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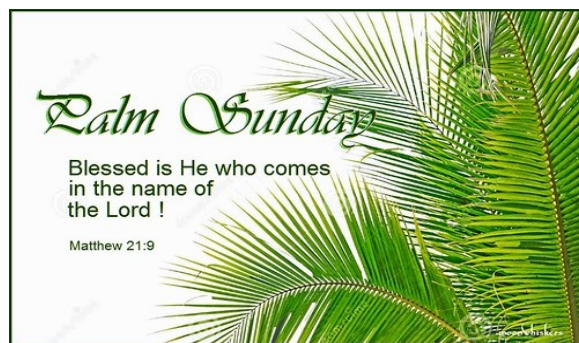
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**Beginning today, the liturgical texts highlight Christ's surrender.** His entrance into Jerusalem reminds us of the victory of a life given over to reflecting the mercy of God. Christ emptied himself of his divinity to make himself like us in all things but sin and, in that way, free us from its chains. The dramatic quality of this Sunday is seen in the processions of the faithful who, with their palms, announce that a life in Jesus is more important than the material life we sometimes succumb to. Parish teams should be prepared to reach out to all those in God's kingdom. They should remain open to hearing the Lord's word and taking part in the signs that communicate God's closeness and link his strength and protection with the lives of the faithful.

**A partir de hoy, los textos litúrgicos destacan la entrega de Cristo.** Su entrada en Jerusalén nos recuerda la victoria de una vida entregada a reflejar la misericordia de Dios. Cristo se despojó de su divinidad para hacerse semejante a nosotros en todo menos en el pecado y, de esa manera, liberarnos de sus cadenas. El dramatismo de este domingo se ve en las procesiones de los fieles que, con las palmas de las manos, anuncian que una vida en Jesús es más importante que la vida material a la que a veces sucumbimos. Los equipos parroquiales deben estar preparados para llegar a todos aquellos en el reino de Dios. Deben permanecer abiertos a escuchar la palabra del Señor y a participar en los signos que comunican la cercanía de Dios y vinculan su fuerza y protección con la vida de los fieles.



## Come Celebrate The Feast of Divine Mercy!

**Calling all Catholics to come celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 7, 2024.**

**Adoration & Confessions 2-3:00 pm  
 3:00 pm Chaplet in English & Spanish**

What is so special about the Feast of Divine Mercy? It is the promise of total forgiveness of all sins and punishment for any soul that would go to confession and then receive Jesus in Holy Communion on the Feast day of Divine Mercy. The Lord said this feast would one day be the "last hope of salvation".

## 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

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

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. KURT



This weekend is Palm Sunday or otherwise known as "Passion Sunday".

The only liturgy of the year where we hear two different Gospel stories, stories that relay two completely different reactions to the coming of Jesus into Jerusalem. In the first Gospel reading, Jesus is greeted as a hero, honored with palm branches as if he were a King.

The second has Jesus greeted as a criminal, with hatred and people despising him, calling for his death. What is most interesting is that these two completely different reactions to the presence of Jesus came from the same group of people. How could the people's opinion of Jesus change so rapidly?

Having a chance to walk the very steps that Jesus had to walk to enter the city of Jerusalem, helped me appreciate the chaotic religiosity surrounding the city that would have created a volatile atmosphere for Jesus. Even today people are trying to sell religious goods and provide all kinds of services in order to make a little money. Jesus' popularity would have attracted many people for many different reasons. It is easy to jump on the Jesus bandwagon when things are going good and blame him when things are hard. Unlike the crowd, His mother Mary never blamed God for the suffering of her son. She instead suffered along with Him, with the hope that God would come to His aid.

We are never alone in our suffering; Jesus walks with us in the challenges and disappointments of life. Now that Palm Sunday is over we begin Holy Week in which we journey to Calvary along with Christ and await his resurrection at Easter time. Our journey will conclude with the celebration of the Tridium, which consists in the three liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Let us all who are able to celebrate the Tridium, be ready and willing to fall more deeply in love with Christ our Savior.

