



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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In a paradoxical style typical of Sacred Scripture, the king announced by today's liturgy appears in the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel as a shepherd who cares deeply for his sheep. For the early Christians, Jesus Christ was both the king and shepherd who surrendered his life for all, and who lives as the risen Lord among his disciples through the presence of the Holy Spirit. In Saint Matthew's Gospel, the book's final parable teaches that our entrance to the kingdom will be judged to the degree that we have given food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, hope and attention to those who are ill or in prison. We will be judged by the way we have loved. On the feast of Christ the King, we rejoice his selfless surrender for our salvation, and we ask the Lord to grant us the strength to live as faithful disciples of his kingdom and servants of his mercy. In anticipation of the new liturgical year, let us evaluate our journey of faith together with the members of our community and our parish groups, with the hope that our proclamation of the kingdom will become more evident through our service in our ministries.



En un estilo paradójico propio de la Sagrada Escritura, el rey anunciado por la liturgia de hoy aparece en la primera lectura del profeta Ezequiel como un pastor que se preocupa profundamente por sus ovejas. Para los primeros cristianos, Jesucristo era a la vez el rey y el pastor que entregó su vida por todos y que vive como el Señor resucitado entre sus discípulos a través de la presencia del Espíritu Santo. En el Evangelio de San Mateo, la última parábola del libro enseña que nuestra entrada al Reino será juzgada en la medida en que hayamos dado alimento al hambriento, agua al sediento, vestido al desnudo, esperanza y atención a los enfermos o en prisión. Seremos juzgados por la forma en que hemos amado. En la fiesta de Cristo Rey, nos alegramos de su entrega desinteresada por nuestra salvación, y pedimos al Señor que nos conceda la fuerza para vivir como fieles discípulos de su reino y servidores de su misericordia. Anticipándonos al nuevo año litúrgico, evaluemos nuestro camino de fe junto con los miembros de nuestra comunidad y nuestros grupos parroquiales, con la esperanza de que nuestra proclamación del reino se vuelva más evidente a través de nuestro servicio 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 liturgical year comes to a close this Sunday with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King and this Thursday we will gather with family and friends to celebrate the National Holiday of Thanksgiving.

Both of these occasions should bring us to a deep sense of gratitude and thanksgiving. We are so blessed to both be Catholic and live in a country where we can practice our faith in freedom and peace.

As we see so much violence in the world around us and the unwillingness of so many leaders to try to work out their differences through negotiation and nonviolent ways, we should pray to Christ our King to bring peace into our world and a better life for so many that suffer because of bad government.

I've had many wonderful opportunities in my life to visit other countries and have enjoyed my experiences, but I have always been so grateful to return to the comfort and security I find here in the United States. I also realize living in a free democratic country should not be taken for granted and there are a lot of forces at work that are trying to undermine our freedom as a country. This thanksgiving I will be praying for our country and giving thanks for living in such a great country.

Love of Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Tues</b> <b>Nov 28</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Polly Schiltz by family	Church Church
<b>Wed</b> <b>Nov 29</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Avice Kunkel by family	Church Church
<b>Thurs</b> <b>Nov 30</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † For all the Poor Souls	Church Church
<b>Fri</b> <b>Dec 1</b>	8:30am 9:00am  9:30am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † For all the Parishioners <b>First Friday Confessions</b>	Church Church  Church
<b>Sat</b> <b>Dec 2</b>	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confession Rosary <b>Mass</b> † For all the Parishioners	Church Church Church
<b>Sun</b> <b>Dec 3</b>	8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Darlene Nistler by Robert <b>Spanish Mass</b> For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church  Church

## 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (11/17/23)	\$48,203.00

### Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA)

We're Getting Closer!! We only have \$6,005 yet to collect before January 1, 2024. Thank you to those that have already given. We are greatly blessed by your generosity.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

November 13- 20, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$11,527.50	\$1,613.10	\$420.00

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 11/27	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20	Lk 21:1-4
Tues: 11/28	Dn 2:31-45	Lk 21:5-11
Wed: 11/29	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28	Lk 21:12-19
Thu: 11/30	Rom 10:9-18	Mt 4:18-22
Fri: 12/1	Dn 7:2-14	Lk 21:29-33
Sat: 12/2	Dn 7:15-27	Lk 21:34-36
Sun: 12/3	IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7, PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19	1 COR 1:3-9 MK 13:33-37

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
<b>Dec 3</b>	† Charles Kermes by Mary Kermes & family <b>Additional Sponsors Needed</b>
<b>Dec 10</b>	<b>Additional Sponsors Needed</b>

### Offering Envelopes Have Arrived!

Envelopes are located in the lower church access area.  
Please be sure to pick up your box.

## IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

Part-time Kitchen Helper

10-15 hours per week.

