



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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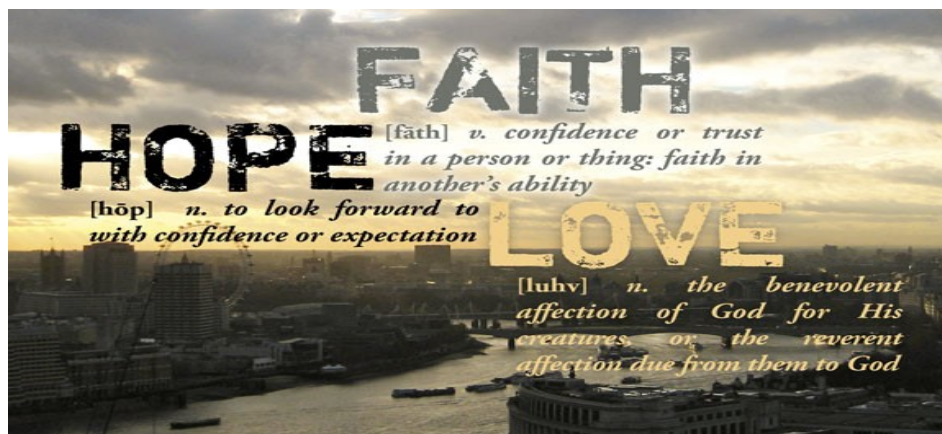
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In today's Gospel, Jesus restores a leper to health against the legal prescriptions stated in the book of Leviticus. But nearness to Jesus transcends any legal mandate, even one established for the well-being of the community. After he was cured, the leper could not contain his joy. In Christ is found the fullness of freedom, for in the midst of our wounds and weaknesses, he takes away our sadness, and gives us strength to follow our Christian vocation. Today, we are reminded of the importance of nearness to the Lord, and we open ourselves to him completely with our own spiritual leprosy and weakness. In the sacrament of penance, we find the forgiveness and strength we need to continue our mission to preach the Gospel and to proclaim his life in our world. In our youth groups, use the symbol of the leper to prompt participants to identify those who are marginalized in our society, and explore the ways in which their vitality can be used as an instrument of healing in their communities.



En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús devuelve la salud a un leproso contra las prescripciones legales establecidas en el libro de Levítico. Pero la cercanía a Jesús trasciende cualquier mandato legal, incluso uno establecido para el bienestar de la comunidad. Después de ser curado, el leproso no pudo contener su alegría. En Cristo se encuentra la plenitud de la libertad, porque en medio de nuestras heridas y debilidades, él quita nuestras tristezas y nos da fuerzas para seguir nuestra vocación cristiana. Hoy se nos recuerda la importancia de la cercanía al Señor y nos abrimos a Él completamente con nuestra propia lepra y debilidad espiritual. En el sacramento de la penitencia encontramos el perdón y la fuerza que necesitamos para continuar nuestra misión de predicar el Evangelio y proclamar su vida en nuestro mundo. En nuestros grupos de jóvenes, utilice el símbolo del leproso para impulsar a los participantes a identificar a aquellos que están marginados en nuestra sociedad y explorar las formas en que su vitalidad puede usarse como instrumento de curación en sus comunidades.

## 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



In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus cures the man with Leprosy.

Leprosy was an especially horrible disease for various reasons. Firstly, there was no cure for this very contagious and deadly disease. Secondly, because it was so contagious it was a social disease, meaning it separated you from your family and the rest of society. They were condemned to live on the outskirts of town in caves. Lastly, it was a disease that carried the stigma of being a punishment from God. They were not only sick and cut off from any support, but they also felt that God abandoned them.

When Jesus cures the leper, he also restores him to social and spiritual health. Sin is like leprosy. It separates us from God and one another. Repentance and the forgiveness we receive from the sacrament of reconciliation restores us to God's loving embrace and heals the division caused by sin.

Let us take advantage of this wonderful sacrament and be restored to full spiritual and social health. Don't forget, next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. A Communal Penance service will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 4pm. Come and be healed!

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

## 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Final Amount received for 2023 Goal	<b>\$56,228.00</b>

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

January 29-Feb 5, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$8,641.00	\$1,383.38	\$85.00
Salvation Donation 2/5/2024		68lbs

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 2/12	Jas 1:1-11	Mk 8:11-13
Tues: 2/13	Jas 1:12-18	Mk 8:14-21
Wed: 2/14	Jl 2:12-18, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17	2 Cor 5:20—6:2, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu: 2/15	Dt 30:15-20	Lk 9:22-25
Fri: 2/16	Is 58:1-9a	Mt 9:14-15
Sat: 2/17	Is 58:9b-14	Lk 5:27-32
Sun: 2/18	Gn 9:8-15, Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.	1 Pt 3:18-22, Mk 1:12-15

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Feb 25	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>
Mar 3	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>
Mar 10	For my Brother-in-Law Birthday Gregorio Lazzaro and † Ryan Moore by Suzanne Moore & family
Mar 17	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>



**St. Theodore Fish Fries**  
**Tickets Go on Sale February 1, 2024**

**Fish Fry Dates**

**February 16, March 8 & March 22**

**\$12 Advance Tickets ♦ \$14 at the Door**

Tickets can be purchased at the school or parish offices.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### NO DAILY MASSES

**February 12, 13, 15, & 16, 2024**

<b>Wed Feb 14</b>	9:00am  5:30pm 7:00pm	<b>Ash Wednesday Mass</b> † Valentina Marible Lazaro Arenes by Lazaro family <b>Mass</b> <b>Spanish Mass</b>	Church  Church Church
<b>Sat Feb 17</b>	4pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confession Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Charles Kermes by Mary & Family	Church Church Church
<b>Sun Feb 18</b>	8:30 am 9:00am  11:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> For the living & deceased members of the Langer & Forman families by John & Lioba <b>Spanish Mass</b> For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church  Church

### Ash Wednesday Mass Times

9:00 AM (with school children)

5:30 PM

7:00 pm (Español)



### UPDATE:

**Dates and Location have CHANGED!**

Please contact Marilyn Bake at mkbak7@gmail.com for information to register and

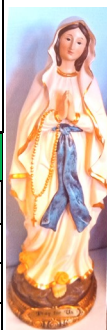
update on changed dates and location.

