



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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## Congratulations 2023 St. Theodore Graduating Seniors!

◆Owen Bakken ◆Avery Benda ◆Anahi Castillo-Lazaro  
◆Anthony Ceronio Zeferino ◆Timothy Chalmers ◆Tanner Conn  
◆Jose Enriquez ◆Michael Flaherty ◆Maria Flores  
◆Collin Forman ◆Jackson Forman ◆Diego Guerra  
◆Kaitlyn Hanson ◆Patrick Holcomb ◆Dakota Jahnke  
◆Brycin Kirsch ◆Michelle Lino-Lopez ◆Lizeth Martinez  
◆Justine Nelson ◆Miguel Palma Hernandez ◆Jesus Perez-Palestino  
◆Kristopher Saavedra ◆Erika Saindon



## 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



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 also 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 Rom 8:22-27	Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29,30 Jn 7:37-39

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
June 4	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>
June 11	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>



## 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 <b>Mass</b> † Arlene Stout by family	Church Church
Wed May 24	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † All Parishoners	Church Church
Thurs May 25	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † For the Poor Souls	Church Church
Fri May 26	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Nabor de Leon Rios by family	Church Church
Sat May 27	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	<b>Confessions</b> <b>Rosary</b> <b>Mass</b> † Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary Bloomquist	Church Church
Sun May 28	8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † For all Parishoners <b>Spanish Mass</b> Those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church  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 ♦ jjt@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!

- Volunteer to help with landscaping, cleaning and/or parish grounds maintenance
- Donations of snacks
- Donations of water, Powerade and/or Gatorade.

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



## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday May 27, 2023	Sunday May 28, 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>	Jodi Blong	Betsy Schultz	
<b>Lectors</b>	Leon Axtman	Penny Jahnke	
<b>Servers</b>	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 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, & Middle & HS youth entering 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, who graduated from St. Theodore School on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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<sup>th</sup> grade last day of school is on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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

## Parish Office Closed

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ♦ 11:30am - 4:00pm

Registration costs are now

**\$40 Adults ♦ \$20 Youth**

**THIS IS MY BODY**

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2023

**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.





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