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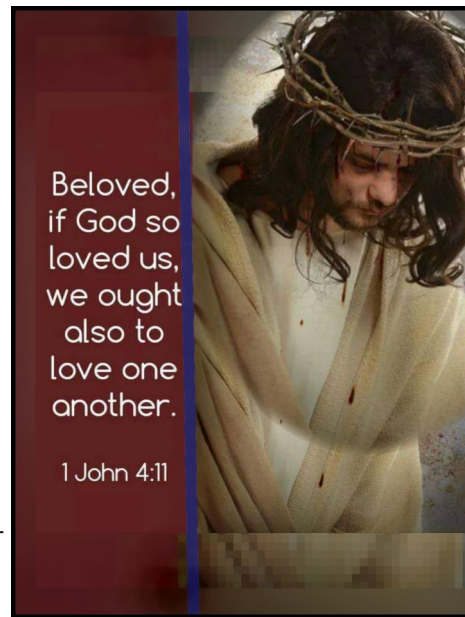


Today's readings find meaning and strength in Saint John's texts. The main rule that calls the disciples to Christ is undoubtedly the commandment to love. Those who love give their lives for others, as Jesus did; those who do not love do not know God, because God is love. This fount of new life—love—compelled Peter to open the gates of the community to all the foreigners who believed in God, Cornelius and the gentiles. The bond of communion in the risen Jesus that both Peter and Paul share sent them forth to announce the Gospel to all who wanted to hear it.

Today's readings motivate us to reflect on the theme of the Father's unconditional love, through his Son and in the Holy Spirit, in both the texts prepared for the celebration of the liturgy and also visually, in the environment. In the diversity of the assembly gathered for worship we can discern the unity in the Spirit that brought them together.

Las lecturas de hoy encuentran significado y fuerza en los textos de san Juan.

La principal regla que llama a los discípulos a Cristo es sin duda el mandamiento de amar. Los que aman dan la vida por los demás, como lo hizo Jesús; los que no aman no conocen a Dios, porque Dios es amor. Esta fuente de vida nueva – el amor– impulsó a Pedro a abrir las puertas de la comunidad a todos los extranjeros que creían en Dios, a Cornelio y a los gentiles. El vínculo de comunión en Jesús resucitado que comparten tanto Pedro como Pablo los impulsó a anunciar el Evangelio a todos los que quisieran escucharlo. Las lecturas de hoy nos motivan a reflexionar sobre el tema del amor incondicional del Padre, a través de su Hijo y en el Espíritu Santo, tanto en los textos preparados para la celebración de la liturgia como también de manera visual, en el ambiente. En la diversidad de la asamblea reunida para el culto podemos discernir la unidad en el Espíritu que los unió.



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

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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 readings for this Sunday focus on Divine Love. God is love, and those that belong to Him will share in His Divine Love. In the Gospel last Sunday, Jesus commanded his disciples to remain in His Love. If we want to be disciples of Jesus we must also choose to remain in the love of Jesus, and deny our own selfish desires. Jesus says that we will remain in Him, if we keep His commandment to love one another, as He has loved us.

We live in a culture that mistakes true love for self-interested desire. True love denies one's own self-interest and chooses the good of the other as other. Jesus loved us by laying down His life for us. Therefore, the only way that we can remain in His love is if we are willing to lay down our lives in service of God, and our fellow brothers and sisters. This takes self-denial, and trust in God's divine providence for us. The Christian walk is not easy, but it is the only way to obtain the love and happiness all of us seek.

Love of Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues May 7	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Mark Kunkel by family	Church Church
Wed May 8	8:30 am 9:00am	Rosary Mass For the special intentions of the living family members of Elaine & Russ Nemeč	Church Church
Thurs May 9	8:30 am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Peggy Raleigh	Church Church
Fri May 10	8:30 am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Juana Esteves Corona by Lazaro Gutierrez Family	Church Church
Sat May 11	4:00pm 5:15pm	Confessions & Rosary Memorial Mass Association	Church Church
Sun May 12	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosary Baccalaureate Mass † Polly Schiltz by family In recognition of all Mother's living & deceased by the KC Auxiliary † Betty Perreault by family Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$55,629.00
Amount received (4/26/24)	\$23,537.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

April 22– 28, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$8,032.00	\$1,403.85	\$15.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 5/6	Acts 16:11-15	Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tues: 5/7	Acts 16:22-34	Jn 16:5-11
Wed: 5/8	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1	Jn 16:12-15
Thu: 5/9	Acts 18:1-8	Jn 16:16-20
Fri: 5/10	Acts 18:9-18	Jn 16:20-23
Sat: 5/11	Acts 18:23-28	Jn 16:23b-28
Sun: 5/12	Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23	Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 16:15-20

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
May 19	Sponsors Needed
May 26	Sponsors Needed
June 2	Sponsors Needed

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

- Richard Junior, Gadiel, Yetzali, Luz and Dennyse Sandoval Sandoval children of Ricardo and Lucia Sandoval



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.

