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The gift of faith leads us to a total surrender in service. Many people, however, are afraid of the adjective "total" because they feel, like the young man in today's Gospel, that they have to abandon everything to follow Jesus. In fact, we know that many Christians have done so in the past and in the present; some are saints, many of them missionaries, many religious men and women who consecrated their lives, and they are all models and inspiration for those of us who cannot leave it all once and for all but who do a little bit at a time. The wisdom that comes from God and that is highlighted in today's first reading feeds our faith life and helps us make decisions that prompt sacrifice; this is part of our "total surrender." The word of God leads us to preaching and action, which helps us abandon our self-centeredness day by day and grow in God's love. This theme could be explored in today's homily and prayers of the faithful as part of the answer to the question, what does it mean for me to follow Jesus and to leave everything with him so I can serve my neighbor?



El don de la fe nos lleva a una entrega total en el servicio. Muchas personas, sin embargo, temen el adjetivo "total" porque sienten, como el joven del evangelio de hoy, que deben abandonarlo todo para seguir a Jesús. De hecho, sabemos que muchos cristianos lo han hecho en el pasado y en el presente; algunos son santos, muchos de ellos misioneros, muchos religiosos y religiosas que consagraron su vida, y todos son modelos e inspiración para aquellos que no podemos dejarlo todo de una vez por todas pero que lo hacemos poco a poco. La sabiduría que viene de Dios y que se destaca en la primera lectura de hoy alimenta nuestra vida de fe y nos ayuda a tomar decisiones que impulsen el sacrificio; esto es parte de nuestra "rendición total". La palabra de Dios nos lleva a la predicación y a la acción, lo que nos ayuda a abandonar día a día nuestro egocentrismo y crecer en el amor de Dios. Este tema podría explorarse en la homilía de hoy y en las oraciones de los fieles como parte de la respuesta a la pregunta: ¿qué significa para mí seguir a Jesús y dejarlo todo en él para poder servir a mi prójimo?

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

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 Holy Father's Intention for October 2024

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. KURT



The young man in the gospel today comes to Jesus with the question that is in each of our hearts. "What must I do to gain eternal life?"

All of us were made for heaven, and we long for it, but at the same time we know that there is something lacking in our capacity to achieve this reality on our own.

We all have been touched by original sin, and although forgiven at baptism, the residue from it called concupiscence, still plagues us. Concupiscence is the tendency to focus on our own welfare and concern for worldly concerns and pleasures, which gets in our way of being focused on things of heaven. Only by turning our will over to Christ will we ever find the strength and the courage to overcome our sinful nature and live in a way that deserves eternal life.

Just as the young man instinctively knew that obeying the commandments is just the beginning to opening our hearts to God's eternal plan for us. We must also allow the grace of God to propel us into a life of Christian service and unconditional love. Riches and worldly goods can keep us from choosing this road, and so the best and safest road to heaven is to be grateful for the simple things in life and spend our resources serving the needs of others.

Love of Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Oct 15	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Vera Hill by friends	Church Church
Wed Oct 16	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Darlene Trease	Church Church
Thurs Oct 17	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Mark Claussen by Connie	Church Church
Fri Oct 18	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Colleen Jacobson by Roger & Mary Jemming	Church Church
Sat Oct 19	4:00pm 5:15pm	Confessions & Rosary Mass † Darlene Nistler by Robert	Church Church
Sun Oct 20	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosary Mass For all Parishioners Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Big or small, your donation truly helps! Please prayerfully consider how the Lord is calling you to help with this year's appeal. We are yet to reach this year's goal and have **\$21,935** yet to collect before January 1, 2025.

