



St. Theodore Catholic Church

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For Year B, the Lectionary offers several readings to choose from for today's celebration.

All of them, however, maintain the same sequence of themes proper to this season: God's promise, alive in the consciousness of Israel since the time of Abraham, and the fulfillment of the promise with the birth of the Savior. The Holy Family, therefore, becomes for us a symbol of fidelity and selfless love that makes us work to increase the care and love we offer our own families.

As we live in a culture with a diversity of family models, we must consider the elements that make this celebration a gift and a challenge: the attitudes that we display in family life through our actions, the presence of God in the difficult or joyful moments of family life, the trust and understanding that should characterize the members of each Christian family. Precisely now that the Church is so committed to highlight the role of family in society, we should make a commitment, with God's help, to work to improve family life whenever possible.



Para el Año B, el Leccionario ofrece varias lecturas para

elegir para la celebración de hoy. Todos ellos, sin embargo, mantienen la misma secuencia de temas propios de este tiempo: la promesa de Dios, viva en la conciencia de Israel desde los tiempos de Abraham, y el cumplimiento de la promesa con el nacimiento del Salvador. La Sagrada Familia, por tanto, se convierte para nosotros en un símbolo de fidelidad y amor desinteresado que nos hace trabajar para incrementar el cuidado y el amor que ofrecemos a nuestras propias familias.

Como vivimos en una cultura con diversidad de modelos familiares, debemos considerar los elementos que hacen de esta celebración un regalo y un desafío: las actitudes que manifestamos en la vida familiar a través de nuestras acciones, la presencia de Dios en los momentos difíciles o alegres de la vida familiar, la confianza y la comprensión que deben caracterizar a los miembros de cada familia cristiana. Precisamente ahora que la Iglesia está tan comprometida en resaltar el papel de la familia en la sociedad, deberíamos comprometernos, con la ayuda de Dios, a trabajar para mejorar la vida familiar siempre que sea posible.



Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Holy Mother of God Mass
January 1st, 2024
9:00 AM

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



This Sunday we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family. God chose to enter into our world in the context of family life.

Traditional family values are under attack in our society today. People want to redefine the traditional family to include life styles that are sinful and run contrary to the design that God created the human family to be.

On this feast of the Holy Family we are reminded that human life is sacred and is also very fragile. Every child needs a wholesome and loving environment to grow up in to reach his or her full potential in life. The human family is that such environment and there is no good replacement. We as a society need to promote and protect the traditional family values that have been past down to us through our Judeo-Christian roots.

Merry Christmas and enjoy every opportunity that you have to spent with your families this holiday season.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Mon Jan 1	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Church Church
Tues Jan 2	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ryan Laco by family & friends	Church Church
Wed Jan 3	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ryan Laco by family & friends	Church Church
Thurs Jan 4	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ryan Laco by family & friends	Church Church
Fri Jan 5	8:30am 9:00am 9:30 am	Rosary Mass † Ryan Laco by family & friends First Friday Confession	Church Church Church
Sat Jan 6	4pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confession Rosary Mass † Ryan Laco by family & friends	Church Church Church
Sun Jan 7	8:30 am 8:00am 11:00am	Rosary Mass: Epiphany of the Lord † Greg Freese and for the recovery from illness in our family by Kathy Freese † Felicita Sanchez by her son Damial & Anna Sanchez Spanish Mass: Epiphany of the Lord For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (12/22/23)	\$52,578.00

Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA)

It isn't official yet but an angel stopped by and helped us reach our goal!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Dec 18– 27, 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$11,840.00	\$2,263.00	\$.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 1/1	Nm 6:22-27	Lk 2:16-21
Tues: 1/2	1 Jn 2:22-28	Jn 1:19-28
Wed: 1/3	1 Jn 2:29–3:6	Jn 1:29-34
Thu: 1/4	1 Jn 3:7-10	Jn 1:35-42
Fri: 1/5	1 Jn 3:11-21	Jn 1:43-51
Sat: 1/6	1 Jn 5:5-13	Mk 1:7-11
Sun: 1/7	Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Jan 14	Sponsors Needed
Jan 21	† Louis Yost by family & friends Additional Sponsors Needed

Parish Office Closed

Monday, January 1, 2024

NO Parish Activities

The Holy Father's Intention for January 2024

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

On behalf of Father Kurt and the parish staff, we are so grateful and blessed by the many who thought of us during the Christmas season with gifts, treats, and prayers.

