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## We hear in Saint Matthew's Gospel today a clear-cut process of reconciliation.

Jesus, who showers his mercy upon us unceasingly, invites us to make peace with those who have offended us. In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul emphasizes that only in love can the law be fulfilled. Every gesture toward reconciliation inherently implies recognition of past errors, and strengthens us so that we do not commit them again. When we meet Christ in the sacrament of penance, he forgives us and feeds us with his resurrected life, giving us the opportunity to recognize our faults and to carry out the mission he has entrusted to each of us. Today, the word of God affirms that we cannot be reconciled with God without seeking reconciliation with our brothers and sisters. This theme provides an opportunity for ongoing reflection of our community groups. In the Sunday liturgy this week, emphasize the theme of reconciliation in the song selection and universal prayer to engage the assembly in the deeper meaning of reconciliation before they share in the reconciling love of Christ in the Eucharist.



## Hoy escuchamos en el Evangelio de San Mateo un claro proceso de reconciliación.

Jesús, que derrama incesantemente sobre nosotros su misericordia, nos invita a hacer las paces con quienes nos han ofendido. En su carta a los Romanos, San Pablo destaca que sólo en el amor se puede cumplir la ley. Todo gesto hacia la reconciliación implica inherentemente el reconocimiento de los errores del pasado y nos fortalece para no volver a cometerlos. Cuando encontramos a Cristo en el sacramento de la penitencia, él nos perdona y nos alimenta con su vida resucitada, dándonos la oportunidad de reconocer nuestras faltas y de llevar a cabo la misión que nos ha encomendado a cada uno de nosotros. Hoy, la palabra de Dios afirma que no podemos reconciliarnos con Dios sin buscar la reconciliación con nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Este tema brinda una oportunidad para la reflexión continua de nuestros grupos comunitarios. En la liturgia dominical de esta semana, enfatice el tema de la reconciliación en la selección de canciones y la oración universal para involucrar a la asamblea en el significado más profundo de la reconciliación antes de compartir el amor reconciliador de Cristo en la Eucaristía.

## 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



"Where two or three are gathered in my name I am in their midst."

These words of Jesus from the Gospel today, came to mind when I read the recent articles in the paper about local residents working together to build or rebuild their local Churches. It reminded me of all the many parish-building projects that I have been a part of during my priesthood. I truly believe that building projects can really help a community of faith grow spiritually, and that it is far better to bring parishioners to work together than raise the money and have someone else do the work. The more we get involved with our local Church the more we are going to feel apart of it. We don't come to know God in a vacuum but through a community of believers. The Church community should feel like a second home where we can go and take refuge from a world that is not always friendly to those trying to live a Christian life. We all want to develop a personal relationship with Jesus but we should never forget that Jesus is found in our relationships with our brother and sister Christians as well. Let us all be open to finding Jesus, by worshiping him with others.

Love of Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

## 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (9/1/23)	\$37,691.00

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

August 28 – September 4, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$8,745.50	\$1,307.88	\$ .00

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 9/11	Col 1:24-2:3	Lk 6:6-11
Tues: 9/12	Col 2:6-15	Lk 6:12-19
Wed: 9/13	Col 3:1-11	Lk 6:20-26
Thu: 9/14	Nm 21:4b-9	Jn 3:13-17
Fri: 9/15	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14	Jn 19:25-27
Sat: 9/16	1 Tm 1:15-17	Lk 6:43-49
Sun: 9/17	Sir 27:30-28:7	Rom 14:7-9
	Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12	Mt 18:21-35

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Sept 24	† Tague Ferguson by Linda & Joe Ferguson & Marilyn Claasen

October 1, 8, & 15

**Sponsors Needed**



**Congratulations:** We congratulate the following who entered into a Catholic marriage:

• **Malik & Liesel Nolen**, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
May their sacred union always keep Christ at the center of their relationship.

## 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.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Sept 12	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Ray Keating by Keating family	Church Church
Wed Sept 13	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Dave Mullenbach by Sandy & family	Church Church
Thurs Sept 14	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Pat Kermes by Kermes family & Fran Njos	Church Church
Fri Sept 15	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> For Lola on her Birthday	Church Church
Sat Sept 16	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confession Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Denis Flaherty by Sean & Kristen Flaherty & family	Church Church Church
Sun Sept 17	8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> For all the decease of Maltrata Vera Cruz & the Community † Clifford Kwapick by Marylou & Kimberly † Loretta Kermes by Harold & family <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 families through the Sacrament of Baptisms.

- **Maria San Juanita y Jasiel Martinez** children of Jose & Maria Martinez
  - **Emiliano y Angela Chavez** children of Alfonso & Ana Chavez
  - **Anthony Chavez** son of Ana Chavez
  - **Giancarlo & Gianlivan Bermudez** sons of Miguel & Stephanie Bermudez
- We celebrate the blessing of their beautiful eternal souls and may we help them grow to be the Saints the Lord has called them to be.



## Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, becoming Catholic or returning to their Catholic Faith?

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 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

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.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Monday Sept 11	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study</b> 6-8pm <b>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group</b> 6-7pm	Marian Hall  Church Basement Church
Tues Sept 12	<b>No Additional Activities</b>	
Wed Sept 13	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7am <b>RCIA Interviews</b> 9-10am <b>Faith Formation Class: 5-11 grade</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Faith Formation Adoration</b> 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Parish Meeting Room School/Gym/ Marian Hall/ Church
Thurs Sept 14	<b>Knights Meeting</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 6:30-8pm	Church Basement Church
Fri Sept 15	<b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Quinceanera Practice</b> 5-6pm <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm	Church/Chapel  Church  Church
Sat Sept 16	<b>RCIA</b> 9-12pm <b>Quinceanera</b> 1-2pm	Parish Meeting Room Church
Sun Sept 17	<b>Faith Formation Class: PreK-4th grade</b> 10-10:55 am <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Committee Meeting</b> 12-1:30pm	School  Church Basement

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<b>Saturday September 16, 2023</b>	<b>Sunday September 17, 2023</b>
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Aaron Bartz	Aaron Bartz
<b>Cantor</b>	TBD	Jody Blong
<b>Lectors</b>	Axtman's	Nick Schiltz
<b>Servers</b>	Grace Haag Lauren & Lily Raleigh	Emilie & Sophia Troster

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Faith Formation classes starting THIS WEEK!

**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](http://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](mailto:ian@sttheo.org) 507-373-5254

## IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

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

### Part-time Music Teacher

Please send letter of application, resume, & letters of recommendation to:  
**Susan Amundson, Principal,**  
**323 East Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007.**  
You can also contact Sue at [samundson@sttheoschool.org](mailto:samundson@sttheoschool.org) or 507-373-9657.

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

**Thank you** to all that signed up to play and donated to our Golf Fundraiser this Sunday, September 10.

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.  
On Friday, Sept. 29, we will have our **School Marathon**. We walk the entirety of Fountain Lake. You may start to see some students collecting pledges. All pledges collected go directly to the school.

Have a blessed weekend,  
St. Theodore Catholic School



## The Annual Winona/Rochester Council of Catholic Women Spirituality Day October 7th ◆ Queen of Angels ◆ Austin

A great day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic ladies is planned- all are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$30. Registration forms are located in the parish office or on the parish website. Please register by September 30th.

## 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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