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.

## Poinsettias for Christmas!



Addie's Floral & Gifts are filling orders for poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas until December 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Addie's Floral directly at 377-2081. You may designate your plants as either a memorial or in honor of, for the following costs:

**6 1/2" pot single plant - \$13.00 or 8" pot two plants - \$25.00**

Donors may take their plant home after the 1/7/23 weekend Masses.

Feast of the  
*Immaculate  
Conception*

Vigil Mass  
December 7  
5:30 PM

Feast Day  
December 8  
9:00 AM



## Advent Communal Penance Service

Sunday, December 3, 2023 ♦ 3:30-5:00 PM



## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Nov 27	<b>Jesus and the Eucharist Group Study</b> 1:30-3:30pm <b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study</b> 5-6pm <b>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group</b> 6-7pm	Parish Meeting Room Marian Hall  Church Basement Church
Tues Nov 28	<b>Parish Staff Meeting ♦ Office Closed</b> 1-2:30pm <b>Parish Council Agenda Meeting</b> 3-4pm <b>Hispanic Holy Spirit Group</b> 6-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Parish Meeting Room Church
Wed Nov 29	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7am <b>Hand Bell Practice</b> 5:30-6:30pm <b>Faith Formation Class grade 5-11</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Faith Formation Adoration</b> 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church Basement School/Gym/ Church Church
Thurs Nov 30	<b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 5-6:30pm <b>Mass ♦ Parish Council Meeting</b> 6-6:30pm Mass ♦ 6:30-7:30pm Meeting	Church Basement Church/Parish Meeting Room
Fri Dec 1	<b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 5-6:30pm	Chapel  Church
Sat Dec 2	<b>RCIA</b> 9am-12pm <b>Christmas Bake Sale</b> 2-7pm	Parish Meeting Room Gym
Sun Dec 3	<b>Christmas Bake Sale</b> 9am-1pm <b>Special Family Advent Day- PreK-4th Grade &amp; Parents</b> 10-10:55am <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Communicants</b> 3-4pm <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> 3:30-5pm	Gym/Marian Hall School  Church  Church



### 8th Annual Christmas Bake Sale St. Theodore School Gym

Saturday, December 2nd ♦ 2-7 pm Sunday,  
December 3rd ♦ 9 am until supplies last.


Donations of baking items or money can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours. Items needed are different flavored cake mixes and frostings, flavored baking chips other than chocolate & butterscotch. Baked items for the sale can be dropped off at the **back doors of Marian Hall** Thursday, November 30th & Friday, December 1st from 4:00-7:00 pm.



### Jesus and the Eucharist

Adult Formation Small Group Study  
November 27, 2023  
1:30-3:30 PM  
St. Theodore Parish Meeting Room

## Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday, Dec 2, 2023	Sunday, Dec 3, 2023	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:am
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ryan Hulshizer	Ada Theusch	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
<b>Cantor</b>	TBD	Betsy Schultz	
<b>Lectors</b>	Mary Larscheid	Nick Schiltz	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Everett & Noah Schone	Ethan Chrissinger, Sawyer Holt & Mathew Rende	

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Family Advent Day – December 3rd



Sunday, December 3rd is the first day of Advent! ALL PreK - 4th graders are invited to attend a special Family Advent Day with their parents. **This event will be held during the children's regular Faith Formation class time, from 10-11am, in Marian Hall.** Siblings, Godparents, and/or grandparents are welcome too!

**Enjoy learning about Advent by doing a variety of activities and take-home projects together with your student.**

### First Reconciliation Day

**Sunday, December 3rd at 3:00pm, in the church.**

Please arrive 10 minutes early; the program will begin promptly. All First Communion students must attend and with at least one parent.

### Christmas Pageant!



All parish youth are welcome to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant! Our next practice will be Sunday, December 10th, 2-4pm. There are several parts to fill! We need adult or high school-aged volunteers to assist with costumes, props, music, & stage prep. Please contact Irene to sign up!

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

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Hey, 7th-12th graders!

St. Theo's Youth Group is starting up again, Sunday, Nov. 26th, 6:30-8pm, in Marian Hall! Come, join the fun and bring a friend along! For more info, please contact Irene: 507-373-5254 [ian@sttheo.org](mailto:ian@sttheo.org)

### Christmas Wreaths for Cemeteries

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### Winter Weather

Now that we've been given an early introduction to winter, it's important that everyone is aware of our closing practice.

- ♦ In the event that school is canceled, all parish activities are also canceled and the parish office is also closed.
- ♦ If school starts late or closes early, the parish will follow the same practice.
- ♦ We will also advertise closings through KATE Radio 1450 am, KAAL TV, REMIND Text & emails, Facebook & Signs on Doors.

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