



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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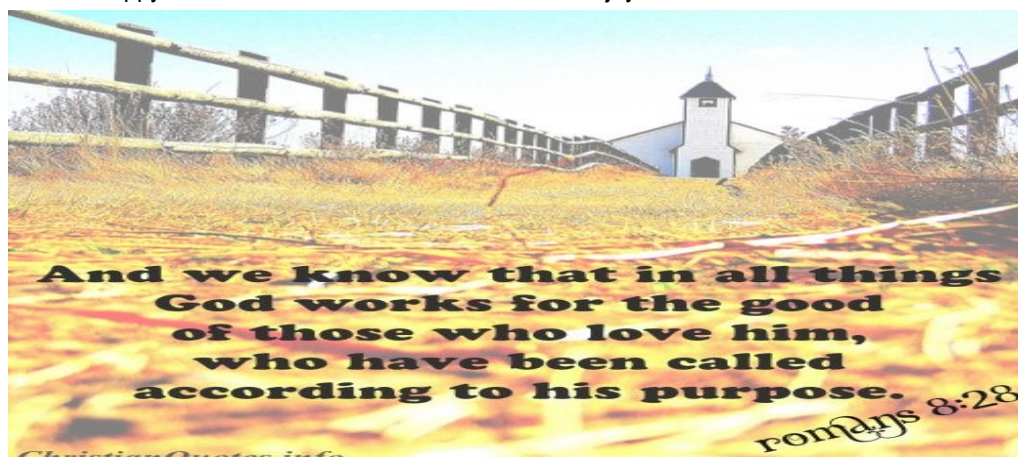
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**Today's liturgy teaches us about the urgency of serving others in the name of the Lord.** God urges Jonah to convert the Ninevites. Jesus in the Gospel preaches about the kingdom and gathers his apostles. And Saint Paul in the second reading emphasizes the brevity of life and the need to live detached from material distractions and open to eternal things. Each day of our lives, the world presents opportunities to choose attachment to material things or to choose instead that which helps us to transcend materialism in order to cultivate a spiritual life. Although today's texts do not speak directly of the tension between the material and the spiritual, community groups would do well to share concrete reflections on what truly makes a Catholic Christian happy. Where and how do we discover the true joy to which we are call!



**La liturgia de hoy nos enseña sobre la urgencia de servir a los demás en el nombre del Señor.** Dios insta a Jonás a convertir a los ninivitas. Jesús en el Evangelio predica sobre el reino y reúne a sus apóstoles. Y San Pablo en la segunda lectura enfatiza la brevedad de la vida y la necesidad de vivir desprendidos de las distracciones materiales y abiertos a las cosas eternas. Cada día de nuestras vidas, el mundo presenta oportunidades para elegir el apego a las cosas materiales o elegir aquello que nos ayuda a trascender el materialismo para cultivar una vida espiritual. Aunque los textos de hoy no hablan directamente de la tensión entre lo material y lo espiritual, los grupos comunitarios harían bien en compartir reflexiones concretas sobre lo que realmente hace feliz a un cristiano católico. ¿Dónde y cómo descubrimos la verdadera alegría a la que estamos llamados?

## 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 people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.

The words from Sacred Scripture make me think of the generous response from people of the United States and elsewhere in the world after devastating events and tragedies that strike.

In the Gospel these words are attributed to Christ and to the goodness that will come into the world because of His presence. Whether we realize it or not, our belief in Jesus Christ makes the world a better place and truly does bring light into dark places.

Our belief in Him inspires us to embrace the human suffering of others and bring love into places where there is only hatred and discord. Remember the inspiring lives of Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King Jr. and many other modern day Christians that inspired the world to be a better place because of their example. These people have taught us that by embracing the power of the cross of Christ we gain strength to embrace our own sufferings and the courage to try to alleviate the sufferings of others. Let us continue to give thanks to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ who is our light and let Him inspire us to continue to bring His light into the darkness of this world.

Love of Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Tues</b> <b>Jan 23</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> For all Parishioners	Church Church
<b>Wed</b> <b>Jan 24</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Peggy Raleigh by Parishioners	Church Church
<b>Thurs</b> <b>Jan 25</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> For all the poor souls in Purgatory	Church Church
<b>Fri</b> <b>Jan 26</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> For all Parishioners	Church Church
<b>Sat</b> <b>Jan 27</b>	4pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confession Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Darlene Nistler by Robert	Church Church Church
<b>Sun</b> <b>Jan 28</b>	8:30 am 9:00am  11:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> For all Parishioners <b>Spanish Mass</b> For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church  Church



**Weekly on Sundays**  
**February 18-May 12,**  
**4-6pm ♦ Holy Redeemer in Eyota.**

If you are a person living with the effects of trauma, there is hope. Trauma Reboot is a 12-week, faith based, peer-led course empowering everyday people to overcome trauma and embrace a brighter future. Co-facilitators of this group are Marilyn Baker and Kathleen Schumann, retired Catholic psychiatric nurses. You can learn more about Trauma Reboot's process at <https://rebootrecovery.com/trauma/>. To learn more or register, please contact Marilyn Baker at [mkbak7@gmail.com](mailto:mkbak7@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

### Need Help With Your Energy Bills

Semcac's Energy Assistance Program provides financial assistance to help with household winter heating bills. Eligibility- Based on household income. Call 800.944.3281 or go to [www.semcac.org](http://www.semcac.org).



