



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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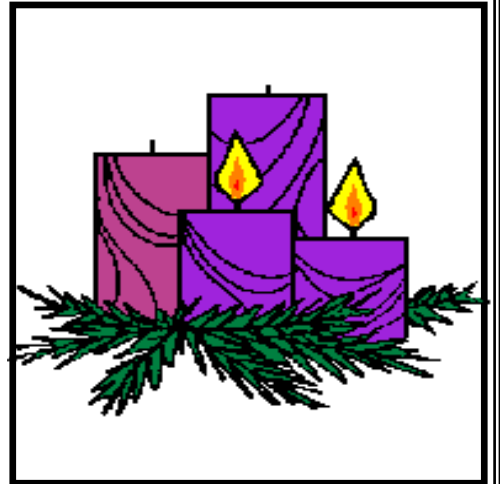
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requests in  
Spanish!

**Saint Teresa of Avila** is known for writing that "patience obtains all things." Perhaps Saint Teresa was inspired by reading the letter of Saint James, proclaimed today as the second reading in the liturgy. In the letter, he writes of a patience that joyfully awaits the coming Messiah, and is announced by signs of the kingdom. Today, we are able to get glimpses of the kingdom in the Scriptures. Jesus invites us to define our faith commitment as we define clearly who he is in our lives. Our relationship with Jesus must be reflected in how we care for others, through works of mercy that become evident through our service. For this reason, we should live life filled with joy in the good news of our Lord. We should ask ourselves: Do we live full lives in the Lord? How can we best express our love of God in our ministry and beyond our community?



**Santa Teresa de Ávila** es conocida por escribir que "la paciencia todo lo alcanza". Tal vez Santa Teresa se inspiró en la lectura de la carta de Santiago, proclamada hoy como la segunda lectura de la liturgia. En la carta, escribe acerca de una paciencia que espera gozosamente al Mesías venidero, y es anunciada por señales del reino. Hoy en día, podemos vislumbrar el reino en las Escrituras. Jesús nos invita a definir nuestro compromiso de fe a medida que definimos claramente quién es él en nuestras vidas. Nuestra relación con Jesús debe reflejarse en cómo cuidamos a los demás, a través de obras de misericordia que se hacen evidentes a través de nuestro servicio. Por esta razón, debemos vivir la vida llena de alegría en las buenas nuevas de nuestro Señor. Debemos preguntarnos: ¿Vivimos vidas plenas en el Señor? ¿Cómo podemos expresar mejor nuestro amor por Dios en nuestro ministerio y más allá de nuestra comunidad?

## 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 FATHER KURT



This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, we again hear from John the Baptist. There are a lot of feasts in the Church that involve John the Baptist. Why is he so important?

One reason is because John was an important figure in the early Church. Many people began to believe that John the Baptist was the Messiah. The many feasts in honor of John were a way of clearly defining his role in the Church. Luke points out very clearly that John was not the Messiah but a man whose role was to prepare the way for the Messiah's coming, another way of saying, "John was not the light but bore witness to the light."

Another reason for John's importance was that he represented the transition from the Old Covenant, that God made with the Jewish people, to the New Covenant that God would establish with the entire world through his Son Jesus. Luke and the other Gospel writers use John as a literary device to set up the importance of what is about to take place in human history. Salvation and true worship, which was once reserved to a chosen people has now been offered to the entire world. Jesus has opened the door of salvation to anyone that will put their faith in him.

John the Baptist reminds us of the generosity of God's boundless love and a challenge to respond to God's love by becoming His faithful disciples.

Love of Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

## 2022 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	\$55,605.00
Amount Received (12.2.22)	\$54,474.00

**We are so close!**  
**We only have \$3,126 left to raise!**  
Please consider helping us reach our goal with your donation before January 1, 2022!