Love of Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

### Individual Confessions

Thursday After the Mass of the Last Supper

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

March 11-18, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$36,461.50	\$1,237.07	\$475.00
Salvation Army Donation for 3/14/24		53 lbs

## 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$55,629.00
Amount received (3/15/24)	\$10,935.00

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
April 7	† Mrs. Ray & Lucy Luna by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson <i>Additional Sponsors Needed</i>
April 14	<i>Sponsors Needed</i>
April 21	† Angela Arinas Corona by Lazaro family <i>Additional Sponsors Needed</i>

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ♦ Monday, April 1, 2024**

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Tues</b> <b>Mar 26</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Delores Fischer by Geri	Church Church
<b>Wed</b> <b>Mar 27</b>	8:30 am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Richard Peters by a friend	Church Church
<b>Thurs</b> <b>Mar 28</b>	6:30pm 7:00pm	Rosary <b>Holy Thursday Mass</b> † Betty Perreault by family	Church Church
<b>Fri</b> <b>Mar 29</b>	8:30am 3:00pm 7:00pm	Rosary <b>Good Friday Service</b> <b>Hispanic Good Friday Service</b>	Church Church Church
<b>Sat</b> <b>Mar 30</b>	8:00pm	<b>Easter Vigil Mass</b> † David Kalis by Pat	Church
<b>Sun</b> <b>Mar 31</b>	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am	<b>Easter Sunrise Mass</b> <b>Easter Mass</b> † Marlene Tautges by Larry <b>Spanish Mass</b> For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 3/25	Is 42:1-7	Jn 12:1-11
Tues: 3/26	Is 49:1-6	Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed: 3/27	Is 50:4-9a	Mt 26:14-25
Thu: 3/28	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26	Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18. Jn 13:1-15
Fri: 3/29	Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat: 3/30	Gn 1:1-2:2 Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11	Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Mark 16:1-7
Sun: 3/31	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4	Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Jn 20:1-9

## Knights of Columbus Celebrates its 142<sup>nd</sup> Founders Day, March 29, 2024

### ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

As a 29 year old assistant priest, Blessed Fr. Michael J McGivney witnessed, in the 1880s, the abuses on the working poor, especially when the courts ordered children from their mothers when the bread-winning fathers died. He wanted to help, so along with a few parishioners, created an organization that has morphed into two million members worldwide, raises millions in donations and offers assistance to those in need. It also has an AA+ rated life insurance company. **The Knights of Columbus' 142<sup>nd</sup> Founders Day is March 29**, (Chartered in 1890.) **If you want to help make a difference, become a Knight, or the Women's Auxiliary.** [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org)

### Open Heart's Women's Discernment Retreat

Saturday, Apr. 13 at St. Mary's University in Winona, MN.


This retreat is sponsored by the Vocations office at the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and St. Mary's University, and is open to all young women of high school age and above. Register at <https://dowr.my.canva.site/openhearts>



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS		
Mon Mar 25	<b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-8pm <b>Loaves and Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study</b> 6-8pm <b>Life in the Spirit Group</b> 6-7pm	Chapel Marian Hall Church Basement Church
Tues Mar 26	<b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-8pm <b>Church Dusting</b> 9:30-10:30am <b>Parish Staff Meeting</b> 1-2:30pm <b>Holy Week Practice</b> 6-8pm	Chapel Church Parish Meeting Room Church
Wed Mar 27	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7am <b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-7pm <b>Funeral: O'Rourke</b> Visitation 10am ♦ 11am Funeral <b>Shadow Drama Set-up</b> 4:30-7pm <b>Faith Formation Shadow Drama</b> 7-8:30pm	Parish Meeting Room Chapel Church Church
Thurs Mar 28	<b>Father Teaching K-1st Grade</b> 8:25-8:45am	School
Fri Mar 29	<b>No School</b> <b>Divine Mercy Novena</b> 12-1pm	Church
Sat Mar 30	<b>Church Decorating</b> 9-11am <b>RCIA</b> 10-11am <b>Divine Mercy Novena</b> 12-1pm	Church Parish Meeting Room Church
Sun Mar 31	<b>Divine Mercy Novena</b> 12-1pm	Church

