



St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!
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Can also take
requests in
Spanish!

During the time of Jesus, there were many individuals who called themselves Messiah; there were also many isolated groups, detached from the Temple prescriptions, that searched for a Messiah to guide them either as a religious or a political leader. Thus, the question Jesus asks of his disciples at Caesarea Philippi has context: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is? Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13--15). Jesus does not look for any type of political recognition, rather, a profession of faith. Faith in Jesus requires faith in his words and works throughout his life, especially in his death and resurrection. The first to respond to Jesus' question is Peter, perhaps on the behalf of the other disciples. Hearing his response, Jesus tells Peter that he is the rock upon whom Christ will build the Church. His profession of faith is our profession of faith and that of many other Christians who, throughout the centuries, have shed their blood in witness to the truth that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and the savior of the world. Today, we hear about the persecution of Christians in the Middle East in the news, but we cannot understand it fully since we do not experience it ourselves. Nonetheless, we carry an immense responsibility as Christians to be strong examples in times when the Church is under scrutiny and criticism. Aware of our call to forgiveness and reconciliation, how do we respond to this challenge today?



Durante el tiempo de Jesús, había muchos individuos que se hacían llamar Mesías; había

también muchos grupos aislados, desligados de las prescripciones del Templo, que buscaban un Mesías que los guiara ya sea como líder religioso o político. Por lo tanto, la pregunta que Jesús hace a sus discípulos en Cesarea de Filipo tiene contexto: "¿Quién dice la gente que es el Hijo del hombre? ¿Quién decís vosotros que soy yo?" (Mateo 16:13-15). Jesús no busca ningún tipo de reconocimiento político, sino una profesión de fe. La fe en Jesús requiere fe en sus palabras y obras a lo largo de su vida, especialmente en su muerte y resurrección. El primero en responder a la pregunta de Jesús es Pedro, quizás en nombre de los otros discípulos. Al escuchar su respuesta, Jesús le dice a Pedro que él es la roca sobre la cual Cristo edificará la Iglesia. Su profesión de fe es nuestra profesión de fe y la de muchos otros cristianos que, a lo largo de los siglos, han derramado su sangre en testimonio de la verdad de que Jesús es el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios y el salvador del mundo. Hoy, escuchamos en las noticias sobre la persecución de los cristianos en el Medio Oriente, pero no podemos entenderlo completamente ya que no lo experimentamos nosotros mismos. No obstante, tenemos una inmensa responsabilidad como cristianos de ser buenos ejemplos en tiempos en que la Iglesia está bajo escrutinio y crítica. Conscientes de nuestro llamado al perdón ya la reconciliación, ¿cómo respondemos hoy a este desafío?

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



"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

These words of Jesus to our first Pope cause me to think about the wonderful experience that I had at World Youth Day in Denver, 1994. Being together with hundreds of thousands of young people from all over the world who had all come to be with the Vicar of Christ was a very powerful experience for me.

As Catholics we are so blessed to have a leader whose authority has come directly from Jesus Christ himself. No matter how morally corrupt some Popes have been in the past, they have never done anything to contradict the truths of our faith which are rooted in the confession of Peter "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

We must not allow ourselves to lose faith in our Church under the leadership of our Pope but ever grow in zeal for it, becoming more united to Christ through being an active part of His body the Church. Let us not forget to pray for our Pope that he, as the successful of Saint Peter and Vicar of Christ on earth, would inspire many to turn back to Christ and receive the freedom that comes from knowing His forgiveness.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Tues Aug 29 | 8:30am 9:00am | Rosary Mass † Pat Kermes by Fran Njos & family | Church Church |
| Wed Aug 30 | 8:30am 9:00am | Rosary Mass † Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary Bloomquist | Church Church |
| Thurs Aug 31 | 8:30am 9:00am | Rosary Mass † Ray Luna by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson | Church Church |
| Fri Sept 1 | 8:30am 9:00am 9:30-10am | Rosary Mass † Jean Bulbotz by Gerry First Friday Confession | Church Church Church |
| Sat Sept 2 | 4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm | Confessions Rosary Mass † Darlene Nistler by Robert | Church Church Church |
| Sun Sept 3 | 8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00am | Rosary Mass † Aristeo Martinez for his birthday by family † Dick Mason by Keating family † Valentina Maribel Lazaro Arena on the first year of her death by Maria and family Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions | Church Church Church |

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

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| Goal | \$54,208.00 |
| Amount received (8/18/23) | \$37,236.00 |

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

August 13 – August 21, 2023

| Adult Envelopes | Offertory | Improvement Fund |
|-----------------|-----------|------------------|
| \$6,540.00 | \$992.85 | \$165.00 |

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Mon: 8/28 | 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 | Mt 23:13-22 |
| Tues: 8/29 | 1 Thes 2:1-8 | Mk 6:17-29 |
| Wed: 8/30 | 1 Thes 2:9-13 | Mt 23:27-32 |
| Thu: 8/31 | 1 Thes 3:7-13 | Mt 24:42-51 |
| Fri: 9/1 | 1 Thes 4:1-8 | Mt 25:1-13 |
| Sat: 9/2 | 1 Thes 4:9-11 | Mt 25:14-30 |
| Sun: 9/3 | Jer 20:7-9 | Rom 12:1-2 |
| | Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 | Mt 16:21-27 |

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

| Date | Intention |
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| Sept 10 | † Denis Flaherty by family and friends † Dale Peters by Pat Peters |
| Sept 17 | † For all the death in the town of Maltrata Verz, Cruz Mexico by the Community Additional Sponsors Needed |

Home Visits:

Father would love to visit and get to know our homebound parishioners. If you or someone you know would like Father to come for a visit, please contact the parish office to set up a time at 373-0603.

