



St. Theodore Catholic Church

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requests in
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Using three other parables about the kingdom of heaven, today's Gospel provides accounts of joyful discovery, each character making their discoveries in familiar places: A man finds treasure in his field, a merchant of pearls finds a unique pearl, and fishermen find themselves with nets so full of fish that they need to throw some back. Jesus announces that the kingdom of heaven is in our midst, but he also announces the consequences of those who reject it. Even so, the Father consistently promises and offers his abundant mercy and forgiveness; his recompense is true love and the freedom to love and care for others unconditionally. Such was the case with Solomon in the first reading, who was rewarded with many blessings because he did not ask for wealth or power, but simply for the wisdom of God. The parables of the kingdom, presented in segments as the Gospel texts for previous Sundays, must be seen as a whole for the overall preparation of homilies, commentaries, prayers of the faithful, and even the liturgical music. Doing so teaches us that in listening to the word proclaimed, the seeds of God's love flourish in our hearts. But only hearts open to receive the message can share in its joy.



Utilizando otras tres parábolas sobre el reino de los cielos, el Evangelio de hoy proporciona relatos de gozosos descubrimientos, cada personaje haciendo sus descubrimientos en lugares familiares: un hombre encuentra un tesoro en su campo, un mercader de perlas encuentra una perla única y los pescadores se encuentran con las redes tan llenas de peces que necesitan devolver algunos. Jesús anuncia que el reino de los cielos está entre nosotros, pero también anuncia las consecuencias de quienes lo rechazan. Aun así, el Padre promete y ofrece constantemente su abundante misericordia y perdón; su recompensa es el amor verdadero y la libertad de amar y cuidar a los demás incondicionalmente. Tal fue el caso de Salomón en la primera lectura, quien fue recompensado con muchas bendiciones porque no pidió riquezas ni poder, sino simplemente la sabiduría de Dios. Las parábolas del reino, presentadas por segmentos como los textos evangélicos de los domingos anteriores, deben ser vistas como un todo para la preparación general de las homilias, comentarios, oraciones de los fieles e incluso la música litúrgica. Hacerlo nos enseña que en la escucha de la palabra proclamada, las semillas del amor de Dios florecen en nuestros corazones. Pero sólo los corazones abiertos para recibir el mensaje pueden compartir su alegría.

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



The Pearl of Great Price.

Why is it that we are always looking for something to look forward too? I think the phrase the grass is always greener on the other side sums up what I am trying to communicate.

It does not matter if we end up getting the job, car, house, wife or husband that we always wanted, there will always be something else that grabs our attention, that draws us to it.

This striving after something will eventually leave us wanting and frustrated with life. Only when we come to acknowledge Jesus as our pearl of great price, will we stop searching for happiness and start enjoying all that life has to offer. With Jesus in the center of our lives everything else will fit around it neatly.

Let us all make Jesus our pearl of great price and stop striving after the something that was never there.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

Mass: Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15

5:30pm

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (7/21/23)	\$34,338.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

July 25 – July 31, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$6,236.00	\$1,009.95	\$135.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 7/31	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34	Mt 13:31-35
Tues: 8/1	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28	Mt 13:36-43
Wed: 8/2	Ex 34:29-35	Mt 13:44-46
Thu: 8/3	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38	Mt 13:47-53
Fri: 8/4	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37	Mt 13:54-58
Sat: 8/5	Lv 25:1, 8-17	Mt 14:1-12
Sun: 8/6	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	2 Pt 1:16-19
	Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9	Mt 17:1-9

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Aug 13	† Ray Luna, Diane & Phil Luna by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson † Polly Schiltz by family Additional Sponsor's Needed
Aug 20	† Byron & Ruth Spear by family & friends Additional Sponsor's Needed
Aug 27	† Dave Mullenbach by Sandy & family

The Holy Father's Intention for August 2023

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Aug 1	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Tim Olinger by family	Church Church
Wed Aug 2	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ruth Spear by family & friends	Church Church
Thurs Aug 3	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Jim & Chris Ann Schwingler by Gerry	Church Church
Fri Aug 4	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	Rosary Mass Living and deceased members of Kay First Friday Confessions	Church Church
Sat Aug 5	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass † Darlene Nistler by Robert	Church Church Church
Sun Aug 6	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00am	Rosary Mass: Baptism † Michael Moore by Suzanne & family Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

Welcome: We welcome the following into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

- **Kai Zeke Kim** son of Harry Kim and Yaneidi Albino-Vázquez

We celebrate the blessing of his beautiful eternal soul and may we help him grow to be the Saint the Lord has called him to be.



