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God's covenant relationship with the people of Israel began with Abraham, and found its fullest expression in the exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land. Even so, as time went on, the writings of the prophets teach us that God extends this relationship to all people, regardless of their origin. As Isaiah proclaims in today's first reading, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7). In the second reading, Saint Paul addresses those who are not Jews in Rome, encouraging them to see God's mercy in their lives. In the Gospel, Jesus meets a Cannanite woman who begs him to heal her daughter. At first, Jesus explains that his mission is to save only the house of Israel, but the great faith of the foreign woman overcomes cultural boundaries. Faith transcends all cultures, making the foreign, familiar, transforming the distant to close, and the exclusive, inclusive. Our call is to live our Catholic faith with openness, and to bring all people, with respect and without judgment, to be agents of unity in Jesus. How can we express this attitude in the liturgy today? Undoubtedly, there are many songs that reflect the basic elements of today's themes. The same thematic elements may also become part of the homily and our petitions during the prayer of the faithful, bringing greater depth to our understanding of the word proclaimed.



La relación de pacto de Dios con el pueblo de Israel comenzó con Abraham y encontró su máxima expresión en el éxodo de Egipto a la Tierra Prometida. Aun así, con el paso del tiempo, los escritos de los profetas nos enseñan que Dios extiende esta relación a todas las personas, sin importar su origen. Como proclama Isaías en la primera lectura de hoy, "mi casa será llamada casa de oración para todos los pueblos" (Isaías 56:7). En la segunda lectura, San Pablo se dirige a los que no son judíos en Roma, animándolos a ver la misericordia de Dios en sus vidas. En el Evangelio, Jesús se encuentra con una mujer cananea que le ruega que cure a su hija. Al principio, Jesús explica que su misión es salvar solo a la casa de Israel, pero la gran fe de la mujer extranjera supera las fronteras culturales. La fe trasciende todas las culturas, convirtiendo lo extranjero en familiar, transformando lo lejano en cercano y lo exclusivo en inclusivo. Nuestro llamado es vivir nuestra fe católica con apertura y llevar a todas las personas, con respeto y sin juicio, a ser agentes de unidad en Jesús. ¿Cómo podemos expresar esta actitud en la liturgia hoy? Sin duda, hay muchas canciones que reflejan los elementos básicos de los temas de hoy. Los mismos elementos temáticos también pueden formar parte de la homilía y de nuestras peticiones durante la oración de los fieles, profundizando nuestra comprensión de la palabra proclamada.

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. KURT



"God delivered all to disobedience, that He might have mercy upon all."

These words of Saint Paul take a great deal of humility and self-knowledge in order to accept but they can bring great spiritual healing and freedom if we embrace them. The truth is that we are all way to hard on ourselves. Consequently, this leads to a poor self-esteem, which can cause us to treat others harshly and critically. Saint Paul is not saying that God wants us to sin but he is saying that the human condition is such that all sin. Therefore, what is important is not self-righteousness but a willingness to accept forgiveness and be forgiving to others, including ourselves. The Lord is truly merciful and is calling all of us to be merciful as well, and sometimes the most important person we need to forgive is ourselves.

Love of Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

**NO 9:00 AM Mass
Tuesday, August 22, 2023**

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (8/11/23)	\$35,736.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

July 31– August 7, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$7,844.50	\$1,116.00	\$892.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 8/21	Jgs 2:11-19	Mt 19:16-22
Tues: 8/22	Jgs 6:11-24a	Mt 19:23-30
Wed: 8/23	Jgs 9:6-15	Mt 20:1-16
Thu: 8/24	Rv 21:9b-14	Jn 1:45-51
Fri: 8/25	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22	Mt 22:34-40
Sat: 8/26	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17	Mt 23:1-12
Sun: 8/27	Is 22:19-23, Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8	Rom 11:33-36, Mt 16:13-20

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Sept 3	† Aristeo Martinez by family † Dick Mason by Keating family
Sept 10	† Denis Flaherty by family and friends † Dale Peters by Pat Peters
Sept 17	† For all the death in the town of Maltrata Verz, Cruz Mexico by the Community Additional Sponsors Needed

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Aug 22	8:30am 9:00am	No Rosary No Mass Intention for † Jim Kunkel by family move to September 22	Church Church
Wed Aug 23	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Phil Luna by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson	Church Church
Thurs Aug 24	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Gwen Tatarek by Andy & family	Church Church
Fri Aug 25	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Bill Olinger by family	Church Church
Sat Aug 26	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass † Nabor de Leon by family	Church Church Church
Sun Aug 27	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00am	Rosary Mass in the Park † David & Pat Kalis's Anniversary by Pat Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

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

- **Julian Alejandro Lino** son of Manuel Lino and Stephanie Hernandez



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.



St. Theodore Catholic Church in Albert Lea has an immediate opening for a part-time custodian to work 4 hours, three to five days a week. Position at times may require evening and weekend work. Interested applicants can acquire a job description and application either online at www.st.theo.org or contact the Parish office at 507-373-0603. Application deadline is September 1st.