Goal	\$55,629.00
Amount received (10/4/24)	\$33,694.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

September 28-29, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$9,542.50	\$1,482.13	\$225.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon:10/14	GAL 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1	LK 11:29-32
Tues:10/15	GAL 5:1-6	LK 11:37-41
Wed:10/16	GAL 5:18-25	LK 11:42-46
Thu:10/17	EPH 1:1-10	LK 11:47-54
Fri: 10/18	2 Tm 4:10-17b	Lk 10:1-9
Sat: 10/19	EPH 1:15-23	LK 12:8-12
Sun:10/20	Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16	Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Oct 27	† Josephine English & Patricia Rynerson by families Additional Sponsors Needed
Nov 3	† Louise Yost by family & friends † Cynthia Trebil by family Additional Sponsors Needed

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

- **Maeve Marguerite McIntyre:** daughter of George & Cassandra McIntyre
- **Leo Angel Ambriz-Becerra:** son of Aiden Kenneth Bogren & Jade Ambriz Becerra

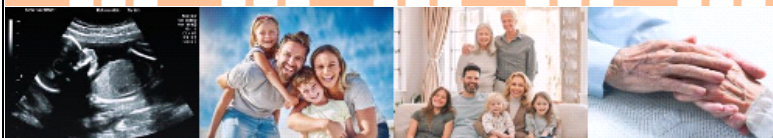
We celebrate the blessing of her beautiful eternal soul and may we help her grow to be the saint the Lord has called her to be.



We pray for the following family who mourns the loss of their loved one:

- **Lloyd Irwin Johnson** (died October 4, 2024)

We pray the Lord will bring her soul peace, mercy and eternal rest and comfort for her family during this difficult time.



October is Respect Life Month

At every age & stage, life matters.

Respect Life Month Novena: October 22-30, 2024

This novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Just click on the QR code to get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Copies of




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

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Oct 14	<p style="text-align: center;">Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fundraising Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Marian Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marian Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church</p>
Tues Oct 15	<p style="text-align: center;">Dusting 9:30-10:30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School Board Meeting 6-8pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hispanic Holy Spirit Group 6-8pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Marian Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church</p>
Wed Oct 16	<p>Morning Prayer Group 6-7am</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">No Faith Formation Classes or Adoration</p>	<p>Parish Meeting Room</p>
Thurs Oct 17	<p style="text-align: center;">MEA - No School Blood Drive 11am - 5pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Quilting Group 1-4pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hispanic Choir Practice/training 6:30-8pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Finance Council Meeting 6:30-7:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Marian Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Basement</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parish Meeting Room</p>
Fri Oct 18	<p style="text-align: center;">MEA - No School Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Overnight Vigil 10pm-midnight</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Church/Chapel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church</p>
Sat Oct 19	<p>Overnight Vigil Midnight-5am</p>	<p>Church</p>
Sun Oct 20	<p>No Faith Formation Class PreK-4th Grade</p>	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<p>Saturday October 19, 2024 5:15pm</p>	<p>Sunday October 20, 2024 9:00am</p>
Accompanist	Diane Heaney	TBD
Cantor	Jodi Blong	TBD
Lectors	Lois Adern	Judy Popp-Anderson
Servers	Lauren & Lily Raleigh	Emilie & Sophia Troster

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

10th & 11th Grade Confirmation Students!...

Service Hours: There are several opportunities available for you to obtain your required service hours! Check the Faith Formation Info Station for a list of events you can sign up for.

Homily Notes: Reminder! You need to do them every weekend!

Please Mark Your Calendars!

No Class!... Wednesday, Oct. 16th & Sunday, Oct. 20th

Enjoy your Fall Break!

(Classes resume 10/23 and 10/27)

Children's Christmas Pageant Practice... begins **Sunday, November 3rd, 2-4pm in the church.** All PreK-12th grade St. Theo's youth are welcome as well as adult volunteers! If interested in participating in or helping with this year's Christmas Pageant, please contact Irene to sign up or for more information.


2024-2025 Registration Forms and Fees are now due!

Please contact Irene to get your child registered or for more info.

Thank you!

to all who attended & helped with the Family Supper Night this past Wednesday! Your participation & volunteer service was greatly appreciated. Please contact Irene if you'd like to help with future FF meals!

