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Can also take  
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**This celebration invites us to contemplate the glory of the Triune God** revealed in the presence of the Holy Spirit in a cloud, and the voice of the Father who points to Jesus Christ, his beloved son. By pointing out the presence of three apostles and the revelation of two great First Testament figures, Moses and Elijah, the narrative places Jesus at the center. In him, the covenant of old and the proclamation of the prophets have been fulfilled. Through him, a new dimension of apostolic life has opened for his disciples, who now discover a new goal and purpose. Jesus is the axis around whom a fallen humanity revolves. Jesus has transformed our human nature, so that we may participate in the transcendent and divine life that we were made for.

The narrative ends with the apostles returning back to their daily lives with Jesus, for the hour has not yet arrived. They will need to meet Jesus at the cross before they can understand the true glory of his transfiguration. We actually live between the human and the divine. Our faith leads us to search for full reconciliation with the Lord and our neighbors, and the Church provides us with such a gift through the sacraments. We need the strength of the Holy Spirit that the sacraments provide to confront the rejections and obstacles that we encounter throughout our lives. Can we identify experiences of "transfiguration" already present in our journey of faith? How can we best share these experiences in our conversations with others in our ministries?



**Esta celebración nos invita a contemplar la gloria del Dios Trino, revelado en la presencia del Espíritu Santo en una nube, y la voz del Padre que señala a**

Jesucristo, su hijo amado. Al señalar la presencia de tres apóstoles y la revelación de dos grandes figuras del Primer Testamento, Moisés y Elías, la narración coloca a Jesús en el centro. En él se han cumplido la antigua alianza y el anuncio de los profetas. A través de él, se ha abierto una nueva dimensión de vida apostólica para sus discípulos, que ahora descubren una nueva meta y propósito. Jesús es el eje alrededor del cual gira una humanidad caída. Jesús ha transformado nuestra naturaleza humana, para que podamos participar de la vida trascendente y divina para la que fuimos creados.

La narración termina con los apóstoles volviendo a su vida cotidiana con Jesús, porque la hora aún no ha llegado. Necesitarán encontrarse con Jesús en la cruz antes de que puedan comprender la verdadera gloria de su transfiguración. En realidad vivimos entre lo humano y lo divino. Nuestra fe nos lleva a buscar la plena reconciliación con el Señor y con el prójimo, y la Iglesia nos proporciona ese don a través de los sacramentos. Necesitamos la fuerza del Espíritu Santo que brindan los sacramentos para enfrentar los rechazos y obstáculos que encontramos a lo largo de nuestra vida. ¿Podemos identificar experiencias de "transfiguración" ya presentes en nuestro camino de fe? ¿Cómo podemos compartir mejor estas experiencias en nuestras conversaciones con otros en nuestros ministerios?

## 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 Sunday we as a Church celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration.

In the gospel this Sunday James, John and Peter are given a foretaste of the joy of heaven through their witnessing Jesus be transfigured before their eyes. This experience will be a consolation to them as they suffer witnessing the brutal execution of their master.

Often times I refer to this scripture passage when I try to explain why sometimes in our lives we feel a strong presence of God's love, but other times it seems that He is no where to be found.

Like the disciples in the Gospel after a deep experience of God's love, through a retreat or other activity, we have to go down the mountain, back to ordinary life where God's presence is not so easily found. Dry times in prayer or periods of doubt are not necessarily due to the fact that God has abandoned us, but rather opportunities for us to be drawn into a deeper faith. Lent can be such a time for us, let us trust that God is with us even when he is silent.

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 (7/28/23)	\$34,538.00

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

July 24– July 31, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$6,712.50	\$1,229.75	\$25.00

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 8/7	Nm 11:4b-15	Mt 14:13-21
Tues: 8/8	Nm 12:1-13	Mt 14:22-36
Wed: 8/9	Nm 13:1-2, 25–14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35	Mt 15: 21-28
Thu: 8/10	2 Cor 9:6-10	Jn 12:24-26
Fri: 8/11	Dt 4:32-40	Mt 16:24-28
Sat: 8/12	Dt 6:4-13	Mt 17:14-20
Sun: 8/13	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a , Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14	Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Aug 20	† Byron & Ruth Spear by family & friends <b>Additional Sponsor's Needed</b>
Aug 27	† Dave Mullenbach by Sandy & family
Sept 3	† Aristeo Martinez by family † Dick Mason by Keating family

## MASS IN THE PARK ♦ AUGUST 27, 2023

10:00 AM

EDGEWATER PARK BAND SHELL  
MEAL TO FOLLOW IN THE MAIN PAVILION



Loaves & Fishes ♦ Back in Action, August 7!