## 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
<b>Amount received (01/12/24)</b>	<b>\$56,203.00</b>

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

January 1, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$2,943.50	\$809.91	\$485.00
<b>Salvation Army Food Donation Dec-Jan</b>		60lbs

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 1/22	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10	Mk 3:22-30
Tues: 1/23	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19	Mk 3:31-35
Wed: 1/24	2 Sm 7:4-17	Mk 4:1-20
Thu: 1/25	Acts 22:3-16	Mk 16:15-18
Fri: 1/26	2 Tm 1:1-8	Mk 4:26-34
Sat: 1/27	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	Mk 4:35-41
Sun: 1/28	Dt 18:15-20, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9	1 Cor 7:32-35, Mk 1:21-28

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

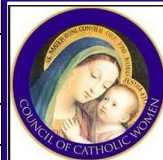
Date	Intention
<b>Feb 4</b>	† Patricia Rynerson by Glenn & Tami Boyer <b>Additional Sponsors Needed</b>
<b>Feb 11</b>	† Troy Peterson by family
<b>Feb 18</b>	For the living & deceased members of the Langer & Forman families by John & Lioba

### Vocation Information Weekend February 24 -25, 2024

IHM Seminary will host a weekend for young men to experience seminary life. Any young men interested discerning diocesan priesthood is welcome to contact Fr. Jason Kern ([jkern@dowr.org](mailto:jkern@dowr.org)), Vocations Director, for more information about this opportunity.

### Meals on the Go!

Looking for volunteer drivers for delivery.  
Call Janelle at 507-860-2796



### Austin Area Council of Catholic Women Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, January 23rd ♦ Queen of Angels in Austin.  
Mass at 9:30 AM with meeting to follow  
All members welcomed.

In the event of bad weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

**The Bishop is coming to celebrate Mass at 11 am on Sunday, January 28, 2024. Please join us!**

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Jan 22	<b>Loaves and Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Gala Meeting</b> 5:30-7pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study</b> 6-8pm <b>Life in the Spirit Group</b> 6-7pm	Marian Hall Marian Hall Church Basement Church
Tues Jan 23	<b>Parish Staff Meeting</b> 1-2:30pm <b>Hispanic Holy Spirit Group</b> 6-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church
Wed Jan 24	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7am <b>Faith Formation Supper &amp; Class 5-11<sup>th</sup> Gr.</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Faith Formation Adoration</b> 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Marian Hall/ School Church
Thurs Jan 25	<b>Father Teaches Pre-K grade</b> 8:25-8:45am <b>Parish Council Mass ♦ Meeting</b> Mass 6pm ♦ Meeting 6:30pm <b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 6:30-8pm	School Church/Parish Meeting Room Church Basement
Fri Jan 26	<b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm	Church/Chapel Church
Sat Jan 27	<b>RCIA</b> 9am-12pm	Parish Meeting Room
Sun Jan 28	<b>Faith Formation Class PreK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> 10-10:55am	School

### Volunteer Needed!

We are currently looking for a weekend Eucharistic Minister Coordinator volunteer. This role consist of sending a reminder email to those scheduled to serve as Eucharistic Minister and Sacristan for the weekend Masses each individual month. It also requires someone to maintain the annual schedule of Eucharistic minister and sacristan volunteers and their contact information. If interested please contact the parish office at 507-373-0603.


### Catholic Charities Job Opening Child and Family Services Social Worker

Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota is seeking a bilingual (Spanish/English) Licensed Social Worker in the Worthington, MN area for the Unaccompanied Migrant Children program. This position will work with individuals identified by the Office of Refugee Resettlement to be sponsors of unaccompanied minor children, typically family members. The social worker will assess the suitability and safety of the proposed sponsor and provide education to prepare the individual for a successful sponsorship. Once home studies are approved, this position will provide culturally appropriate case management and community referrals, continue to ensure safety and stability during immigration proceedings, empower sponsors to provide long-term care, and utilize a strengths-based approach in all interactions. Application details at [www.ccsomn.org](http://www.ccsomn.org)

### SAVE THE DATES

Open Heart's Women Discernment Retreat: April 13, Winona MN  
Feast of Corpus Christi: June 2, 2pm, Rochester Mayo Civic Center

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<b>Saturday, January 27, 2024</b>	<b>Sunday, January 28, 2024</b>
	<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Aaron Bartz	Ada Theusch
<b>Cantor</b>	School Children	Jodi Blong
<b>Lectors</b>	Deb Schatz	Penny Jahnke
<b>Servers</b>	Kyle Steffl & Keagan Winslow	Blake Redman & Mathew Rende

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Seeking a Preschool Catechist!

Please contact Irene if you're interested in teaching the Preschool class (3 - 5 year olds) Sunday mornings from 10-11am. Thank you!

### Interested in attending Summer Camp?

Irene needs numbers to reserve spots for our Parish! Scan the QR Code to let her know you're INTERESTED &/or if you would like more info regarding Totus Tuus, Camp Summit, &/or Steubenville-Rochester!



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

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### Hey, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders! New year, new Youth Group activities!

#### Join us Sunday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8pm, in Marian Hall!

It'll be "snow" much fun! Enjoy wintery games & discussing summer Mission Trip(s) & fundraising ideas! Any students interested in holding a leadership role (planning activities, games, snacks), or adults who'd like to help assist, please contact Irene! 507-373-5254, [ian@sttheo.org](mailto:ian@sttheo.org)

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

We are having our Pre-K/Kindergarten Open House on Tuesday, January 23, from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Help us spread the word! Students in any grade are welcome to come to our Open House. If you have any questions contact the school at 507-373-9657. Hope to see you there!

Our students have started selling Catholic United Financial Raffle tickets. Each ticket is \$10.00 each. The grand prize is a 2024 Chevy Trax or \$20,000. You can purchase tickets from any of our students, in the School Office, or in the Parish Office. Every dollar raised comes back to the school!

Have a blessed weekend,  
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**Winter Weather Cancellations:** 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, Flocknote Texts & emails, and Church Door Signage. ❄️



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