



St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!
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In one way or another, everyone experiences the temptation of the evil one in their lives.

Today's readings address such temptations, reminding us that we must always remain close to the Lord in order to overcome them. In the first reading, Jeremiah addresses God in prayer and speaks of a different type of temptation. The Lord has "duped" him into being a prophet and to sow his word. In the second reading, Saint Paul warns the Romans that the values of this world can become negative temptations, and preaches discernment of God's will in order to live a life of surrender to the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus rejects Peter's words as a seduction, and affirms that following God's calling requires us to walk with Christ in his death and resurrection. This week, I recommend that small groups discuss how our modern world defines success, and the path that the Church invites us to follow in Jesus Christ, especially in regards to the treatment of our enemies. What are the differences between these two ways?



De una forma u otra, todos experimentan la tentación del maligno en sus vidas.

Las lecturas de hoy abordan esas tentaciones y nos recuerdan que siempre debemos permanecer cerca del Señor para poder superarlas. En la primera lectura, Jeremías se dirige a Dios en oración y habla de un tipo diferente de tentación. El Señor lo ha "engañado" para que sea profeta y sembre su palabra. En la segunda lectura, San Pablo advierte a los romanos que los valores de este mundo pueden convertirse en tentaciones negativas, y predica el discernimiento de la voluntad de Dios para vivir una vida de entrega al Señor. En el Evangelio, Jesús rechaza las palabras de Pedro como una seducción, y afirma que seguir el llamado de Dios requiere caminar con Cristo en su muerte y resurrección. Esta semana, recomiendo que los grupos pequeños discutan cómo nuestro mundo moderno define el éxito y el camino que la Iglesia nos invita a seguir en Jesucristo, especialmente en lo que respecta al tratamiento de nuestros enemigos. ¿Cuáles son las diferencias entre estas dos formas?

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED HELP WITH ENERGY BILLS?

SEMCAC's Energy Assistance Program is taking applications starting September 1, 2023.

Eligibility is based on household income and applications can be obtained at one of the following: Pickup Box outside SEMCAC Office at 204 W. Clark Street

Online at www.semcac.org or call 507-373-1329

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 duped me O Lord and I let myself be duped."

The words of the prophet Jeremiah are a heart felt prayer to God which expresses his true feelings of pain and anguish. God does not mind if we tell him like it is. What he does mind is hiding from the truth of human suffering. Whether we like it or not, the Christian life comes with the cross and we will never be able to avoid it.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Saint Peter tries to convince Jesus that the cross is not necessary and he gets rebuked for doing so. We do not have to like the crosses that are given to us in our life but we have to accept them as a part of the price paid for our redemption. It is ok for us to let God know that we are suffering and to ask for his support during our supplication. We must however come to believe that Jesus will never abandon us but will support us during our times of suffering and bring us to the glory of His Resurrection.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (8/25/23)	\$37,671.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

August 21 – August 28, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$5,107.50	\$806.98	\$10.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 9/4	1 Thes 4:13-18	Lk 4:16-30
Tues: 9/5	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11	Lk 4:31-37
Wed: 9/6	Col 1:1-8	Lk 4:38-44
Thu: 9/7	Col 1:9-14	Lk 5:1-11
Fri: 9/8	Mt 5:1-4a	Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Sat: 9/9	Col 1:21-23	Lk 6:1-5
Sun: 9/10	Ez 33:7-9 , Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9	Rom 13:8-10 , Mt 18:15-20

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Sept 17	† For all the death in the town of Maltrata Verz, Cruz Mexico by the Community † Clifford Kwapick by Marylou & Kimberly Kwapick † Loretta Kermes by Harold & family
Sept 24	† Tague Ferguson by Linda & Joe Ferguson & Marilyn Claasen



IMMEDIATE OPENING

A 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 MDE training will also be required. 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.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Sept 5	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Marylou Weiger Cox by Gerry	Church Church
Wed Sept 6	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary Bloomquist	Church Church
Thurs Sept 7	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary Bloomquist	Church Church
Fri Sept 8	8:30am 9:00am 9:30-10am	Rosary Mass † Felix Joe Luna by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson	Church Church Church
Sat Sept 9	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confessions Rosary Mass Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church
Sun Sept 10	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00am	Rosary Mass † Denis Flaherty by family & friends † Dale Peters by Pat Peters Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church



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.

Called to Evangelize: Becoming a RCIA Sponsor

Discipleship and prayer are the indispensable, basic elements of Christian life. We are seeking sponsors for the inquirers who are initiating their journey and the catechumens seeking membership in the Church. If you have a desire to share your friendship and faith with the RCIA group as a sponsor, please contact Judy Popp-Anderson or Gina Montero. We will have an **information gathering for those interested on Sunday, September 10 at 10:00AM** in the church basement.

To observe the Labor Day Holiday

Parish Office Closed

Monday, September 4, 2023

No Church Activities Scheduled

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Sept 4	Parish Office Closed No Scheduled Activities	
Tues Sept 5	No Additional Activities	
Wed Sept 6	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Hispanic Adoration 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church
Thurs Sept 7	Quilting Group 1-4pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm	Church Basement Church Basement
Fri Sept 8	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Church/Chapel Church
Sat Sept 9	No Additional Activities	
Sun Sept 10	Mum Sale 10-11 am Golf Fundraiser 2:30-5pm	School Wedgewood Cove Gold Club

Red Cross Blood Drive Volunteers Needed!

If you would be interested in helping with the Blood Drives that are held at St. Theodores, please contact the following to get signed up!

Lenore Friesse

Blood Drive Volunteer Coordinator For St. Theodore
(507) 373-3211

Our next blood drive is October 19, 2023

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

Part-time Music Teacher

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



NO Loaves & Fishes
Monday, September 4th, 2023

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday September 9, 2023	Sunday September 10, 2023
	5:15 PM	9:00 AM
Accompanist	TBD	TBD
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Lectors	Deb Schatz	Therese Saindon
Servers	Kyle & Matthew Ramirez	Parker Lund Evyanna Bartelt

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, 10:05-10:55am

Registration Form Locations

- ♦ Parish Newsletter ♦ Parish and School Offices
 - ♦ 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 and Middle & HS students to assist on Sunday mornings! Great service hours opportunity!

Contact Irene if interested in helping.

IMPORTANT DATES! PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- ♦ All Confirmation Students: 10th & 11th gr. AND 12th gr. Candidates are to attend the **NET Ministries Retreat** on Sunday, October 1st, 9am(Mass) to 4pm.
 - ♦ If you are a Confirmation or First Communion **PARENT**, please attend the following **Informational Meetings**:
Confirmation (10th & 11th gr) Wed, Sept. 20th, Marian Hall, 7-8pm
First Communion (ALL grades) Sun, Sept. 24th, Marian Hall, 10-11am
- Irene Nelson**, Faith Formation Director - ian@sttheo.org 507-373-5254

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

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 are in need of a few donations for our Golf Fundraiser. If you are able to donate, we are looking for beer, wine, liquor, drink mixers, and monetary donations. You may drop items off donations in the School or Parish offices.

Don't forget we are having a Mum Flower sale following 10:00am Mass on Sunday, Sept. 10. 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 Holy Father's Intention for September 2023

FOR PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MARGINS

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Money Counters Needed



We are looking for individuals who can help count the weekend collection on Mondays starting at 8am. Depending upon the collection, this task usually takes 2-3 hour to complete. If you would be available at that time and willing to help, please contact, Joanne, the parish administrator at the parish office.

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