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Congratulations 2023 St. Theodore Graduating Seniors!

♦Owen Bakken

♦Avery Benda

♦Anahi Castillo-Lazaro

♦Michael Flaherty

♦ Anthony Ceronio Zeferino ♦ Timothy Chalmers ♦ Tanner Conn

♦Jose Enriquez

♦Jackson Forman

♦Maria Flores

♦Collin Forman

♦Diego Guerra **♦**Dakota Jahnke

♦Kaitlyn Hanson ♦Brycin Kirsch

♦Patrick Holcomb ♦Michelle Lino-Lopez

♦Lizeth Martinez

♦ Justine Nelson ♦ Miguel Palma Hernandez ♦ Jesus Perez-Palestino

♦Kristopher Saavedra

♦Erika Saindon



MASS TIMES

Saturday:

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



Today we come together as the people of God to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. In the preface for today's Mass it says, "that Jesus ascended into heaven to make us sharers of his divinity".

The feast of Christ's Ascension is a celebration of God's unconditional love for us, because He loved us so much that he wanted to share His divine life with us. By ascending into heaven, Jesus takes our human nature with him. Therefore, we who are willing to participate in His death through baptism can aslo hope to share in the new life that awaits us in heaven.

When the priest prepares the cup for the consecration of the wine into Christ's blood he prays this prayer, "Through the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

The water, which is mixed into the wine, symbolizes our being united to the divinity of Christ. As the water disappears into the wine, our human nature is consumed into the divine nature of God and this really takes place in us when we receive the Eucharist. In the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus fulfills His promise and takes our human finite nature into eternal paradise. The Feast of the Ascension gives us hope during our difficult journey to live out our Christian faith. When we see Christ enter into heaven we are able to believe that the promise Jesus has made to us will be fulfilled.

Love of Christ Father Kurt Farrell

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (5/12/23)	\$29,018.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

May 15 - May 22, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund
\$8,264.50	\$1,190.00	\$755.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 5/22	Acts 19:1-8	Jn 16:29-33
Tues: 5/23	Acts 20:17-27	Jn 17:1-11a
Wed: 5/24	Acts 20:28-38	Jn 17:11b-19
Thu: 5/25	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	Jn 17:20-26
Fri: 5/26	Acts 25:13b-21	Jn 21:15-19
Sat: 5/27	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	Jn 21:20-25
Sun: 5/28	Gn 11:1-9	Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29,30
	Rom 8:22-27	.ln 7:37-39

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
June 4	Sponsors Needed
June 11	Sponsors Needed



NEEDED

Loaves and Fishes is in need of clean plastic bags and would love to recycle any and all your plastic bags. Just drop your donation off at the parish office. Thank you!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues May 23	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Arlene Stout by family	Church Church
Wed May 24	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † All Parishoners	Church Church
Thurs May 25	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † For the Pour Souls	Church Church
Fri May 26	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Nabor de Leon Rios by family	Church Church
Sat May 27	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass † Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary Bloomquist	Church Church
Sun May 28	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † For all Parishioners Spanish Mass	Church Church
	11:00am	Those listed in our book of intentions	Church



Congratulations: We congratulate the following who entered into a Catholic marriage:

May 20, 2023 ♦ Alejandro Garcia & Rosa Avilla May 22, 2023 ♦ Cesar Herrera & Hannah Runneberg May their sacred unions always keep Christ at the center of their relationships.



This summer, Clark Street will be under construction and resurfacing. As a result, St. Theodore is being assessed an additional \$15,000 for 2023. This is an unexpected expense that was not planned for in our annual budget. The Parish council is asking parishioners to prayerfully consider donating

directly to this project. If you are able to contribute to this parish need, please send your tax deductible donation in a separate envelope marked 'road assessment' to the parish office or drop it in the collection plate. Thanks in advance for your consideration!