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

November 28– December 4, 2022

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$ 7,552.50	\$1,248.80	\$ .00	\$10.00

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Dec 25	† Koraima Elizabeth Estrada & Angel Antonio Guerrero by Family † Dennis L Smith & Hisae Hook by Keiko Smith
Dec 31	† Mary Ann Wilder by Family

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	ZEC 2:14-17	LK 1:26-38
Tues: 12/13	ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13	MT 21:28-32
Wed: 12/14	IS 45:6C-8, 18, 21C-25	LK 7:18B-23
Thu: 12/15	Is 54:1-10	Lk 7:24-30
Fri: 12/16	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8	Jn 5:33-36
Sat: 12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10	Mt 1:1-17
Sun: 12/18	Is 7:10-14	Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.
	Rom 1:1-7	Mt 1:18-24

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Dec 13	8:30 am 9:00 am	<b>Rosary MASS</b> † Jim Stoen by family	Church Church
Wed Dec 14	8:30-9am 9:00 am 5:30pm	<b>Rosary MASS</b> For all Parishioners † Donald A Rechin by Mary Renchin	Church Church
Thurs Dec 15	8:30 am 9:00 am	<b>Rosary MASS</b> † Marge Bowman by Gerry Gilbertson	Church Church
Fri Dec 16	9:30am 8:30 am 9:00 am	<b>Rosary MASS</b> † Alfonso Hernandez Sandoval by family	Church Church
Sat Dec 17	4-4:30pm 4:45pm 5:15pm	<b>Confession Rosary MASS</b> † Denis Flaherty by Sean & Kristen Flaherty and family	Church Church Church
Sun Dec 18	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	<b>Rosary &amp; Confession MASS</b> <b>Spanish MASS</b> † Jeanne Johnson by Lloyd Johnson	Church Church Church

## NO DAILY MASS

**December 26-30, 2022**

Father is taking some time to rejuvenate!

**Parish Office Closed**



## Poinsettias for Christmas!

Addie's Floral & Gifts are filling orders for poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas until December 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Addie's Floral directly at 377-2081. You may designate your plants as either a memorial or in honor of, for the following costs:

**6½" pot single plant - \$13.00 or 8" pot two plants - \$26.00**

You are able to take your plant home after Mass starting 1/8/22.



## Behold

A guided advent journal for prayer and meditation Father Kurt. If you missed the first gathering—no worries. We'll be meeting again on **Wednesdays, December 14 at 10 am in the parish meeting room.**

## Christmas Masses

### Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM

7:30 PM (Español)

9:30pm Christmas Carols

10:00 PM



### Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM

(Broadcast)

11:00 AM

(Español)

