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What is the basis for wisdom of this world? In the Second Reading today, Paul poses this essential question. For him, the wisdom of the world is transitory and, at times, leads to a trap into which these purportedly "wise" people fall. God's wisdom, on the other hand, prevails, and it makes no sense to look for the wisdom of the world without first finding the wisdom of God. This message was addressed to the Corinthians, but it also speaks to us today, as we find ourselves in a culture where material goods are worth more than the intangible, spiritual gifts that God gives us to better walk in his ways. While the Gospel continues to unveil the teachings of Jesus to his disciples, the second reading reminds us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. We belong to a Church that is called to be the new people of God, a pilgrim community committed to proclaim the reign of peace and justice, in which all of us are called to serve. If we wish to understand this message, Saint Paul invites us to open our hearts to the wisdom of God, not the wisdom of the world that almost always creates divisions among us. Both this letter and the Gospel text may serve our community groups, causing us to reflect on the values of Christian families, and how to face the challenges that our society presents us. How can we keep the balance between progress and tradition in our faith?

*Which would you choose?
God's Wisdom or
the wisdom of the world?*

¿Cuál es la base de la sabiduría de este mundo? En la segunda lectura de hoy, Pablo plantea esta pregunta esencial. Para él, la sabiduría del mundo es transitoria y, a veces, conduce a una trampa en la que caen estas personas supuestamente "sabias". La sabiduría de Dios, por otro lado, prevalece, y no tiene sentido buscar la sabiduría del mundo sin encontrar primero la sabiduría de Dios. Este mensaje fue dirigido a los Corintios, pero también nos habla hoy, ya que nos encontramos en una cultura donde los bienes materiales valen más que los dones intangibles y espirituales que Dios nos da para caminar mejor en sus caminos. Mientras que el Evangelio continúa revelando las enseñanzas de Jesús a sus discípulos, la segunda lectura nos recuerda que somos templos del Espíritu Santo. Pertenecemos a una Iglesia llamada a ser el nuevo pueblo de Dios, una comunidad peregrina comprometida a proclamar el reino de la paz y la justicia, en el que todos estamos llamados a servir. Si queremos entender este mensaje, san Pablo nos invita a abrir nuestros corazones a la sabiduría de Dios, no a la sabiduría del mundo que casi siempre crea divisiones entre nosotros. Tanto esta carta como el texto del Evangelio pueden servir a nuestros grupos comunitarios, haciéndonos reflexionar sobre los valores de las familias cristianas y cómo enfrentar los desafíos que nuestra sociedad nos presenta. ¿Cómo podemos mantener el equilibrio entre el progreso y la tradición en nuestra fe?

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

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



We have all heard the saying “turn the other cheek”, but have we ever really thought about the implications of what Jesus is trying to tell us?

I remember having many arguments in the seminary with seminarians that had trouble with this particular teaching of Jesus. The truth is I think the Church itself has struggled to make sense of it.

How can we, as a Church, preach the words of Jesus, “forgive your enemy and pray for those who persecute you”, and at the same time condone murderous crusades, burning heretics at the stake, and supporting war and the death penalty.

I am not trying to answer for the past or present actions of the Church in regards to this particular teaching of Jesus. However, I am trying to help bring out the point that this is a radical teaching. A teaching that goes against the very fabric of our nature, and when it is lived out, such as in the life of Saint Francis of Assisi or Mother of Theresa, it is world changing. Forgiveness is not human, but divine. If we want to live the message of Jesus’ unconditional love and acceptance, we better be ready to face resistance and opposition. True Christianity is not easy but it does make a big impact when it is embraced and lived out.

Love of Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Feb 21	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Ruth Spear by Sharyl Boom	Church Church
Wed Feb 22	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:30-6:30pm 7-8pm	Rosary Mass: Ash Wednesday † Ruth Spear by Joan Kilibarda Mass: Ash Wednesday Hispanic Mass: Ash Wednesday	Church Church Church Church
Thurs Feb 23	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Donald Sellner by Gerri Berg	Church Church
Fri Feb 24	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Matiana Cabrera Alonzo by Family	Church Church
Sat Feb 25	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass † Ruth Spear by Eliaine Sonka	Church Church Church
Sun Feb 26	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary & Confessions Mass † Ruth Spear by Family & Friends † For the Living & Deceased members of John & Penee McGaughey	Church Church

Early Registration for Discount Tickets

NOW-March 31st

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Two \$500 KC Scholarships Available



Eligibility: Any active KC member's immediate family who is a HS Senior or older. Scholarship must be used for an accredited post-HS education.

To Sign Up

1. Pick up the application at the parish office or call Russ Nemeck at 507-373-4165.
2. Application must be turned in by April 28th, 2023
Funds will be awarded after the recipient successfully completes the 1st semester or quarter of school.

Also Available: The State KC has a Student Loan Program with very reasonable rates. **To discover more reasons for joining the KC's, contact a local Knight!**



Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sign Up Sheets are located in the church access area.

Please sign up!

Let us pray together for the victims and all suffering from the earthquakes that devastated Turkey and Syria. We pray for the souls of the departed as we mourn the loss of so many lives. We pray for those injured and the many others suffering. We pray also for the safety and protection of emergency personnel working to save lives and tending to those in need in the wake of this disaster.

