

APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!  
Invitando a las personas a participar activamente en la Vida de Cristo!

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Can also take  
requests in  
Spanish!

## Congratulations

2023

## First Communicants

*Christ is the bread of life and the cup of eternal Salvation.  
May you always live as a child of God!*

Mike Ambriz  
Moises Ambriz- Becerra  
Averi Avelar  
Emery Bartelt  
Diamary Campa  
Alis Castillo Lazaro  
April Chavez Lopez  
Richard Chavez Lopez  
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Ethan Haag  
Easton Herr  
Alexia Lino Calvario

Janessa Lopez  
Jessenia Lopez  
Rebeca Lopez  
Carmello Lorenzi  
Josiah Lorenzi  
Laygen Low  
Lesley Omaña Garcia  
Daniel Ortiz Jr.  
Arelly Palma  
Ivan Palma  
Graham Pirsig  
Margaret Pirsig  
Fidel Puente Jr  
Yesina Puente  
Melany Puga  
Gianna Samudio  
Blanca Solorzano-Chavez  
Adan Ventura Barriga  
Mariano Zarate-Diaz

Yesina Puente

## 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



"Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scripture to us".

This passage taken from the story in Luke's Gospel today speaks of how powerful Holy Scripture can be for us if we are willing to listen to Jesus through the

gift of his Holy Spirit.

Saint Augustine in his book, The Confessions, speaks of how he was cut to the heart from reading a passage from scripture that he had read many times before but hadn't had any affect on him. I remember reading the bible in my youth and finding it boring and without much relevance. However, once I committed my life to Christ and chose to follow His will for me, the scriptures came alive and gave my life direction and clarity. If we want Jesus to speak to us through His Holy Scriptures we must be open and ready to follow His will for us, even if it goes against what we think will bring us happiness and joy. The joy of finding and following the will of God is a joy that lasts and cannot be taken from us. Let us seek this joy by allowing Jesus to speak to us through His Holy Scriptures.

Lexio Divina is a wonderful tool for reading the scriptures with meaning and passion. Below you will find an easy way to implement Lexio Divina into your prayer life.

Lexio Divina (Praying with the Scriptures).

Write: After prayerfully reading the scripture three times, asking the question what do you see, hear; what is God speaking to you. Write the particular passage that stands out to you, which God has used to speak clearly to your heart.

Reflect: Use this particular passage for prayerful meditation and reflection. 5-10 minutes.

Apply: Apply the particular passage to your life. What is God trying to tell you through this passage.

Prayer: Using the knowledge that God has given you, write a prayer to God thanking Him for this insight and new wisdom.

Love of God

Father Kurt Farrell

## 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (4/6/23)	\$25,585.00

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

April 9 – April 16, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$16,235.50	\$1,277.00	\$345.00	\$500.00

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 4/24	Acts 6:8-15	Jn 6:22-29
Tues: 4/25	1 Pt 5:5b-14	Mk 16:15-20
Wed: 4/26	Acts 8:1b-8	Jn 6:35-40
Thu: 4/27	Acts 8:26-40	Jn 6:44-51
Fri: 4/28	Acts 9:1-20	Jn 6:52-59
Sat: 4/29	Acts 9:31-42	Jn 6:60-69
Sun: 4/30	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6
	1 Pt 2:20b-25	Jn 10:1-10

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues April 25	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Roger Bok by Gerry	Church Church
Wed April 26	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Rosalie Wolff by Evelyn Schultz	Church Church
Thurs April 27	8:30 am 9:00 pm	Rosary Mass † Tony & Franice by Gerry	Church Church
Fri April 28	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Marjorie Boelman by Gerry	Church Church
Sat April 29	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Tootsie Roll : Mass † Pat Bok by Gerry	Church Church
Sun April 30	8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00am	Rosary Tootsie Roll: Mass For the pour souls in purgatory Tootsie Roll: Spanish Mass For those listed in the book of intentions & for all parishioner	Church Church  Church

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
May 7	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>
May 14	In recognition of all Mother's living & deceased by the KC Auxiliary
May 21	† Elain & Raymond Nemec by family † Polly Schiltz by family <b>Sponsors Needed</b>

**Be sure to Register before May 16!**



**June 10, 2023 ♦ Mankato, MN**



## Eucharistic Congress Transportation

Space on the bus is filling fast!

Be sure to get registered and contact the parish office to be added to the passenger list.



