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Today's readings point out the unity of those who recognize the risen Lord in their lives and decide to be his disciples because they know that with his strength they can conquer the world and all its negativity. In sharp contrast to the first two readings, the Gospel presents the apostle Thomas, who wants to be sure of the presence of the risen Lord. Jesus reveals his glorious body to Thomas so that he, too, can be convinced. Both the collect and psalm today point to the theme Pope Saint John Paul II gave this day when he named it Divine Mercy Sunday. Community groups could reflect on Thomas' doubts and the Lord's merciful response to him. It's important to highlight this two fold theme of lack of faith and God's mercy among the youth of the parish in particular.



Las lecturas de hoy señalan la unidad de quienes reconocen al Señor resucitado en sus vidas y deciden ser sus discípulos porque saben que con su fuerza pueden conquistar el mundo y toda su negatividad. En marcado contraste con las dos primeras lecturas, el Evangelio presenta al apóstol Tomás, que quiere estar seguro de la presencia del Señor resucitado. Jesús revela su cuerpo glorioso a Tomás para que él también pueda convencerse. Tanto la colecta como el salmo de hoy apuntan al tema que el Papa San Juan Pablo II dio a este día cuando lo llamó Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Los grupos comunitarios podrían reflexionar sobre las dudas de Tomás y la respuesta misericordiosa del Señor hacia él. Es importante resaltar este doble tema de la falta de fe y de la misericordia de Dios entre los jóvenes de la parroquia en particular.



**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

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



Traditionally the second Sunday of Easter is known as "Divine Mercy Sunday". The reason for this is because it concludes the octave of Easter in which we have celebrated for eight days the victory the Lord has won for us over sin, by his suffering, death and resurrection.

In the Gospel this Sunday, when Jesus appears to the Apostles for the first time, the apostle Thomas is not there. When the other Apostles tell Thomas that they have seen the Lord, he does not believe them. It is not until Jesus appears to Thomas and allows Thomas to put his hand in his wounds, does Thomas finally gets on his knees and says, "My Lord and my God."

For some people it takes more than others to come to believe and place their life in the hands of Jesus. The story of Thomas helps us realize that it does not matter so much how long it takes us to get there, but that we get there. Jesus is very patient with us, but sooner or later, if we want to receive the mercy of God, we are going to have to get down on our knees and say, "My Lord and my God."

Love of Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues April 9	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Betty Perreault by friends	Church Church
Wed April 10	8:30 am 9:00am	Rosary Mass For all Parishioners	Church Church
Thurs April 11	8:30 am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Richard Peters by a friend	Church Church
Fri April 12	8:30 am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Betty Perreault by friends	Church Church
Sat April 13	4:00pm 5:15pm	Confessions & Rosary Mass Memorial Mass Association	Church
Sun April 14	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosary Mass For all the Pour Souls Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

March 25- 31, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Easter	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$6,223.50	\$6,496.00	\$2,526.84	\$50.00

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$55,629.00
Amount received (3/24/24)	\$16,712.00

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
April 21	† Angela Arinas Corona by Lazaro family † Ruben Anderson by Judy Popp-Andersen
April 28	Sponsors Needed
May 5	Sponsors Needed

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 4/8	Is 7:10-14; 8:10	Lk 1:26-38
Tues: 4/9	Acts 4:32-37	Jn 3:7b-15
Wed: 4/10	Acts 5:17-26	Jn 3:16-21
Thu: 4/11	Acts 5:27-33	Jn 3:31-36
Fri: 4/12	Acts 5:34-42	Jn 6:1-15
Sat: 4/13	Acts 6:1-7	Jn 6:16-21
Sun: 4/14	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a	Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9, Lk 24:35-48

2024 FEBRUARY PARISH FINANCE

Income	Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
	\$68,704.34	\$67,602.26	\$530,480.07	\$540,817.96
Expense	Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
	\$65,977.18	\$68,817.86	\$547,728.99	\$550,542.56
FEBRUARY 2024 INCOME-EXPENSE				
	Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
	\$2,727.16	(\$1,215.60)	(\$17,348.92)	(\$9,724.60)

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

- **Luka Resendez Turrubiarres** son of Kleanthis Resendez and Flor E Turrubiarres
 - **Emma Grace Koziolk Villagomez** daughter of Zachary Jacob and Lucy Denisse Koziolk Villagomez Renteria
- We celebrate the blessing of their beautiful eternal souls and may we help them grow to be the saints the Lord has called them to be.



