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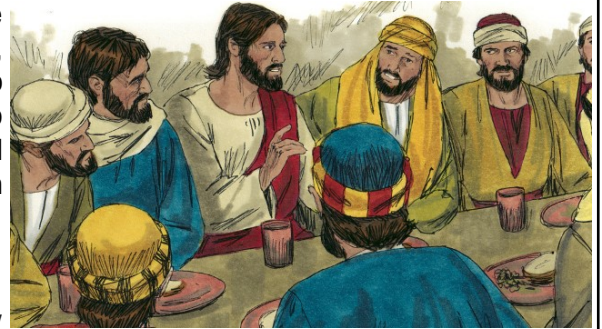
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In today's biblical passages we find the usual parallel images between the first reading and the Gospel. Jesus, as the prophet Malachi did centuries before, condemns the hypocrisy of Israel's leaders because they appear to be what they are not. Malachi states that the covenant is broken not only by disobedience to the law, but by treason among themselves who are called to be brothers. The Gospel text concludes with a renewed call to a style of service in which humility, not arrogance, prevails. In the second reading, Saint Paul writes about his own toils as an early Christian leader who worked to lighten the burden on the people, and thanks the Thessalonians for the service that they render. In each Eucharist, we too give thanks for the mission of the Church in our neighborhoods. We need to acknowledge the hard labor of our bishops, priests, deacons and lay ministers, who face innumerable challenges in society today. This week, our community groups should gather to identify some of these challenges and to explore the ways that the universal and local Church responds to them with strength and humility.



En los pasajes bíblicos de hoy encontramos las habituales imágenes paralelas entre la primera lectura y el Evangelio. Jesús, como lo hizo el profeta Malaquías siglos antes, condena la hipocresía de los líderes de Israel porque parecen ser lo que no son. Malaquías afirma que el pacto se rompe no sólo por la desobediencia a la ley, sino por la traición entre los que están llamados a ser hermanos. El texto del Evangelio concluye con una llamada renovada a un estilo de servicio en el que prevalezca la humildad y no la arrogancia. En la segunda lectura, San Pablo escribe sobre sus propios esfuerzos como uno de los primeros líderes cristianos que trabajó para aligerar la carga del pueblo y agradece a los tesalonicenses por el servicio que prestan. En cada Eucaristía, también nosotros damos gracias por la misión de la Iglesia en nuestros barrios. Necesitamos reconocer el arduo trabajo de nuestros obispos, sacerdotes, diáconos y ministros laicos, quienes enfrentan innumerables desafíos en la sociedad actual. Esta semana, nuestros grupos comunitarios deberían reunirse para identificar algunos de estos desafíos y explorar las formas en que la Iglesia universal y local responde a ellos con fuerza y humildad.

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



The significance of genuine authority is found in secret of giving.

In the Gospel today Jesus criticizes the religious leaders of his time because they were misusing the authority that God had given them for their own personal gain. Jesus tells the crowds and his disciples to do everything that the Scribes and Pharisees had commanded them to do, because their authority was legitimate, however at the same time he tells them not to follow their example, because they had failed to exercise their authority properly.

After listing a number of the ways in which the Scribes and Pharisees were selfishly misusing their authority, Jesus goes on to tell them and us the secret of genuine authority. He says, "The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest. Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

I remember as a young man being challenged to get out of myself and serve others when I was complaining about being depressed. I don't know if that is the best way to treat depression but it worked for me.

This Sunday let us reflect upon how we exercise the authority that God has given to us and then ask God for the grace to exercise this authority through loving service.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Nov 7	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Miriam Parroquin Morena by family Gutierrez	Church Church
Wed Nov 8	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass	Church Church
Thurs Nov 9	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Bob Lauer by Roger & Mary Jemming	Church Church
Fri Nov 10	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass	Church Church
Sat Nov 11	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confession Rosary Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church
Sun Nov 12	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00am	Rosary Mass: Rite of Commitment for 10th Gr. In Honor of Roger & Mary Jemming's 60 th Wedding Anniversary Spanish Mass: Rite of Commitment for 10th Gr. For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (10/27/23)	\$45,876.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

October 24 -30 , 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$6,374.95	\$1,255.00	\$25.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 11/6	Rom 11:29-36	Lk 14:12-14
Tues: 11/7	Rom 12:5-16ab	Lk 14:15-24
Wed: 11/8	Rom 13:8-10	Lk 14:25-33
Thu: 11/9	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12	Jn 2:13-22
Fri: 11/10	Rom 15:14-21	Lk 16:1-8
Sat: 11/11	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27	Lk 16:9-15
Sun: 11/12	Wis 6:12-16, Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	1 Thes 4:13-18, Mt 25:1-13

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Nov 19	In honor of John & Penae McGaughey 59th Wedding Anniversary
Nov 26	† Benny Scherb by Cindy Scherb Additional Sponsors Needed
Dec 3	† Charles Kermes by Mary Kermes & family Additional Sponsors Needed

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

- Jeferson David Lopez-Rodas son of Nixon David Lopez-Carias & Marlin Yamileth Rodas-Rivas

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



BAPTISM



United Way Winter Gear Drive

drop boxes are located in the parish office, back access of the church, and the school from October to January. Anything designed to keep a person warm during our cold Minnesota winters will be accepted. This would include coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, snowsuits, boots and more.