Amen.

Donations can be made to Catholic Relief Services at support.crs.org/donate/ earthquakes

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Are new goal is \$54,208.00 for the 2023 year. CMA kick off will be February 26, 2023.	

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

February 13 – February 19, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$9,340.66	\$1,086.00	\$795.00	\$10.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 2/20	Sir 1:1-10	Mk 9:14-29
Tues: 2/21	Sir 2:1-11	Mk 9:30-37
Wed: 2/22	Jl 2:12-18	Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17
Ash	2 Cor 5:20—6:2	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Wednesday	Dt 30:15-20	Lk 9:22-25
Thu: 2/23	Is 58:1-9a	Mt 9:14-15
Fri: 2/24	Is 58:9b-14	Lk 5:27-32
Sat: 2/25	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7	Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17
Sun: 2/26	Rom 5:12-19	Mt 4:1-11

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Mar 5	† Joseph & Mary Becker by Family † Dorrene Walker by Dick Walker Additional Sponsor's Needed
Mar 12	† Ryan Moore by Suzanne & Family
Mar 19	† Peter & Marlene Tautges by Larry

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Feb 20	No School Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7 pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm	Marian Hall Church Church Basement
Tues Feb 21	Dusting 9:30-10:30am School Board Meeting 6-8pm	Church Marian Hall
Wed Feb 22	Ash Wednesday Morning Prayer Group 6-7 am	Parish Meeting Room
Thurs Feb 23	Father Teaching Prek 8:20-8:50am Adoration 9:30am-8:30pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm	School Chapel/Church Church Basement
Fri Feb 24	Diocesan Principal Meeting 8-4pm Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm School Station of the Cross 2:15-2:45pm ♦ 6-6:30pm English Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Marian Hall Chapel Church Church
Sat Feb 25	Funeral: Marcelino Talamantes 11am-12pm	Church
Sun Feb 26	Faith Formation Class Prek-4th grade 10:05-10:55am Shadow Drama Practice 5-6pm	School Church



"True Presence Night"

Monday, March 6th ♦ 6:00-8:00 pm
Resurrection Parish, Rochester

As part of the diocesan year of the National Eucharistic Revival, a "True Presence Night" will be held at the Church of the Resurrection in Rochester on Monday evening, March 6, from 6-8pm. This is a one-night program, led by **The Vigil Project**, to draw the community into a **Lenten encounter with the living God through a time of reflection and Eucharistic Adoration.** (The Vigil Project is a community of artists who come together "to make music for the Catholic journey and to invite the Church into prayer through song.") Robert Feduccia, a nationally known Catholic speaker, writer and retreat leader will share a reflection on the Eucharist.

There is no charge to participate and no registration required.



March means Minnesota Food Share Month!

Donations can be dropped off at:
Ecumenical Food Pantry
308 Water St., Albert Lea, MN

As in the past, the Minneapolis Council of Churches will have a percentage match of the amount collected in both dollars and food in March. Please make checks out to Ecumenical Food Pantry. Food items may be placed in the grocery cart. Food Pantry Directors are extremely grateful for your generous donations. Thank you!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday February 25, 2023		Sunday February 26, 2023	
		5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Accompanist	Grace Chalmers	Grace Chalmers	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details	
Cantor	TBD	Betsy Schultz		
Lectors	Bob Steffl	Kelly Goskeson		
Servers	Kyle Steffl Keagan Winslow	Parker Lund Evyana Bartelt		
As Wednesday ♦ February 22 2023				
	9:00 AM	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	
Accompanist	School Staff	Ada Theusch	Hispanic Mass	
Cantor	School Staff	TBD		
Lectors	School Children	Therese Saindon		
Servers	School Children	Keagan Winslow, Mathew Rende		

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

"Registration for Summer Camps Coming Soon!"

Save the dates for the following:



TOTUS TUUS at St. Theodore

July 9-14, 2023, School youth entering 1st-6th & 7th-12th grades.



CAMP SUMMIT at Lanesboro, MN

Currently on a waiting list! July dates: TBD



Steubenville Conference: July 14-16, 2023.

Cost of Event: \$415 before May 6, 2023 or \$445 after May 11, 2023.

Cost includes hotel, meals at conference, t-shirt & transportation.

Contact Irene for more information or registration material.



Applications for **St. Theodore Scholarships** are now available at the parish & school offices, the Faith Formation Info Station, or website. Eligible applicants must submit their application on or before April 29, 2023. Recipients will be announced at the Baccalaureate Mass on May 13, 2023.

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

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS



One week left to get your United Catholic \$5 Raffle tickets. 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 is at no cost to the school to participate. Last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, February 26th. Raffle tickets are also available in the School and Parish Offices.



Mark your calendars! St. Theodore School Auction Gala will be on Saturday, April 1st. Reservations are now available in the school office. Before March 24th, you may purchase a single reservation for \$55 per person or a table for 10 at \$500. After March 24th, tables will be \$550. If you have any questions contact the school office at 507-373-9657. More information will follow, keep an eye out.

Have a blessed weekend,
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