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. Pick up the application at the parish office or call Russ Nemecek at 507.373.4165. Deadline April 29th, 2024



Winona-Rochester Diocesan Council Catholic Women Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, April 13th ♦ Good Shepherd Church

311 Sverdrup Ave S, Jackson, MN.

Registration begins at 8 am with breakfast. There will be rosary, quarterly meeting, Mass and two speakers at 10 am and 1 pm.

All ladies are welcome to attend.

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:

Men's English Retreat: July 18-21st, 2024

Men's Spanish Retreat: July 25-28th, 2023


Contact Leon Axtman for reservations at 651-491-7432 or email him at axtman.leon@gmail.com

The Holy Father's Intention for April 2024

FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS		
Mon April 8	Loaves and Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7pm	Marian Hall Church Basement Church
Tues April 9	Eucharist Revival Parish Team Meeting 10:30-12pm School Open House 5-6:30pm Endowment Board Meeting 5:15-7:15pm Hispanic Holy Spirit Group 6-8pm	Parish Meeting Room School Parish Meeting Room Church
Wed April 10	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Faith Formation Class: 5-11th Grade 6:30-8pm Faith Formation Adoration 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room School/Church Church
Thurs April 11	Father Teaching 2nd-3rd Grade 8:25-8:45am Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30-8pm	School Church Church Basement
Fri April 12	Diocesan Principal Meeting 8am-4pm Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Marian Hall Chapel/Church Church
Sat April 13	Baptism Class 10-11am	Rectory Dining Room
Sun April 14	Auxiliary Coffee and Rolls 10-11am Last Faith Formation Class-PreK-4th 10-10:55am	Access Area Church

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		
	5:15 pm ♦ April 13, 2024 Saturday	9:00am ♦ April 14, 2024 Sunday
Accompanist	Ryan Hulsizer	Ada Theusch
Cantor	Jodi Blong	TBD
Lectors	Mary Larscheid	Nick Schiltz
Servers	Lauren & Lily Raleigh	Evelyn & Elizabeth Holcomb

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TOTUS TUUS: at St. Theodore: July 7-12, 2024
Registration Forms available in the FF Info Station!
 Open to all school youth entering 1st-6th & 7th-12th grades



STEBENVILLE 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!

First Communion Practice: Saturday, April 20th at 2:00pm
First Communion: Sunday, April 21st, 9:00am or 11:00am Mass
Pictures: Sunday, April 21st at 10:00am (between Masses)
 Those attending 11am Mass, please arrive by 9:45am!



Save the Dates!
 April 14: Last Sunday Faith Formation Class
 April 24: Last Wednesday Faith Formation Class
 May 8: Senior Dinner: for Senior Graduates & their Families
 May 12: Baccalaureate Mass at 9:00am: All Senior Graduates

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

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

Help spread the word! We are having an 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. Come check out our school.

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

Open Heart's Women's Discernment Retreat

Saturday, April 13, 2024
 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>

As we work to reduce our paper cost for bulletins, we can now send the bulletin link through a text or email. If anyone wants to receive the Bulletin by text or email, just call 507-373-0603 or email us at office@sttheo.org with your email or cell number.



HOW IS GOD INVITING YOU TO SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE?
 Examples of how less is more and how they can be applied to your life.

- **Less Comparison, More Contentment:** Focus more on your relationship with God. Embrace a life of contentment, free from measuring oneself against others. How would your life change if you stopped comparing yourself to others?
- **Less Talking, More Listening:** Silence is not emptiness but a profound listening-to God, to nature, and to the inner workings of your soul. When is a good time each day for you to spend ten minutes in silence?
- **Fewer Commitments, More Time Just to Be:** By stepping away from societal expectations and commitments, you can carve out time just to 'be' with God. How can you limit your commitments and spend more time just being with God?
- **Less Complaining, More Gratitude:** Recognize the gift of each moment of life, whatever each moment brings. Embody a spirit of gratitude, focusing on the spiritual treasures God give you. What are three things you are grateful for today?
- **Less Clutter, More Clarity:** Remove everything that clutters your life. What unnecessary clutter can you remove from your car, your office, your home?

Find out what "Less is more" means to you, embrace its wisdom, and take note of how it changes your life.

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