**All are Invited to Celebrate  
Fr. Kurt's 25th Priesthood  
Ordination Anniversary**

**Friday, June 16, 2023**

The Feast of the Sacred Heart

**Mass at 6:00 pm, Dinner to Follow**

Please No Gifts

**RSVP:** Parish Office at 507-373-0603 ♦ [jjt@sttheo.org](mailto:jjt@sttheo.org)

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon April 24	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study</b> 6-8pm <b>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group</b> 6-7pm	Marian Hall  Church Basement Church
Tues April 25	<b>Building &amp; Grounds Meeting</b> 7:30-8:30am	Parish Meeting Room
Wed April 26	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6:00-7:00am <b>Faith Formation Adoration</b> 7-8pm <b>LAST Faith Formation Class: 5-11 grades</b> 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church  School
Thurs April 27	<b>Parish Office Closed</b> <b>Father Teaching K grade</b> 8:20-8:50am <b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 6:30-8pm	School  Church Basement
Fri April 28	<b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm	Chapel  Church
Sat April 29	<b>Baptism: Hanson</b> 3-4pm	Church
Sun April 30	<b>Hispanic Community Health Assessment</b> 12-1:30 pm	Church Basement

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS



Totus Tuus Registration forms are available in the school office.  
Have a blessed weekend!  
St. Theodore Catholic School



### This is the last Weekend

The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for \$5 each, this weekend after each Mass in the church access. Our local KC chapter receives 50% of all sales, which will be used for local scholarships and other great programs run throughout the year. Please help support your local K/C chapter.



Mark your calendars! **Real Presence Radio's** annual Spring Live Drive is coming your way **May 10-12<sup>th</sup>**. Join us as we broadcast throughout our five-state listening area and bring you inspiring stories of faith and hope. RPR is 100% listener supported and our mission continues because of you!!


Live Drive phone lines will be open daily from **7:00 AM – 7:00 PM CT!** Donate and you will be entered into a drawing for one of the many great prizes awarded throughout the drive. Call at **877-795-0122** or donate online at **RealPresenceRadio.com/donate**.



**Easter Flowers:** All donated flowers can be taken home after the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Masses. We want as many flowers to remain for our First Communion Masses the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your donations.

**Parish Office Closed**  
**Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday April 29, 2023	Sunday April 30, 2023	
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
 <b>Accompanist</b>	Ryan Hulshizer	Grant Sharstrom	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
<b>Cantor</b>	Grant Sharstrom	Jodi Blong	
<b>Lectors</b>	Deb Schatz	Therese Saindon	
<b>Servers</b>	Black Redman Keagan Winslow	Parker Lund, Evyana Bartelt	

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Summer Camp Opportunities! Sign up today!

**TOTUS TUUS ("Totally Yours")** A Catholic Summer Youth Program is coming to St. Theodore's July 9-14! Registration is \$15 per child (\$30 max per family). Totus Tuus is open to youth entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, & middle & high school youth entering 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Informational flyers are located at both church entrances, which include a registration form and ways to volunteer. Need volunteers to provide Team lunches! **Register by May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**Camp Summit:** July 24-27! For grades: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, at Eagle Bluff, Lanesboro, MN. **Seeking 1 Adult Chaperone for the full 4 days!** (Must be 19+ yrs old)

**Steubenville-Rochester Conference:** July 14-16! St. Theo's will pay half the fee for any 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student & full cost for chaperones! Cost includes hotel, meals at conference, t-shirt & transportation. Contact Irene for more info/registration materials. **Hurry! Register by May 10<sup>th</sup>!**



**St. Theodore Scholarship:** Application forms are available at the Parish & School Offices, the Faith Formation Info Station, or website. **Eligible applicants must submit their application on or before April 28, 2023.** Recipients will be announced at the Baccalaureate Mass on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Theodore Seniors! You're invited! Baccalaureate Mass and special Dinner in Marian Hall, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm.**

**Please RSVP by Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>!**

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



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

◇ **Mass in the Park** ◇ Sunday, August 20, 2023  
Be sure to check future bulletins regarding this Parish celebration!

### Congratulations & Welcome

We welcome the following individuals who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church on April 8<sup>th</sup>, at our Easter Vigil Mass.

**Brianda Liliana Aguirre Vazquez** ◇ **Johnathon Clark**  
**Murnico Gomez** ◇ **John Holloway** ◇ **Isis Violeta Mascote**  
**Jeimy Dayana Rodas Curiales**

We also welcome **Bubba Kane**, who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church at our April 16<sup>th</sup> Mass.

As their new parish family, we pray they always keep Christ at the center of their faith journey.

### The Holy Father's Intention for April 2023

For a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



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