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
	<b>Holy Thursday</b> March 28 ♦ 7:00 pm	<b>Good Friday</b> March 29 ♦ 3:00 pm	<b>Good Friday</b> April 7 <b>Hispanic</b> 7:00pm	
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch		
<b>Cantor</b>	Betsy Schultz & Raul	Betsy Schutlz		
<b>Lectors</b>	Penny Johnke	Catherine Buboltz Voice: Steve Schwab		
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Kyle & Matthew Ramirez	Evelyn & Elizabeth Holcomb		
	<b>Holy Saturday</b> March 30	<b>Easter Sunday</b> March 31		
	8:00 pm	7:30 am	9:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ryan Hulshizer	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch	<b>Hispanic</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	Jody Blong	Needed	Alex Amundson	
<b>Lectors</b>	Axtman's Ramone	Nick Schiltz	Kathleen Bleckeberg	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Kyle & Matthew Ramirez, & Keagan Winslow	Matthew Rende & McKenna Stellpflug	Ethan Chrissinger, Sawyer Holt & Evyana Bartelt	


## FAITH FORMATION NEWS



**Shadow Drama Practice/Dress Rehearsal:**  
Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm  
**Shadow Drama Performance:**  
Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm



We invite everyone to attend this moving performance of Jesus's last days through the eyes of His mother, Mary. We hope to see you there!

**TOTUS TUUS:** at St. Theodore: July 7-12, 2024  
**Registration Forms now available!**  
 Open to all school youth entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades



**STEUBENVILLE ROCHESTER Conference:** at Mayo Civic Center: July 12-14, 2024  
**St. Theo's is willing to pay half of the \$430 fee!** Register before May 10, 2024! St. Theo's will be going with the DOW-R Group! Cost includes hotel, meals at conference, t-shirt & transportation. More info available in the Faith Formation Info Station or contact Irene to get registered right away!

**Camp Summit is July 22-25, 2024!**  
**Registration deadline is March 31st!**  
 Spots are limited! Scan this QR Code to register today! **Use promo code: STTHEODORE**

**Irene Nelson**, Faith Formation Director - [ian@sttheo.org](mailto:ian@sttheo.org) 507-373-5254

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

We still have tickets/tables available for our **Gala Fundraiser** on Saturday, April 6. This year's theme is Denim and Diamonds. Doors will open at 5:45pm, there will be Wine Cork pull, Mystery Box game, and a cash bar. We will have a Dessert, Silent, and Live auctions. Tickets are \$55 each or a table of 10 is \$500. Reservation forms are in the School and Parish offices.

Mark your calendars! We will be having another **Open House** on Tuesday, April 9 from 5:00pm- 6:30pm. We will have staff and parents that can answer any questions you may have. St. Theodore School is accepting registration for the 2024/2025 school year. We offer tuition assistance for those who may need it. If you would like to schedule a tour or have any questions contact the school at 507-373-9657.

Have a blessed weekend,  
St. Theodore Catholic School

**FOUR \$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**

- Pick up the application at the parish office or call Russ Nemec at 507.373.4165.
- Application must be turned in by April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Funds will be awarded after the recipient successfully completes the 1<sup>st</sup> semester or quarter of school.*

**Also Available:** The State KC Student Loan Program with very reasonable rates.



**De Montreville Retreat House**

Each year more than 3,000 men from all walks of life participated in retreats at the De Montreville Jesuit Retreat House. Retreats help men grow in faith and become closer followers of Jesus Christ.

Two retreats are being offered in July:  
 English Retreat: July 18-21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 ♦ Spanish Retreat July 25-28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 Contact Leon Axtman for reservations at 651-491-7432 or email him at [axtman.leon@gmail.com](mailto:axtman.leon@gmail.com)

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