Fr. Kurt's 25th Priesthood Ordination Anniversary

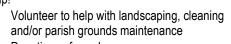
Friday, June 16, 2023

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

SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE RSVP by June 1st **RSVP:** Parish Office at 507-373-0603 ♦ iit@sttheo.org

At Home Parish Wide Mission Trip

June 23rd, 2023 from 8:00 am- 12:00 pm We need the help of parishioners to help keep our parish grounds neat and tidy! Ways that you can help!



- Donations of snacks
- Donations of water, Powerade and/or Gatorade.

This is also a great way for confirmation students to earn service hours!



THI	This Week's Activities & Reminders		
Mon	Loaves & Fishes	Marian Hall	
May 22	4:45-5:30pm Wedding: Cesar Hannah 4:45-5:45pm	Church	
	Hispanic Bible Study	Church	
	6-8pm	Basement	
	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7pm	Church	
Tues May 23	Last Day Of School Prek Graduation 10-11am	Church	
	Easter Decoration Take Down 5-6pm	Church	
Wed May 24	Morning Prayer Group 6:00-7:00am Office Closed 11:30am-4pm	Parish Meeting Room	
	Hispanic Adoration 7-8pm	Church	
Thurs May 25	Parish Council Mass ◆ Meeting 6-6:30pm ◆ 6:30-7:30pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm	Church/Parish Meeting Room Church Basement	
Fri May 26	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm	Chapel	
	Red Cross Blood Drive Set Up 10-11am	Marian Hall	
	Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Church	
Sat May 27	Quincenera: Annais Garcia 2-3pm	Church	
Sun May 28	No Additional Activities		

Parish Office Closed
May 24th, 2023 ♦ 11:30am - 4:00pm

June 10, 2023 ♦ Mankato, MN

Eucharistic Congress Attendees Needing Translation!

If you need Spanish translation, please bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop and earbuds/ earphones. Translation will be provided via the LiveVoice app or the LiveVoice website.



All First Communicants Attending the Congress.

All are encouraged to dress in their first communion outfit for Mass and for the Eucharistic procession to follow.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday May 27, 2023	Sunday May 28, 20	23
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	Grant Sharstrom	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
Cantor	Jodi Blong	Betsy Schultz	
Lectors	Leon Axtman	Penny Jahnke	
Servers	Kyle & Matthew Ramirez	Ethan Chrissinger Mathew Renden & Sawyer Holt	

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Deadline has been extended! 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 Elementary youth entering 1st-6th grade, & Middle & HS youth

entering 7th-12th gr. Informational flyers are located at both church entrances, which include a registration form and ways to volunteer. We need volunteers to provide Team lunches and help with the elementary program!

Seeking Summer Camp Sponsorships!

St. Theodore's has 3 students signed up to attend Steubenville-Rochester, July 14-16! Each registration fee is \$415. We also have 8 students attending Camp Summit, July 24-27! Their registration fee is \$315 each. These students are looking forward to new, fun experiences to strengthen their faith and their relationship with Jesus. Would you please consider helping by sponsoring a student and covering their fee to attend camp?? Your sponsorship would help a student that is financially limited. Envelopes are located in the Faith Formation Info Station. Different donation amounts & camps are indicated on each envelope.

Thank you for your generosity!

To everyone who helped with Baccalaureate Dinner, we appreciate you! We are so blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers. Many thanks for helping set-up, serve, and with clean-up. It was a beautiful event and the meal was delicious!



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

Mass in the Park
Save the date
August 20, 2023
10:00 AM
Edgewater Park Pavilion

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our 5th grade students, who graduated from St. Theodore School on Friday, May 19th, 2023. We are going to miss these students terribly but excited to see them on their new adventure into middle school. We know they all will go on to do great things. Keep being the **AWESOME** kids that we know you are!

Our Pre-K – 4^{th} grade last day of school is on Tuesday, May 23^{rd} , 2023. We hope everyone has an amazing summer! We will see you all again in August 2023.

We pray everyone has a fun and safe weekend. St. Theodore Catholic School CPA Hill, Benda, Skov & Bernau, P.A. Certified Public Accountants 507-377-1333

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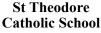
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