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The preaching of Jesus in Galilee finds its clearest expression in the Sermon on the Mount, proclaimed today in the Gospel of Matthew. In this text, the Lord shows his preference for the humble, whose hearts are open to God's grace. Although these texts remind us of the many saints who are shining examples of simplicity and surrender to God and the Church, we remember that God also speaks to us through his Scriptures. Truly, God calls all of his creation to reflect the strength of the Holy Spirit. The Lord invites us to evaluate our lives in the world, asking ourselves whether we are poor in spirit, if we work for peace and justice, if we are pure of heart, if we are merciful and if we pray for those who are persecuted. This week, community groups could share their thoughts on today's Gospel in contrast with Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the final judgment. Dialogue over these texts may incite concrete responses to our Christian vocation of life in ministry and service.



La predicación de Jesús en Galilea encuentra su expresión más clara en el Sermón de la Montaña, proclamado hoy en el Evangelio de Mateo. En este texto, el Señor muestra su preferencia por los humildes, cuyos corazones están abiertos a la gracia de Dios. Aunque estos textos nos recuerdan a los muchos santos que son ejemplos brillantes de simplicidad y entrega a Dios y a la Iglesia, recordamos que Dios también nos habla a través de sus Escrituras. Verdaderamente, Dios llama a toda su creación a reflejar la fuerza del Espíritu Santo. El Señor nos invita a evaluar nuestra vida en el mundo, preguntándonos si somos pobres de espíritu, si trabajamos por la paz y la justicia, si somos puros de corazón, si somos misericordiosos y si oramos por aquellos que son perjudiciales. Esta semana, los grupos comunitarios podrían compartir sus pensamientos sobre el Evangelio de hoy en contraste con Mateo 25:31-46, la parábola del juicio final. El diálogo sobre estos textos puede incitar respuestas concretas a nuestra vocación cristiana de vida en el ministerio y el servicio.

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

Offices Close Daily

- 9:00-9:45 am for Mass (except Monday)
- 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch

The Catholic Shoppe ♦ Parish Office

- 1:00-4:00 pm
- Monday-Thursday



Today in the Gospel Jesus teaches us what it will take to be called blessed in the kingdom of God. He tells us that the poor in spirit, those that mourn, those that hunger and thirst for righteousness, those that are merciful, those that are pure of heart, the peace makers, and the persecuted will be called blessed in the kingdom of God.

How many of us have all heard the beatitudes mentioned many of times without truly understanding how they apply to our lives. Sometimes it is difficult to apply Christ's teaching to what is actually happening in our lives today. In that line of thinking, Pope Francis proposed six new beatitudes for the modern era: Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others, and forgive them from their hearts. Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized, and show them their closeness; Blessed are those who see God in every person, and strive to make others also discover him? Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home; Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others; Blessed are those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

Love of Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Jan 31	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Donald Sellner by Gerri Berg	Church Church
Wed Feb 1	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Ruth Spear by Roger & Mary Jemming	Church Church
Thurs Feb 2		No Mass	
Fri Feb 3		No Mass	
Sat Feb 4	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass † Ruth Spear by Roger & Mary Jemmings	Church Church Church
Sun Feb 5	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Rosary & Confessions Mass † Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary Bloomquist Hispanic Mass For those listed in the book of intentions and for all parishioners	Church Church Church

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$57,600.00
Amount Received (1/20/23)	\$58,274.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

January 17 – 23, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$5,405.50	\$1,006.00	\$100.00	\$70.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 1/30	Heb 11:32-40	Mk 5:1-20
Tues: 1/31	Heb 12:1-4	Mk 5:21-43
Wed: 2/1	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15	Mk 6:1-6
Thu: 2/2 The Presentation	Mal 3:1-4	Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10
	Heb 2:14-18	Lk 2:22-40
Fri: 2/3	Heb 13:1-8	Mk 6:14-29
Sat: 2/4	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21	Mk 6:30-34
Sun: 2/5	Is 58:7-10	Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
	1 Cor 2:1-5	Mt 5:13-16

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Feb 12	† Troy Peterson by Corald & Connie Peterson & family
Feb 19	† For the living and deceased members of the Forman & Langer families by John & Lioba Forman
Feb 26	† Ruth Spear by Family and Friends
Mar 5	Sponsor Needed

Offering Envelopes

All giving envelopes will be moved to the parish office. Just contact the parish office at 507-373-0603 or stop in to pick them up.

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

- **Ruth E. Spear** (died January 15, 2023)
- **Mary M. Dowd** (died January 21, 2023)

We pray the Lord will bring their souls peace, mercy and eternal rest and comfort for their family during this difficult time.



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was going to be easy.