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Aug 8	8:30am 9:00am	<b>Rosary Mass</b> † Polly Schiltz by family	Church Church
Wed Aug 9	8:30am 9:00am	<b>Rosary Mass</b> † Ronald Hansen by Dick & Marti Andersen	Church Church
Thurs Aug 10	8:30am 9:00am	<b>Rosary Mass</b> † Odean Berg by Gerri	Church Church
Fri Aug 11	8:30am 9:00am	<b>Rosary Mass</b> † Cindy Langstaff by Mary Larson	Church Church
Sat Aug 12	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confessions <b>Rosary Memorial Mass</b>	Church Church Church
Sun Aug 13	8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00am	<b>Rosary Mass: Baptism</b> † Ray Luna, Diane and Phil by Mary Larson and Trista Thofson <b>Spanish Mass</b> 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.

- **Taylor Marie Bellrichard** daughter of Justan and Megan Bellrichard

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



## Marriage Anniversary Mass:

The Most Reverend Robert Barron, Bishop of Winona-Rochester, in recognition and gratitude of your years of marriage, requests the honor of your presence at the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary

Mass: Saturday, September 9, 2023. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will take place at ten o'clock in the morning at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 100 Park Street N, Minnesota Lake, 56068 followed by a Light Reception with the Bishop; including the presentation of Anniversary Certificates. Family and friends are encouraged to attend! Please register at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org)

## Remember in your Prayers



Tonia Lauer, former parishioner and served as our Parish Administrator, is mourning the sudden loss of her husband Bob. A memorial service will be held at St. Theodore on October 11th at 10 a.m. During this time, we ask that you keep Tonia and the soul of Bob in your prayers. Cards of condolence can be dropped off at the parish office.

## 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.



## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Aug 7	<b>Loaves and Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study</b> 6-8pm <b>Life in the Spirit Group</b> 6-7pm	Marian Hall  Church Basement Church
Tues Aug 8	<b>Kitchen Closed</b> <b>Music Selection Committee Group</b> 6:30-8pm	Parish Meeting Room
Wed Aug 9	<b>Kitchen Closed</b> <b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7am <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church
Thurs Aug 10	<b>Kitchen Closed</b> <b>Knights Meeting</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 6:30-8pm	Church Basement Church
Fri Aug 11	<b>Kitchen Closed</b> <b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm	Church/Chapel Church
Sat Aug 12	<b>No Additional Activities</b>	
Sun Aug 13	<b>Baptism</b> 11am-12pm	Church

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday August 12, 2023	Sunday August 13, 2023	
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Accompanist</b>	Aaron Bartz	Ada Theusch	<b>Servers</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	Jodi Blong	TBD	Miguel Palma & Alexander Perez
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## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Faith Formation classes will be starting soon!**

**5th-11th gr.:** Wednesday, September 13th, 6:30-8pm.  
**PreK-4th gr. and ALL First Reconciliation/Communion students:**  
 Sunday, September 17th, 10-10:55am.

**Registration Forms can be found in:**

♦the Parish Newsletter ♦the Parish and School Offices  
 ♦the Faith Formation Info Station ♦church entrance by the chapel  
 Forms can also be downloaded from our website: [www.sttheo.org](http://www.sttheo.org)  
 under the Faith Formation tab, or can be filled out online by clicking/  
 following this link: <https://forms.gle/WFeALj7eAeH3KYg97>

**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 a catechist for 3rd Grade & assistants for the First Reconciliation/Communion class, and 7th-9th grade class.**  
 Contact Irene if interested in helping.

Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director - [ian@sttheo.org](mailto:ian@sttheo.org) 507-373-5254

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

It's hard to believe that school starts in less than 3 weeks! We hope everyone had a great summer. We can't wait to see all of our students! We are still accepting registrations for our Pre-K classroom. If you or someone you know has a child turning 4 years old by Sept. 1, have them give us a call. For registration information contact Kristina in the school office, email [kgarcia@sttheoschool.org](mailto:kgarcia@sttheoschool.org) or call 507-373-9657.

Have a blessed weekend,  
 St. Theodore Catholic School



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## 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](mailto:samundson@sttheoschool.org)



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](http://GuadalupeShrine.org/events)!

## 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](http://sttheo.org).

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