



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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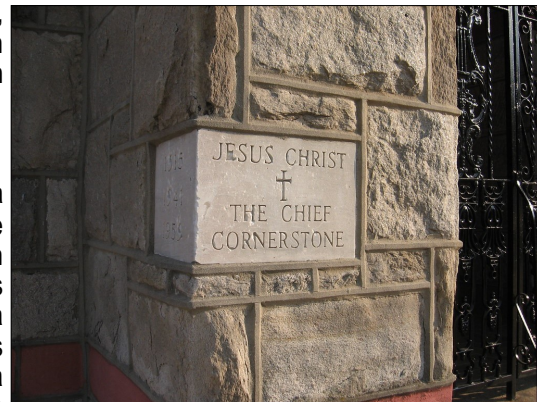
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**We** have been discovering the growth of the early Church throughout this season of Easter, first through the apostolic preaching before the authorities and the multitudes and, today, through the need for assistance in the selection of the first deacons, described in the Book of Acts. In the second reading, Saint Peter affirms that we are a chosen people, living stones that surround Christ, the cornerstone. Through our baptism, we belong to Christ, who has called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light. These affirmations from both readings seem at first to contrast the questions that Thomas asks the risen Lord in the Gospel: "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Christ's response is clear and affirming: "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:5-6). The Gospel text seems to prepare us for the upcoming solemnity of the Ascension. Much of this biblical material may be used reflective dialogue among the parish community, especially for youth groups. Some of these questions may be used: What do these words mean for Christ, "way," "truth," and "life"? What did Jesus mean by "No one comes to the Father except through me"?



**Hemos** ido descubriendo el crecimiento de la Iglesia primitiva a lo largo de este tiempo de Pascua, primero a través de la predicación apostólica ante las autoridades y las multitudes y, hoy, a través de la necesidad de ayuda en la selección de los primeros diáconos, descritos en el libro de los Hechos. En la segunda lectura, san Pedro afirma que somos un pueblo elegido, piedras vivas que rodean a Cristo, la piedra angular. A través de nuestro bautismo, pertenecemos a Cristo, quien nos ha llamado de las tinieblas a su luz maravillosa. Estas afirmaciones de ambas lecturas parecen al principio contrastar las preguntas que Tomás hace al Señor resucitado en el Evangelio: "Maestro, no sabemos a dónde vas; ¿Cómo podemos conocer el camino?" La respuesta de Cristo es clara y afirmativa: "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie viene al Padre sino por mí" (Juan 14:5-6). El texto evangélico parece prepararnos para la próxima solemnidad de la Ascensión. Gran parte de este material bíblico puede ser utilizado para el diálogo reflexivo entre la comunidad parroquial, especialmente para los grupos de jóvenes. Se pueden usar algunas de estas preguntas: ¿Qué significan estas palabras para Cristo, "camino", "verdad" y "vida"? ¿Qué quiso decir Jesús con "Nadie viene al Padre sino por mí"?

## 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



"In the Gospel for this Sunday Jesus says to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

Jesus tells us that in the Father's house there are many dwelling places and that He has a place reserved for all those that love Him. We can take courage in the fact that Mary is at His side, and that His special relationship with His Mother is also ours.

Jesus makes all things new, and through Mary, we have a Mother that is willing to help in the process of falling in love with her son. When we intercede to Christ through her for others, she works things toward our advantage. Conversion of the heart is her specialty. If we are concerned about the spiritual well being of a loved one, we can be sure that she is even more concerned and is working to bring that person to conversion.

Let us not forget that May is the month to remember our Mother and someday take our place with her at the table of God's blessings.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

## 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (4/28/23)	\$27,110.00

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

April 24– May 1, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$6,044.50	\$1,203.00	\$3.00	\$0.00

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 5/8	Acts 14:5-18	Jn 14:21-26
Tues: 5/9	Acts 14:19-28	Jn 14:27-31a
Wed: 5/10	Acts 15:1-6	Jn 15:1-8
Thu: 5/11	Acts 15:7-21	Jn 15:9-11
Fri: 5/12	Acts 15:22-31	Jn 15:12-17
Sat: 5/13	Acts 16:1-10	Jn 15:18-21
Sun: 5/14	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18	Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 Jn 14:15-21

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
May 21	† Elain & Raymond Nemec by family † Polly Schiltz by family <b>Sponsors Needed</b>
May 28	† Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary Bloomquist <b>Sponsors Needed</b>
June 4	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>