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

- **James Oliver-Alejandro Lares** child of Benjamin & Amanda Lares

We celebrate the blessing of his beautiful eternal soul and may we help him grow to be the saint the Lord has called him to be.



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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Jan 30	Catholic School's Week School Activity 1-3pm Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm	Church Marian Hall Church Basement
Tues Jan 31	No Additional Parish Activities	
Wed Feb 1	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Funeral Planning Seminar 9:30-10:30am Hand Bell Choir 6-7pm Adoration 7-8pm Faith Formation Class: 5th-11 Grade 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church Church Basement Church School
Thurs Feb 2	Quilting Group 1-4pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm	Church Basement Church Basement
Fri Feb 3	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Chapel Church
Sat Feb 4	RCIA Classes 10-11:30am	Church Basement
Sun Feb 5	Faith Formation Class Prek-4th grade 10:05-10:55am Sponsor/Candidate Session Grades 10th & 11th 2-4pm	School Marian Hall

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday February 4, 2023	Sunday February 5, 2023	
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Accompanist	Aaron Bartz	Grant Sharstrom	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
Cantor	Jodi Blong	Betsy Schultz	
Lectors	Deb Schatz	Sue Amundson	
Servers	Blake Redman Keagan Winslow	Emilie & Sophia Troster	

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Attention 10th and 11th Grade Confirmation Students!

Mark your calendars! The next Candidate & Sponsor Session will be Sunday, February 5th, 2-4pm in Marian Hall



Save The Date! Souper Bowl of Caring donations will be collected after each of the Masses on February 11th and 12th. Together, we will help Tackle Hunger by participating in this annual, nation-wide fundraiser. All funds collected will stay local and help support our St. Theodore's Loaves and Fishes food charity program.

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

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS



Mark your calendars, and help spread the word! We will be hosting our Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, February 9th, from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Come down and see what our school has to offer.

Students are selling United Catholic Raffle tickets until February 26th. Each raffle ticket is \$5.00. This year's Grand Prize is a 2023 Chevy Trax SUV or a \$20,000 cash prize. All the money collected from this fundraiser comes back to St. Theodore School and it is at no cost to the school to participate. Raffle tickets are also available in the School and Parish Offices.

Have a blessed weekend,
St. Theodore Catholic School

Who is the Patroness of the Unborn!

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of unborn babies.

Before Spain brought the Faith to Mexico in the 16th century, the Aztec religion had formed a culture of death in the native Mexican peoples. The "gods" required human blood to atone for offending them and to ward off their wrath. War and slaughter were a central part of their lives.



When the Holy Virgin Appeared to Juan Diego, carrying within her the unborn God-man, she brought a culture of life to Mexico. Were missionary efforts had met with little success, she brought about 9 million conversions to the Catholic faith and the devout adoration of the only true God. Because of this apparition, she has been named Patroness of the Americas.

In our own time, we have seen the Culture of Death rise again in America. When the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Roe vs Wade, it created a loophole which was quickly monopolized. Pro-abortionists cried out that abortion was now legal and for the next fifty years life has been held as cheaply in our culture as it was in the Aztec religion.

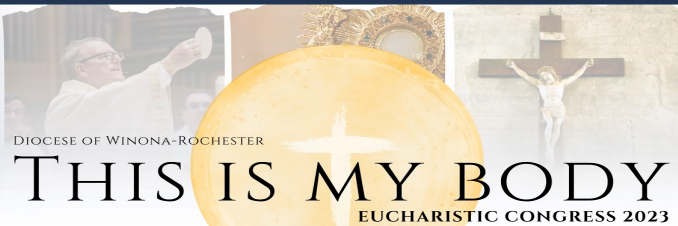
The Patroness of the Americas, however, has triumphed. Last year, the Supreme Court ended the wholesale "legal" abortion torrent: the first step in restoring respect and gratitude for Life - a Culture of Life - to America.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the unborn and of the Americas, will continue to lead us in the defense of Life. As the battle of Life continues, take up your holy weapon, the rosary, and join in the fight. When you pray for the Unborn, the Blessed Mother is right there with you, praying for and protecting the vulnerable children. We just have to be faithful.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



St. Theodore Youth Group will be selling doughnuts next Weekend, February 4th & 5th, 2023 after each Mass. They will be asking for a free-will donation with all proceed to help support future Mission Trips.



SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 10, 2023 | MANKATO CIVIC CENTER

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Ask Our St. Theodore Cemetery Guy!

Josh Fossum will be holding a seminar about funeral preplanning on **Wednesday, February 1 after the 9am Mass**. Josh has 23 years of experience in the industry as well as an insurance license. This is an informational meeting and all questions are welcome.

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