Sunday, September 10, 2023

St. Theodore School

Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Hole Sponsorships available for \$50-\$100
Wedgewood Cove ♦ 4 Person Best Shot
1:00 pm Shotgun Start ♦ Dinner to follow

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, becoming Catholic or returning to their Catholic Faith?



Gina Montero and Judy Popp-Anderson recently had the privilege of attending a three-day conference on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). An important token and petition for all of us as Catholics, is guiding and supporting others who are beginning their journey into the Catholic faith. This requires the involvement of the parish.

As we look forward to starting a new group, we ask all parishioners to pray for the process and to invite anyone who might be interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or considering returning to the Catholic Church to check out RCIA. No commitment is necessary. All that is required is an interest in exploring the Catholic faith.

We are also pleased to announce that Eric Mickelson is joining our team this year and are excited to schedule individual meetings starting August 28th for those interested. Please contact Judy at 507 383 0955 or Gina at 507 369 4422 with your referrals or to set up a time that will work for you to meet.

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

♦ **Father Michael Cronin** (died August 14, 2023)

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



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

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| Mon Aug 28 | Loaves and Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm | Marian Hall Church Basement Church |
| Tues Aug 29 | Parish Staff Meeting ♦ Office closed 1-2:30pm | Parish Meeting Room |
| Wed Aug 30 | Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Hispanic Adoration 7-8pm | Parish Meeting Room Church |
| Thurs Aug 31 | No Additional Activities | |
| Fri Sept 1 | Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm | Church/Chapel Church |
| Sat Sept 2 | Baptisms 2pm, 3pm & 5:15 pm | Church |
| Sun Sept 3 | No Additional Activities | |



Congratulations



Mckenna Grunzke ♦ Justine Nelson ♦ Abigail Chalmers

Recipients of The Knights of Columbus, Council 159, scholarship Award.
Each scholarship winner received \$500 in honor of their outstanding

academic performance, dedicated
community service, faith
involvement and demonstrated
leadership abilities. Best of luck
and many blessings to each
winner and their future endeavors!



SCAMMERS are getting smarter.
Father's pastor@sttheo.org email has been
compromised and is being used for a SCAM
asking for either gift cards or to call him at a
number that isn't his. If you look at who the email

comes from, it will say pastor@sttheo.org. Please **DO NOT** respond to
this email. Please **BLOCK** it and **DELETE** it.

NOW HIRING

Part-time kitchen helper ♦ 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 required.
Morning and early afternoon hours offered and 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.

Marriage Anniversary Mass:


Saturday, September 9, 2023
10:00 AM

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church
100 Part St. N., Minnesota Lake, MN

REGISTER at <https://www.dowr.org/event-details/3738>



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| | Saturday September 2, 2023 | Sunday September 3, 2023 |
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|  | 5:15 PM | 10:00 AM ♦ Mass in the Park |
| Accompanist | Diane Heaney | Ada Theusch |
| Cantor | TBD | Betsy Schultz |
| Lectors | Lois Ahem | Don Savelkoul |
| Servers | Blake Redman, Kyle Steffl, Keagan Winslow | Ethan Chrissinger Mathew Rende |

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 Form Locations

♦ 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
under the Faith Formation tab, or can be filled out online by clicking/
following this link: <https://forms.gle/WFeALJ7eAeH3KYg97>

**Seeking a catechist for 3rd grade & adult assistants for the
7th-9th grade class. HS students needed to assist on
Sunday mornings: PreK-First Communion classes!**

Contact Irene if interested in helping.

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.

Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director - ian@sttheo.org 507-373-5254

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

What an amazing first week of school, we are sure everyone is worn out for
the weekend. Here's to an amazing school year ahead!



We have our **Golf Fundraiser** on Sunday, September 10. We still have
team slots available, contact Matt Tubbs (507-213-3035) or Brie Tubbs
(507-213-3036) to get your team signed up. If you have any questions
about the Golf Fundraiser, please contact Matt or Brie Tubbs.



We will have a **Mum Flower sale** on Sunday, Sept. 10 starting at
10:00am. We will be selling in front of the school. We have large
mums that will be \$20 each. Stop after Mass and grab some
flowers! All proceeds go to St. Theodore School.

Have a blessed weekend,
St. Theodore Catholic School

The Catholic Shoppe

We've Added To Our Inventory
Come see what's new!

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