Confirmation students, Marellyn Grande Lopez, Lili De Jesus, and Vanesa Enriquez represented St. Theodore's in this year's annual Albert Lea Community Churches' Trunk-or-Treat Event on Saturday, Oct. 28th in Central Park. The girls had fun coming up with the "Fall in Love with Jesus" theme, decorating a trunk, and passing out candy. Aside from the cold, snowy weather, it was a very successful turn out! Approximately 200 children and their families came out to Trunk-or-Treat, receiving candy from the 25 creatively decorated trunk hosts participating that day.



Hark! Hear the Bells!

The St. Theodore **Handbell Choir** will once again be ringing out joy for our Christmas Eve 10 p.m. Mass with carols beforehand. If you are interested in joining the group for this Christmas, please email Ada Theusch at atheusch@ac242.us to add your name to the list of ringers! Experienced and new members are welcome! There will be four Wednesday rehearsals in the church basement from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, and 12/20.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Monday Nov 6	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Jesus and the Eucharist Group Study 1:30-3:30pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7pm	Marian Hall Parish Meeting Room Church
Tues Nov 7	No Additional Parish Activities	
Wed Nov 8	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Faith Formation Class 5-11 grade 6:30-8pm Faith Formation Adoration 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room School/Church/ Marian Hall/Gym Church
Thurs Nov 9	Father Teaches 2-3rd Grade 8:25-8:45am Music Committee 6:30-8pm Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30-8pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm	School Parish Meeting Room Church Basement Church
Fri Nov 10	Adoration 9:30am-4:30pm Hispanic Adoration ♦ Holy Spirit Retreat 5:30-8pm	Chapel Church
Sat Nov 11	Hispanic Holy Spirit Retreat 8am-4pm RCIA 9am-12pm First Reconciliation Centers 9-11am	Church Parish Meeting Room Marian Hall
Sun Nov 12	Faith Formation Class Pre-K-4th 10:00-10:55am Candidate & Sponsor Session (10-11 Gr) 2-4pm	School Marian Hall

Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday, Nov 11, 2023	Sunday, Nov 12, 2023	
	5:30 pm	9:00 am	11:am
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	Ada Theusch	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
Cantor	Brian Zogg	Betsy Schultz	
Lectors	Irene Nelson	Judy Popp-Anderson	
Altar Servers	Grace Haag & Kyle Steffl	Ethan Chrissinger, Sawyer Holt & Mathew Rende	

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Seeking a Faith Formation Co-teacher for the 11th gr. Confirmation-Year 2 class! Must be a Confirmed adult and available Wednesday evenings 7-8pm.

All parish youth are welcome to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant! First practice will be Sunday, November 5th, 2-4pm. Please contact Irene to sign up!



First Reconciliation Centers

All students preparing for their First Communion must attend with a parent or Godparent! Please note DATE change!
Saturday, **November 11th** from 9-11am in Marian Hall.
Light breakfast & refreshments will be provided.

Confirmation Students! November 12th is an important day!

10th Grade: Rite of Commitment during 9am or 11am Mass.
Sponsor(s) must attend Mass with you!

10th & 11th Grade: Candidate & Sponsor Session, 2-4pm, Marian Hall
Let your Sponsor(s) know!

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



IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

Part-time Kitchen Helper
10-15 hours per week.



Some hours may be short notice. If interested please contact the parish office for an application at 507-373-0603. Applications can also be obtained at sttheo.org.



"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," Listen with your spouse for God's message of love by exploring a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are: in ALEXANDRIA, MN and November 17-19, 2023 in WINDOM, MN. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit southmnwwme.org or contact us at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.



If you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 373-0603.



Jesus and the Eucharist

Adult Formation Small Group Study

November 6, 2023

1:30-3:30 PM

St. Theodore Parish Meeting Room

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to all who attended our Purse Bingo event! We hope everyone had a great time. We can't make these events work without your continued support. Enjoy a Blessed Holiday Season!

Have a blessed weekend,
St. Theodore Catholic School

The Holy Father's Intention for September 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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