also the question in all of our hearts. It is a proven fact that human beings need love, just as we need food, water, clothing and all the other necessities of life. All of us hunger for love and will do anything to get it. If we are looking in the wrong places for love, we can end up hurting ourselves and others. Love can't be bought, or sold, or won, or taken; it must be given freely. Most often the love that we seek ends up disappointing us because there always seems to be conditions placed on that love, which turn it sour.

However, Jesus offers us a love that is unconditional, a love that will never end. All we have to do is receive it by loving Him in return. Once loved by the unconditional love of God, we in turn are given the power to love others unconditional with His love. Once loved by God unconditionally, we are able to love others without counting the cost or placing conditions on our love. Jesus has given His life for us. Let us give our lives for him, and in return receive the gift of unconditional love for others.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

April 18-24, 2022

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$14,501.00	\$1,822.23	\$25.00	\$0.00

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$57,600.00
Amount Received (4/22/22)	\$31,232.00

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention(s)
May 15	† Denis C. Flaherty by Ellen M Flaherty
May 22	† Joan Sullivan & all her the living and deceased relatives and friends by Patrick Sullivan
May 29	† Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary
June 5	Sponsors Needed

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 5/2	Acts 6:8-15	Jn 6:22-29
Tues: 5/3	1 Cor 15:1-8	Jn 14:6-14
Wed: 5/4	Acts 8:1b-8	Jn 6:35-40
Thu: 5/5	Acts 8:26-40	Jn 6:44-51
Fri: 5/6	Acts 9:1-20	Jn 6:52-59
Sat: 5/7	Acts 9:31-42	Jn 6:60-69
Sun: 5/8	Acts 13:14, 43-52	Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
	Rev 7:9, 14b-17	Jn 10:27-30

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

- Ray Luna (died April 19, 2022)

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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues May 3	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † For the Poor Souls in Purgatory	Church Church
Wed May 4	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Eric Stenseth by Elaine & Don Ehrich	Church Church
Thurs May 5	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Alfonso Hernandez Sandoval by family Distribution of the Eucharist	Church Church
Fri May 6	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am	Rosary Mass † Alyce McCormick by Connie Peterson & family First Friday Confession	Church Church Church
Sat May 7	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass † MaryAnn Wilder by family	Church Church Church
Sun May 8	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass In recognition of all mothers living and deceased by the KC Auxiliary Hispanic Mass For those listed in the book of intentions	Church Church Church

Thank You, God,



for our Mothers.

Heavenly Father, We lift up all mothers today and thank them for their guidance and love. We ask You to bless them with Your own special love, today and always. Amen.

James "Jim" Cisewski
Visitation & Memorial Services

Father of Cheri Petersen, will be held at the Bonnerup Chapel, May 7, 2022. Visitation is 10:30-11:00 am and the Memorial Service begins at 11:00 AM. We pray for his family as they mourn their loss.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon May 2	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 May 3	No Additional Parish Activities	
Wed May 4	Morning Prayer Group 6:00-7:00 am	Parish Meeting Room
Thurs May 5	Quilting Group 1:00-4:00 pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8:00 pm	Church Basement Church Basement
Fri May 6	Adoration 9:30am-6:30 pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8:00 pm	Chapel Chapel
Sat May 7	Funeral: Jim Cisewski 10:30 Visitation 11:00 am Service Spring Get Together 1:00-3:00 pm Baptism: Adal Ortiz 3:00 pm	Bonnerup Chapel Marian Hall Church
Sun May 8	Happy Mother's Day	

Retirement Planning in a Changing Landscape

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Free Virtual Webinar featuring Ed Slott, America's IRA Expert, who specializes in the latest retirement planning strategies and opportunities for 2022. Register today to reserve your spot.

May 24: 6:30 pm CDT
<https://tinyurl.com/SlottMay24>

June 14: 6:30 PM CDT
<https://tinyurl.com/SlottJune14>



How Long is the Easter Season

Much like Christmas, Easter is no "one-day" feast.

The *octave*—the eight days of rejoicing that constitute our Easter and Christmas commemorations. But does our Easter celebration end there? Is it all over once the octave concludes?

The resounding answer is: **No!**

The season of Easter continues on for a full **fifty days**, up through the feast of Pentecost (which is June 5th this year).

Easter is the most important feast in the liturgical calendar, and it only makes sense that the Church should celebrate not just a feast, not just an octave, but a whole *season* in honor of Our Lord's Resurrection.

Within these fifty days we celebrate some important feasts: Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast of the Ascension, and finally, Pentecost, the birthday of the Church!

So don't wind down your celebrations yet. We've got a few more weeks of joy ahead of us.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	May 7, 2022	May 8, 2022	
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Accompanist	Ryan Hulschizer	Ada Theusch	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
Cantor	TBD	Alex Amundson	
Lectors	Grzybowski's	Nicole Eckstrom	
Servers	Lauren & Lilly Raleigh Grace Haag	Volunteers needed	

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Summer Camp Opportunities

For more info go to sttheo.org or contact Irene Nelson at 507-373-5254.



Totus Tuus

("Totally Yours")

A Catholic Summer Youth Program

Coming to St. Theodore's,

July 17-22, 2022

TOTUS TUUS combines catechesis and having FUN! The youthfulness & energy of the leaders is contagious. Registration is \$15 per child (\$30 max/family). Totus Tuus is open to youth 1st-6th grade, as well as middle & high school youth 7th-12th grade. Informational flyers, which include a registration form and ways for all parishioners to volunteer, are located in both church entrances. **Please register by May 1st!**

We need more students to sign up in order for us to hold this program.

Camp Summit

July 25-28, near Lanesboro, MN. Register by June 1st.



Monetary assistance is still needed to help lighten the financial cost for an individual's fee to attend camp. Envelopes located in back access.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!



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

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

We are accepting registration for our 2022/2023 Pre-K program. If you have any questions please contact the school at 507-373-9657.



We are officially down to our **last month of school**. How has this happened? It has been so great watching our students grow throughout this school year.

We have some **summer events** coming up.

- During Fair Week we will have **St. Theodore Restaurant set up at the fairgrounds**. There will be some volunteering opportunities for this event, stay tuned.

- We are also hosting a **Gulf Fundraiser** on August 28, so start thinking about your teams.

We will keep you all updated as these events start to approach.

Have a blessed weekend!

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