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



Baby Bottle Campaign

Supports New and Expectant Parents

The 18th annual Baby Bottle Campaign is underway in churches and schools across the Diocese where you can take home a baby bottle and fill it with spare change throughout October. Please return your bottles by October 31 at the parish office or drop it off in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you!

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

We are having a **DIY Winter Porch Pot Fundraiser**. We are selling Premium bundles for \$40 and Basic bundles for \$30. You may order with a St. Theodore student or in the Parish Office. Orders are Due by October 24 and will be ready on November 15. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office at 507-373-9657.

Have a blessed weekend ♦ St. Theodore Catholic School


"Into the Breach"

Sunday October 20

Church Basement after 10:00 am Mass

"Into the Breach is a men's faith formation group that will equip men with the wisdom and practical tools to better lead themselves and their families in living out the Faith. All parish men 18 and above are invited.

"Into the Breach" es un grupo de formación de fe para hombres que equipará a los hombres con la sabiduría y las herramientas prácticas para liderarse mejor a sí mismos y a sus familias en la vida de la fe. Todos los hombres de la parroquia de 18 años o más están invitados. El grupo de hombres comienza el Domingo 20 de Octubre en el sótano de la iglesia después de la Misa de las 10:00 am. Todos los hombres de la parroquia mayores de 18 años están invitados.)





Don't Forget Your Box!

A few boxes remain so be sure to pick up your Box of Joy to help fill and return by October 31st!




Red Cross Blood Drive

October 17 ♦ 11am

St. Theodore Marian Hall

Call for an appointment at 800-RED-CROSS. Walk-ins welcomed!




CCW Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, October 22nd

St. Patrick's Church, LeRoy, MN

6:00 PM Mass by supper and speaker, Joyce Jennings: Women of Hope.



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Diocese of Winona-Rochester Child Sexual Abuse Policy

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dowr.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Michael Gerard, at 507-361-3377, or mgerard@dowr.org.

Anyone working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school is a mandated reporter. Anyone who knows or has reason to believe that a minor (a person under the age of 18) or vulnerable adult is or has been abused or neglected, must report all suspected abuse or neglect to proper civil authorities/law enforcement within 24 hours of the abuse or neglect becoming known to him or her and must also follow up with a written report to civil authorities within 72 hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays. Many people working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school, including clergy, are mandated reporters under state law.

Procedimientos Diocesanos Para Hacer Frente al Abuso Sexual de Menores

La Diócesis de Winona-Rochester se ha comprometido a proteger a los niños, los jóvenes y otras personas vulnerables en nuestras escuelas, parroquias y actividades apostólicas. Tenemos un cuidado especial y la intención permanente de atender eventuales víctimas de abuso sexual y sus familias. Para informarnos sobre alegaciones actuales de abuso sexual por parte de miembros del clero o empleados laicos o voluntarios en la Diócesis de Winona-Rochester contacte: 507-454-2270, Extensión 255 Víctimas de abuso sexual, además de contactar a las autoridades civiles, se les pide de dirigirse a la diócesis para recibir asistencia pastoral. El Coordinado de Asistencia a la Víctima le proveerá tal asistencia.

"Cualquier persona que trabaje o sea voluntario en una parroquia o escuela católica, tiene la obligación de reportar o denunciar abusos o negligencias. Cualquier persona que sepa o tenga razones para creer que un menor (una persona menor de 18 años) o un adulto vulnerable es o ha sido abusado o ignorado, debe denunciar toda sospecha de abuso o abandono a las autoridades civiles o autoridades policiales pertinentes dentro de las 24 horas desde que tuvo conocimiento del asunto y además deberá dar seguimiento haciendo un informe escrito a las autoridades civiles dentro de un margen de 72 horas, excluyendo fines de semana y feriados".

<http://www.dowr.org/offices/safe-environment/report-a-complaint.html>