National Eucharistic Congress

The Diocese will be offering a pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress. If you are interested in attending the National Congress with the Diocesan group, submit your information via the National Congress webpage at <https://eucharist.dowr.org/eucharistic-revival/national-congress/>. No commitment is necessary at this time, we are simply building a list of interested pilgrims.

Parish Council Nominations

As we continue to work to improve the governance of St. Theodore boards and councils, St. Theodore Parish Council is taking nominations for the following upcoming vacancies:

- One - 3 year term member
- Two - 2 year term member
- One - 1 year term member

Members of the parish council attend meetings the third Thursday of each month. The council interprets parish policy, fosters good communication and provides leadership by clarifying parish vision, establishing goals and witnessing the Gospel message.

If interested please submit your nomination for the position you would like to fill and a brief bio of yourself to introduce you to the voting parishioners. Nominations can be sent by email to jjt@sttheo.org or dropped off in the weekend collection basket on or before May 19, 2024. Elections held the weekend of June 8 and 9.




National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Opportunities for Indulgences

Anyone who participates in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage or attends the 10th National Eucharistic Congress will be granted this special remittance of temporal punishment associated with confessed sins (under the usual conditions of an indulgence). That means every stop along the nationwide Pilgrimage route and the Congress event itself are now even greater opportunities for grace than they were before!


National Eucharistic Revival Bus Registration Extended

We've decided to extend our registration date to May 15!
We are also dropping the price for children to attend to ages 5 & under are free, 6-16 are \$5.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS		
Mon May 6	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 May 7	Hispanic Holy Spirit Group 6-8pm	Church
Wed May 8	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Senior Dinner for Grads & Families 6:30-8:30pm	Parish Meeting Room Marian Hall
Thurs May 9	Father teaches 2nd-3rd Grade 8:25-8:45am Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30am-8pm Knights Meeting 6:30-8pm	School Church Basement Church Basement
Fri May 10	Adoration 9:30-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Chapel Church
Sat May 11	Baptism Class 10-11am Baptism 3-4pm	Rectory Dining Room Church
Sun May 12	Mass: Baccalaureate 9-10am Auxiliary Coffee & Rolls 10-11am Baccalaureate Bunch 10-11am KC Roundtable Meeting 12-1pm	Church Access Area Marian Hall Church Basement

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		
	5:15 pm ♦ May 11, 2024 Saturday	9:00am ♦ May 12, 2024 Sunday
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	TBD
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Lectors	Mary Larscheid	Catherine Buboltz
Servers	Lauren & Lily Raleigh	Emilie & Sophia Troster

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 Conference: at Mayo Civic Center: July 12-14, 2024
ROCHESTER 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 Diocese of Winona-Rochester Group! Cost includes hotel, all meals at conference, t-shirt & transportation. More info available in the Faith Formation Info Station.
 Contact Irene to get registered right away!

Save the Dates!

May 8: Senior Dinner - 6:30pm: RSVP'd Senior Grads & their Families
 May 12: Baccalaureate Mass - 9:00am: All St. Theo's Senior Graduates

Congratulations 2024 First Communicants!



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K C Meeting
Saturday, May 9, 2024
 6:30-8:00pm ♦ Church Basement

KC Roundtable Meeting
Sunday, May 12, 2024
 Noon After Spanish Mass - *Church Basement*
 All Catholic men, age 18 or older are welcome!
 Come see what we're all about!

K C Auxiliary Coffee & Rolls
Sunday, May 12, 2024
 After 9AM Mass ♦ Back Access Area

Where to Go When Times Get Hard
 Supporting Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota is your way to help people struggling in our diocese. We offer rental assistance programs, diaper banks, prescription access assistance, counseling, and many other services meant to provide a place to turn to when times get hard. Learn more at www.ccsomn.org. Please help us put our faith into action and consider supporting our mission on May 11th and May 12th for the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal – Mother's Day Weekend. Your support makes all the difference in our local communities! *All donations stay in our diocese.

Save the Date

Diocesan Mass at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester
 June 2, 2024 ♦ 2:00 PM

Bishop Barron is inviting the entire Diocese to come celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the close of the Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival, and the beginning of the Year of Mission with Mass at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester. There will be a Eucharistic procession from the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist to the Civic Center before Mass and then to St. Francis of Assisi after Mass. More details to come as we get closer to June.

The Holy Father's Intention for May 2024
FOR THE FORMATION OF RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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