Eucharistic Daily Reflection

Grow closer to Christ in the Eucharist with [My Daily Visitor: Eucharist](#). By signing up, you will receive a daily email with a video and the day's reflection, which will guide you to a deeper love of Christ through prayer, Scripture, and the examples of the saints. *My Daily Visitor: Eucharist* is perfect for Eucharistic adoration, prayer groups, or personal quiet time. Join today and ignite your relationship with Jesus in the holy Eucharist at <https://www.mydailyvisitor.com/>
Sign up today to receive your first reflection tomorrow!

Fatima Tour For Peace

Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
5250 Justin Road, La Crosse, WI
August 26, 2023 ♦ 10:25 AM



All are invited to come to the Shrine and share in the beautiful journey of the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima that wept in 1972 and has been traveling over 75 years. The purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue tours is to bring the graces of Fatima and our Lady's message of home, peace and salvation to those who may never have an opportunity to make the pilgrimage to Fatima. Get more details online at GuadalupeShrine.org/events!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Aug 21	Loaves and Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm	Marian Hall Church Basement Church
Tues Aug 22	First Day of School for K-5th students	School
Wed Aug 23	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Hispanic Adoration 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church
Thurs Aug 24	Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm	Church Basement
Fri Aug 25	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Church/Chapel Church
Sat Aug 26	Blessings 12-1pm	Church
Sun Aug 27	Mass in the Park ♦ Meal 10-11 ♦ 11am-1pm	Edgewater Park



SCAMMERS are getting smarter. Father's pastor@sttheo.org email has been compromised and is being used for a SCAM asking for either gift cards or to call him at a number that isn't his. If you look at who the email comes from, it will say pastor@sttheo.org. **Please DO NOT respond to this email. Please BLOCK it and DELETE it.**

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer! We will be **back in school** for the 2023/2024 year on **Tuesday, August 22**. We pray our students are as excited as we are to be back in the classrooms.

Our Golf Fundraiser is Sunday, September 10. We still have team slots available, contact Matt Tubbs (507-213-3035) or Brie Tubbs (507-213-3036) to get your team signed up. If you have any questions about the Golf Fundraiser, please contact Matt or Brie Tubbs.

Have a blessed weekend,
St. Theodore Catholic School

Sunday, September 10, 2023

St. Theodore School

Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Hole Sponsorships available for \$50-\$100

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4 Person Best Shot

1:00 pm Shotgun Start ♦ Dinner to follow

MASS IN THE PARK ♦ AUGUST 27, 2023
10:00 AM

EDGEWATER PARK BAND SHELL
MEAL TO FOLLOW IN THE MAIN PAVILION

SEE YOU THERE!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday August 26, 2023	Sunday August 27, 2023
	5:15 PM	10:00 AM ♦ Mass in the Park
Accompanist	Aaron Bartz	Ada Theusch
Cantor	Jodi Blong	Besty S., Raul R. & Roberto
Lectors	Irene Nelson	Michelle Lino
Servers	Grace Haag Lauren & Lily Raleigh	Miguel Palma y Fernando Martinez

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation classes will be starting soon!

5th-11th gr.: Wednesday, September 13th, 6:30-8pm.
PreK-4th gr. and ALL First Reconciliation/Communion students:
 Sunday, September 17th, 10-10:55am.

Registration Forms can be found in:

- ♦ the Parish Newsletter
 - ♦ the Parish and School Offices
 - ♦ the Faith Formation Info Station
 - ♦ church entrance by the chapel
- Forms can also be downloaded from our website: www.sttheo.org under the Faith Formation tab, or can be filled out online by clicking/ following this link: <https://forms.gle/WFeALJ7eAeH3KYg97>

Seeking a catechist for 3rd grade & adult assistants for the 7th-9th grade class. HS students needed to assist on Sunday mornings: PreK-First Communion classes!

Contact Irene if interested in helping.

IMPORTANT! Confirmation is a 2-year Program!

Students entering 10th grade must sign up for Year 1, students entering 11th grade are Year 2. Confirmation is received during the fall of the student's 12th grade year. If your student missed a year, please contact Irene for more information and to discuss options to complete St. Theodore's and the Diocese of Winona-Rochester's Confirmation Program requirements.

Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director - ian@sttheo.org 507-373-5254

Joining in God's Story:

An Ignitions Contemplation Retreat

September 9-10, 2023

Shalom Hill Farm Retreat Center in rural Windom

This semi silent retreat for Catholic adults provides space to learn and practice the contemplative prayer practice of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Whether you are brand new or experienced, all are welcome. More information can be found at: <https://www.dowr.org/offices/missionary-discipleship/retreats.html>.

Marriage Anniversary Mass:

Saturday, September 9, 2023

10:00 AM

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church
100 Part St. N., Minnesota Lake, MN

REGISTER at <https://www.dowr.org/event-details/3738>

The Holy Father's Intention for August 2023

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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