We pray for the following family who mourn the loss of their loved one:

- ♦ **Patricia Kermes** (died July 24, 2023)
- ♦ **Jean Buboltz** (died April 3, 2023, funeral August 5)

We pray the Lord will bring her soul peace, mercy and eternal rest and comfort for their family during this difficult time.



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Albert Lea, MN
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Eucharistic Revival: Bringing Back the Blood

We want to once again offer the Eucharist in both species, the Body and the Blood, and we need a dedicated group of Extraordinary Ministers willing to take on this ministry. These minister would have to be willing to consume the remaining blood in their chalice that isn't consumed during communion. If you are willing to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Blood of Christ, please contact the parish office at 373-0603 and add your name to the list.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon July 31	Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm	Church Basement Church
Tues Aug 1	No Additional Activities	
Wed Aug 2	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Hispanic Adoration 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church
Thurs Aug 3	Wedding 3-4pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm	Church Church Basement
Fri Aug 4	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Chapel/Chapel Church
Sat Aug 5	Baptism 10:00 am Funeral: Buboltz 2:00pm	Church Church
Sun Aug 6	Baptism 9-10am	Church

St. Theodore Catholic Church and School SEEKING

Two part-time kitchen helpers ♦ 10-15 hours per week.

Individuals need to be Food Safe Certified or obtain certification within 30 days of employment. Additional training through MDE will also be needed.

Morning and early afternoon hours offered but must be available to work adjusted or additional hours, evenings and weekends for scheduled events and funerals. Some hours may be short notice.

If interested please contact the parish office for an application at 507-373-0603. Applications can also be obtained at sttheo.org.

ST. THEODORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Full-time Classroom Para ♦ Part-time Music Teachers

Please send letter of application, resume, and letters of recommendation to:

Susan Amundson, Principal
323 East Clark Street
Albert Lea, MN 56007
507-373-9657

samundson@sttheoschool.org



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday August 5, 2023	Sunday August 6, 2023	
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	Ada Theusch	Servers Miguel Palma & Alexander Perez
Cantor	Stephanie Redman	Jodi Blong	
Lectors	Axtman's	Catherine Buboltz	
Servers	Blake Redman, Kyle Steffl, Keagan Winslow	Ethan Chrissinger Mathew Rende	

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Our high school students had an amazing 3 days at Steubenville-Rochester! Thank you to all who generously donated funds to help them attend and experience this awesome, faith-filled event. Mark your calendars now for Steubenville 2024, "Illuminate," July 12-14!

Faith Formation classes will be starting in September!

Watch for Registration information coming in the parish newsletter coming out the first week of August!

Forms will also be available at the parish office and the Faith Formation Information Station.

IMPORTANT! Confirmation is a 2-year Program!

Students entering 10th grade must sign up for Year 1, students entering 11th grade are Year 2. Confirmation is received during the fall of the student's 12th grade year. If your student missed a year, please contact Irene for more information and to discuss options to complete St. Theodore's and the Diocese of Winona-Rochester's Confirmation Program requirements.

Seeking catechists & assistants for the following grades:
PreK, 3rd, and 7th-9th. Contact Irene if interested in helping.

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The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, will be a stop on the Fatima Tour for Peace this August 26. There will be an uphill procession with the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima that wept in 1972 and multiple talks in the church crypt. Get more details online at GuadalupeShrine.org/events !

MASS IN THE PARK

AUGUST 27, 2023

10:00 AM

EDGEWATER PARK BAND

SHELL

MEAL TO FOLLOW IN THE MAIN
PAVILION

Joining in God's Story:

An Ignitions Contemplation Retreat

September 9-10, 2023

Shalom Hill Farm Retreat Center in rural Windom

This semi silent retreat for Catholic adults provides space to learn and practice the contemplative prayer practice of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Whether you are brand new or experienced, all are welcome.

More information can be found at: <https://www.dowr.org/offices/missionarydiscipleship/retreats.html> .

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