Thank you!

MASS FOR



SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 | 10:00 A.M.
SS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH | MAZEPPA, MN

CELEBRATED BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Jan 1	Parish Office Closed No additional Parish Activities	
Tues Jan 2	Hispanic Holy Spirit Group 6-8pm	Church
Wed Jan 3	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am	Parish Meeting Room
Thurs Jan 4	Father Teaches 4th-5th grade 8:25-8:45am Quilting Group 1-4pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm	School Church Basement Church Basement
Fri Jan 5	Adoration 9:30-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Church Church
Sat Jan 6	Baptism 3-4pm	Church
Sun Jan 7	Faith Formation Class PreK-4th Grade 10-10:55am Awakening of Jesus Hispanic Celebration 12-2pm	School Church Basement

Do Not Miss Out!

New Child and Working Family Tax Credits Available

Even if you are not required to file Minnesota income tax returns, you can still file to claim valuable stat tax benefits. The Working Family Credit and Child Tax Credits deliver tax relief to individuals whose income is below a certain level. Both credits are refundable, meaning you can receive a refund even if you do not owe tax.

- **What is the Child Tax Credit?** A credit available to Minnesotans who have children under 18. By filing a MN tax return, you may qualify for \$1,750 per child with not limit on the number of children.
- **What is the Working Family Credit?** A credit available to Minnesotans who earn income during the year. The maximum Working Family Credit is \$350 if your earned income is \$8,750 or more & can increase by
 - ⇒ \$350 for no qualifying child
 - ⇒ \$1,275 for one qualifying child, age 18 or older
 - ⇒ \$2,450 for two qualifying children, age 18 or older
 - ⇒ \$2,850 for three or more qualifying children, age 18 or older

Both credits are phased out if your income is over \$35,000 for those whose filing status is Married Filing Jointly or over \$29,500 for other filers.

- **How do I claim these credits?** File an individual earned income tax return.

Learn more about each credit and additional resources by visiting www.FamiliesFirstProject.com/CTC.




We are Changing our Emergency Contact Format!



If you would like to receive email or text updates and/or cancellation notices please fill out a card located at the back and chapel accesses of the church and drop them off in the collection basket or call the parish office at 373-0603. Thank you!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday, January 6, 2024	Sunday, January 7, 2024
	5:15 pm	9:00am
Accompanist	Aaron Bartz	Ada Theusch
Cantor	Stephanie Redman	Jodi Blong
Lectors	TBD	TBD
Servers	TBD	TBD

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Children's Christmas Pageant

Thank you to all those who participated and helped make this event special!



Holiday Break!

No Faith Formation Classes on the following dates:

Sunday: Dec. 31st & Wednesday: Jan. 3rd

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Hey, 7th-12th Graders! New year, new Youth Group activities!

Be sure to check the bulletin often for future event dates and times! We'll be getting together again in January, after the holidays. Any students interested in holding a leadership role (planning activities, games, snacks), or adults who'd like to help assist with Youth Group, please contact Irene! 507-373-5254 ian@sttheo.org

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS



We hope everyone has a great Winter Break, our students will return to school on Wed, Jan. 3, 2024.

Happy New Year! Enjoy this Holiday Season with family and friends!
St. Theodore Catholic School



Church Decorating Helpers Still Needed

Taking down (1/10/24 5:30-6:30 PM)

Go to sttheo.org to sign up or contact the parish office!



NO Loaves & Fishes Monday, January 1, 2024

Need Help With Your Energy Bills?

Semcac's Energy Assistance Program provides financial assistance to help with household winter heating bills. Eligibility is Based on household income and is available to homeowners and renters. Call 800.944.3281 or go to www.semcac.org. Funds available until gone so sign up right away!

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