**Winter Weather Cancellations:** In the event that school is canceled, all parish activities are also canceled and the parish office is also closed. If school starts late or closes early, the parish will follow the same practice. We will also advertise closings through KATE Radio 1450 am, KAAL TV, REMIND Text & emails, Church Door Signage.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS			LITURGICAL MINISTERS			
Mon Dec 12	<b>Las Mananitas (The Morning Event)</b> 12-1am	Church		<b>Saturday December 17, 2022</b>	<b>Sunday December 18, 2022</b>	
	<b>Coffee, Cocoa, &amp; Mexican Bread</b> 1-2am	Marian Hall		<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	<b>Loaves and Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm	Marian Hall		<b>Accompanist</b>	Ryan Hulshizer	Ada Theusch
	<b>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group</b> 6-7pm	Church		<b>Cantor</b>	Iris Goodnature	Alex Amundson
	<b>Hispanic Bible Study &amp; Guadalupe Rosary</b> 6-8pm	Church Basement		<b>Lectors</b>	Bob Steffl	Steve Schwab
Tues Dec 13	<b>School Dress Rehearsal</b> 10-11am	Church	<b>FAITH FORMATION NEWS</b>			
	<b>Christmas Concert &amp; Gathering</b> Concert 6:30 pm Gathering 7:30 pm	Church/ Marian Hall				
Wed Dec 14	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7am	Parish Meeting Room	<b>Christmas Pageant</b>  Annual Children's Christmas Pageant Practices are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm in the church</li> <li>Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm in the church</li> <li>Dress Rehearsal: Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2-4pm in the church.</li> </ul> All St. Theo's children, PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to participate.			
	<b>Advent Reflection Group</b> 10-11am	Parish Meeting Room				
Thurs Dec 15	<b>Adoration</b> 7-8pm	Church	<b>5th-11th Grade Reconciliation Evening</b> Wednesday, December 14 <sup>th</sup> , 7-8pm We will be providing in a special Reconciliation service for all 5th-11th grade students during class time. Priests from nearby parishes will be available, as well as beautiful praise and worship music performed by Grant Sharstrom.			
	<b>Faith Formation Class: 5th -11th Grades</b> 7-8pm	School				
Fri Dec 16	<b>Father Teaching K-1st Grade</b> 8:20-8:50am	School	<b>7th-12th Grade Youth Group!</b> Gathering & Activity Night, Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30-8pm, Marian Hall Come join your peers and explore ways to increase your Catholic faith through witness, ministry, & fun activities. Snacks will be provided! Contact Samantha for more info: <a href="mailto:samantha.r.geislinger@gmail.com">samantha.r.geislinger@gmail.com</a> , 507-271-7879			
	<b>Quilting Group</b> 1-4pm	Church Basement				
Sat Dec 17	<b>Putting up Christmas Tree</b> 4-5:30pm	Church	<b>Holiday Break! No Faith Formation Classes on the following dates:</b> Wednesdays: Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> , Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup> , Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays: Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> , Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Irene Nelson</b> , Faith Formation Director - <a href="mailto:ian@sttheo.org">ian@sttheo.org</a>			
	<b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 6:30-8pm	Church Basement				
Sun Dec 18	<b>Adoration</b> 9:30-6:30pm	Church	<b>ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS</b>  We are doing a food drive from December 1 <sup>st</sup> through the 16 <sup>th</sup> . You can drop off your non-perishable food item donations at the school or Parish Office. Our Catholic United Raffle sales begin Friday, January 13 <sup>th</sup> , so keep your eyes peeled for students selling tickets. Have a blessed weekend. St. Theodore Catholic School.			
	<b>Wedding Rehearsal</b> 5-6pm	Church				
Sun Dec 18	<b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm	Church	<b>Diocese of Winona-Rochester</b> <b>Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information</b> 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 <a href="http://www.dowr.org">www.dowr.org</a> 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 Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or <a href="mailto:mhamann@dowr.org">mhamann@dowr.org</a> .			
	<b>RCIA</b> 10-11:30am	Church Basement				
Sun Dec 18	<b>Wedding: Bellrichard &amp; Knutson</b> 2-3pm	Church	<b>Seventh Annual Bake Sale results.</b> <b>Total Donations &amp; Sales \$1,747.00</b> <b>"Thank You"</b> to those who donated homemade goodies, treats, baking goods, gift cards and all those wonderful volunteers who helped out on Saturday and Sunday. We are also grateful for all our parishioners and community members who came and purchased the baked goods. This couldn't happen without the loyal support of our St. Theodore Family. Thank You! 			
	<b>Faith Formation Class: Prek-4th Grades</b> 10:05-10:55am	School				
Sun Dec 18	<b>Christmas Pageant Practice</b> 2-4pm	Church	<b>Christmas Ministers Needed</b>			
	<b>Youth Group</b> 6:30-8pm	Marian Hall				

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<b>Christmas Ministers Needed</b>	<b>Saturday</b> 4pm: Two Servers & Two Eucharistic Ministers 10pm: Three Servers, Sacristan, & 3 Eucharistic Ministers	<b>Sunday</b> 9am: two Eucharistic Ministers.
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### St. Theodore Parish

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Money Counters**  
**Ushers**  
**Altar Servers**  
**Quilting Group Memebbers**  
**Church dusting team members**  
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