**All are Invited to Celebrate  
Fr. Kurt's 25th Priesthood  
Ordination Anniversary  
Friday, June 16, 2023**

Mass at 6:00 pm, Dinner to Follow  
Please No Gifts

RSVP: Parish Office at 507-373-0603 ♦ jjt@sttheo.org

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues May 9	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Mark Kunkel by family	Church Church
Wed May 10	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Richard Nielson by John & Barb Cliff	Church Church
Thurs May 11	8:30 am 9:00 pm	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Ralph Dougherty by John & Barb Cliff	Church Church
Fri May 12	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Donald Sullivan by John & Barb Cliff	Church Church
Sat May 13	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass: Baccalaurete</b> Memorial Mass Association	Church Church
Sun May 14	8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> In Recognition of all Mothers living & deceased by the KC Auxiliary <b>Spanish Mass</b>	Church Church  Church

**June 10, 2023 ♦ Mankato, MN**

THIS IS MY BODY  
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2023

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



## 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.



Seeking one or two individuals willing to carry our parish processional banner for the Eucharistic Congress on June 10th. Individual(s) will need to arrive at 8am to check in at the Civic Center to be ready to line up for the procession. If you would be willing to represent St. Theodore parish and school in the manner, please contact the parish administrator, Joanne Tibodeau at 373-0603.

**We want to acknowledge the following donation that was not mentioned on the original thank you sheet.**

**In memory of Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary.**



## Contact Legislators



Not only is it vital to pray for our legislators, to learn about the legislative process, and to become familiar with the Capitol, but we also need to be in contact with our legislators so that they can better represent us. You can easily contact your legislators on a range of issues by visiting the Minnesota Catholic Conference's Catholic Advocacy Network Action Center.

Visit [www.MNCatholic.org/ActionAlerts](http://www.MNCatholic.org/ActionAlerts).



American Red Cross

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Friday, May 26, 2023**


**11 am - 5 pm in Marian Hall.**



American Red Cross



## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon May 8	<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 May 9	<b>Music Selection Committee</b> 6:30-8pm	Parish Meeting Room
Wed May 10	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6:00-7:00am <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church
Thurs May 11	<b>Father Teaching 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grades</b> 8:20-8:50am <b>Knights Meeting</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 6:30-8pm	School  Church Basement Church
Fri May 12	<b>K-5 End of Year Field Trip</b> 8:00am-3pm <b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm	Chapel  Church
Sat May 13	<b>Baptism:</b> 3:00 pm <b>Graduating Senior Supper</b> 6-7:30pm	Church Marian Hall
Sun May 14	<b>Happy Mother's Day</b>	

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday May 13, 2023	Sunday May 14, 2023	
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	Grant Sharstrom	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
Cantor	TBD	Jodi Blong	
Lectors	Grzybowski's	Nicole Eckstrom	
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## 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 and help with the elementary program!



**Steubenville-Rochester Conference: July 14-16!** Come on, high school students, let's fill that bus! 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. **Must be signed up no later than May 10th!**

### Congratulations Camp Summit Dream & Fiat Team Members!

We are so excited! The following four St. Theodore high school students have been selected to be visible witnesses of our faith by acts of service, charity, and prayer this summer at Camp Summit! Congratulations to: **Eliyana Heurta-Ortiz, Jack Salier, Mariajose Ruiz-Ceronio, and Marelyn Grande-Lopez.** They will be part of the Dream & Fiat Teams! They will be deepening their personal prayer life, listening to inspirational talks, praying for campers, and building fellowship with each other. We wish you all the best and will be praying for you!

### St. Theodore Seniors & Families! You're invited!

**Baccalaureate Mass and special Dinner in Marian Hall, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm. Please RSVP today!**

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



### St. Theodore Catholic Church seeking Full and Part Time Custodians

Starting wage is \$15/hours based on skill & experience. Positions may require evening & weekend work. Individuals help to ensure a clean, safe & well maintained environment. These positions are subject to a background check & VIRTUS training. Job description & application are online at [www.sttheo.org](http://www.sttheo.org) or the Parish office. If interested, please submit a completed application to [jjt@sttheo.org](mailto:jjt@sttheo.org) or send to the parish office at 308 E. Fountain Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007. Application deadline is May 12, 2023.



Word on Fire receives countless messages asking for prayer for family members and friends who have fallen away from the Church. In the month of May, special emphasis is placed on the Church's relationship with Mary. Bishop Barron invites everyone to participate in a unique prayer challenge by joining them in **Praying 10,000 Rosaries**, for the intention of those who have fallen away from their faith will return to the Church with a renewed understanding of God's love and mercy. To help them reach the goal, please pray at least one rosary in the month of and log your rosary at [wordonfire.org/may/](http://wordonfire.org/may/). That's it!



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

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS



Let the End of the Year Countdown begin...

Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have 10 school day left until they graduate from St. Theodore School.

Our Pre-K - 4<sup>th</sup> grade have 12 school day left until summer vacation.



Our students enjoyed their Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

We hope everyone have a fun and safe weekend.  
St. Theodore Catholic School

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

For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that the Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world

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