If you are a person living with the effects of trauma, there is hope. This 12 week, faith based, peer-led course, empowers everyday people to overcome trauma and embrace a brighter future.

### COME SEE WHAT'S NEW!

We have a few new statues in our Catholic Shoppe as well as First Holy Communion picture frames.

**Open Monday-Thursday during regular office hours.**



### Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sign Up Sheets are located in the church access area.

Please sign up!

### The Holy Father's Intention for February 2024

FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS		
Mon Feb 12	<b>Loaves and Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Gala Meeting</b> 5:30-6:30pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study</b> 6-8pm <b>Life in the Spirit Group</b> 6-7pm	Marian Hall  Marian Hall  Church Basement Church
Tues Feb 13	<b>Hispanic Holy Spirit Group</b> 6-8pm	Church
Wed Feb 14	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>No Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7am	Parish Meeting Room
Thurs Feb 15	<b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-8:00 pm <b>Quilting Group</b> 1-4pm <b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 6:30-8pm	Chapel  Church Basement Church
Fri Feb 16	<b>Lenten Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Drive Thru Fish Fry</b> 5-6:30pm <b>Hispanic Lenten Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm	Church  Marian Hall  Church
Sat Feb 17	<b>No additional Activities</b>	
Sun Feb 18	<b>Faith Formation Class PreK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> 10-10:55am <b>Shadow Drama Practice 11 grade</b> 5-6pm	School  Church

## Five ideas for Lenten Penances

"What are you giving up for Lent?"

It's the question we are all asking each other right about now. These external penances are a necessary part of the season and should be a part of our lives in some way throughout the year. But what else can we do to actively cultivate virtue and really target our faults this Lent? Here are 5 ideas that might prove a bit challenging but you'll be enjoying some sweet spiritual fruit soon!


- 1. Mortify your will through the practice of obedience.** Through obedience we can cheerfully serve our spouse and children, fulfilling our assigned tasks at work, or simply allowing others to go first!
- 2. Attend especially to the tasks you don't like doing.** Padre Pio was once visited by the soul of a young friar who had worked in the sacristy. He revealed that he suffered in purgatory because he'd been careless and negligent with his work. Complete every task meticulously, no matter how small and insignificant.
- 3. Embrace annoyances.** Over the next few weeks, when something in another person annoys you, examine yourself and discern how you, too, act or feel or think in that way.
- 4. Impose a strict watch on your tongue.** Guard your tongue and inspect what you want to say before speaking.
- 5. Check impulsive actions.** Be intentional in all that you do, asking yourself, "Do I really need to shoot off this text? Will this comment help anyone? Will I benefit from thoughtlessly popping snacks in my mouth?"

Lent is a long season and it's easy to grow weary. Why not go through it as a family and help each other along?



### Church Giving Envelopes

All Church Giving Envelopes are located in the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		
	<b>Saturday, February 17, 2024</b>	<b>Sunday, February 18, 2024</b>
	<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<b>Accompanist</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	<b>Cantor</b>	<b>Jodi Blong</b>
	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Axtman's</b>
<b>Servers</b>	<b>Matthew &amp; Kyle Ramirez</b>	<b>Melody Clark, Evalyn &amp; Elizabeth Holcomb</b>

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS



**Souper Bowl of Caring donations** will be collected after each Mass on February 10th and 11th by our Faith Formation students. Together, we will help tackle hunger by participating in this annual, nation-wide fundraiser. **Let's exceed last year's total of \$3,013.00!** All funds collected will stay local and help support our St. Theodore's Loaves and Fishes food program.



**Hurry! Register now for CAMP SUMMIT!**

Available spots will go fast! Scan this QR Code to register today! **Use promo code: STTHEODORE**



### Registration for these Summer Camps Coming Soon!

Save the dates for the following:



**TOTUS TUUS** at St. Theodore: July 7-12, 2024

School youth entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.



**Steubenville-Rochester Conference:** July 12-14, 2024

Cost of Event: \$430 before 5/10/24 & \$440 after 5/10/24.

Cost includes hotel, meals at conference, t-shirt & transportation.

Contact Irene for more information.



Applications for **St. Theodore Scholarships** are now available at the parish & school offices, the Faith Formation Info Station, or website. Eligible applicants must submit their application on or before April 30, 2024. Recipients will be announced at the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 12, 2024.

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

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS



Pre-sale tickets are on sale now for our Drive Thru Fish Fry scheduled February 16 from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Pre-sale tickets are \$12 each meal. Tickets are available to purchase in the School and Parish Offices. Price at the door will be \$14 for each meal.



Last chance to get your Catholic United Financial Raffle tickets is Sunday, Feb. 18. 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 or at the School or Parish Office. Every dollar raised comes back to the school!



St. Theodore School is now accepting registrations for the 2024/2025 school year. Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify. If you would like to schedule a tour or have any questions, contact the school at 507-373-9657.

Have a blessed weekend,  
St. Theodore Catholic School

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