



St. Theodore Catholic Church

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This first Sunday of Lent puts us in touch with the Covenant the Lord made with Noah. This was an intimate relationship between God and humanity that we see again with Abraham, the judges and kings of Israel, and all his people. As Saint Peter reminds us, this beginning of the Covenant reflects our own baptism and invites us to consider the things in our lives that need changing; the Gospel shows us the changes Jesus underwent during his time in the desert. By allowing the change in our own lives to show, we can serve as an example for the catechumens preparing to receive the life of God. While planning for Lent, it's helpful to schedule a parish mission or other opportunity for lay ministers to gather and reflect on how they preach the good news of salvation through both words and example.



Este primer domingo de Cuaresma nos pone en contacto con el Pacto que el Señor hizo con Noé. Esta fue una relación íntima entre Dios y la humanidad que volvemos a ver con Abraham, los jueces y reyes de Israel, y todo su pueblo. Como nos recuerda San Pedro, este inicio de Alianza refleja nuestro propio bautismo y nos invita a considerar las cosas de nuestra vida que necesitan cambiar; El Evangelio nos muestra los cambios que experimentó Jesús durante su estancia en el desierto. Al permitir que se muestre el cambio en nuestras propias vidas, podemos servir como ejemplo para los catecúmenos que se preparan para recibir la vida de Dios. Al planificar la Cuaresma, es útil programar una misión parroquial u otra oportunidad para que los ministros laicos se reúnan y reflexionen sobre cómo predicar las buenas nuevas de salvación a través de palabras y ejemplo.

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 James, John and Peter are given a foretaste of the joy of heaven through their witnessing Jesus be transfigured before their eyes. This experience will be a consolation to them as they suffer witnessing the brutal execution of their master.

Often times I refer to this scripture passage when I try to explain why sometimes in our lives we feel a strong presence of God's love, but other times it seems that He is nowhere to be found. Like the disciples in the Gospel after a deep experience of God's love, through a retreat or other activity, we have to go down the mountain, back to ordinary life where God's presence is not so easily found.

Dry times in prayer or periods of doubt are not necessarily due to the fact that God has abandoned us, but rather opportunities for us to be drawn into a deeper faith. Lent can be such a time for us, let us trust that God is with us even when He is silent.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

We are greatly blessed by the 434 donations given to help us reach our 2023 CMA goal! We will have over \$2,000 coming back to us to help with identified parish project expenses. THANK YOU!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Feb 5-Feb 12, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$6,978.50	\$1,924.11	\$495.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 2/19	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Mt 25:31-46
Tues: 2/20	Is 55:10-11	Mt 6:7-15
Wed: 2/21	Jon 3:1-10	Lk 11:29-32
Thu: 2/22	1 Pt 5:1-4	Mt 16:13-19
Fri: 2/23	Ez 18:21-28	Mt 5:20-26
Sat: 2/24	Dt 26:16-19	Mt 5:43-48
Sun: 2/25	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19	Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Mar 3	Sponsors Needed
Mar 10	For my Brother-in-Law Birthday Gregorio Lazarro and † Ryan Moore by Suzanne Moore & family
Mar 17	Sponsors Needed

Friday Stations of the Cross

- 2:15pm Fridays (Lead by the St. Theodore school children)
February 16 & 23, and March 1, 8, & 22 (No stations 15th)
- 6-6:30pm Fridays during Lent, English Stations
- 6:30-8:00pm Fridays during Lent, Hispanic Stations
- 6:00pm Stations & Soup Supper ♦ March 20th, 2024
Stations lead by the 5th & 6th grade Faith Formation students followed by a Soup Supper by the Confirmation students.
- 7:00pm Shadow Drama Performance – March 27, 2024
Performed by 11th Grade Confirmation Students

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**No 9:00 AM Daily Mass
February 19-22, 2024**

Fri Feb 23	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Darlene Trease	Church Church
Sat Feb 24	4pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confession Rosary Mass † Patricia Luna by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson	Church Church Church
Sun Feb 25	8:30 am 8:00am 11:00am	Rosary Mass For all Parishioners Spanish Mass: Epiphany of the Lord For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

† Jim Stoen moved from February 22 to February 29

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who donated to their many fundraisers. With your donations, the K/C's were able to replace the awning covering the stairway to the back parking lot. This will help protect parishioners and guests attending Mass or visiting the church during harsh weather.



Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe, in La Crosse, WI will be hosting various Catholic Lenten Experiences. See details below.

Lenten Day of Recollection ♦ March 9, 2024 / All Day

The day includes talks on the Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Hell and Heaven. No Admission cost.

Passion Sunday Concert ♦ March 17, 2024 / 3:00 PM

This hour long musical journey contemplates the: pierced feet, bent knees, bleeding hands, wounded side, revered breast, loving heart and thorn crowned face. No Admission Cost!

Learn more at GuadalupeShrine.org/events

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is held in the Prayer Chapel

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

9:30am - 8:30pm

Wednesday 9:30am - 8:00pm

Friday 9:30am - 6:30pm, 6:30-8pm Hispanic

Sign up sheets located in the church access area.



St. Theodore Fish Fries

March 8 & 22, 2024

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

Tickets can be purchased at the school or parish offices.



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 19	No School Loaves and Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm	Marian Hall Church Basement Church
Tues Feb 20	Dusting 9:30-10:30am Hispanic Holy Spirit Group 6-8pm School Board Meeting 6-8pm	Church Church Marian Hall
Wed Feb 21	Faith Formation Class: 5-11Grade 6:30-8pm Faith Formation Adoration 7-8pm	School Church
Thurs Feb 22	Quilting Group 1-4pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8pm	Church Basement Church
Fri Feb 23	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Stations of the Cross 2:00-3:00pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Church Church Church
Sat Feb 24	RCIA 9am-12pm	Parish Meeting Room
Sun Feb 25	Faith Formation Class PreK-4th Grade 10-10:55am Communal Penance Service 3:30-4:30pm Shadow Drama Practice 11 grade 5-6pm	School Church Church




Operation Rice Bowl

The church participates in Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl. This can be a great spiritual tool for us during the Lenten Season as we practice those three pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, putting our spirits in touch with the poor of the world. Bowls are located at the front and back accesses of the church!



This Sunday, Feb. 18th at the 9AM Mass, we will have the Rite of Sending for our RCIA Catechumen and Candidates who have been participating in faith formation as they discern a commitment to join the Catholic Church. This rite offers our show of support and to pray for them as they are sent to the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. Bishop Robert Barron will welcome them and bless them on Sunday afternoon, 2/18/24 at 3PM at Queen of Angels in Austin. Please support them with prayer and welcome the Catechumen who will be Baptized and the Candidates who will be Confirmed and receive Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday, February 24, 2024	Sunday, February 25, 2024
	5:15 pm	9:00am
Accompanist	TBD	TBD
Cantor	TBD	Jodi Blong
Lectors	Mary Larscheid	Carol Thompson
Servers	Lauren & Lely Raleigh	Sawyer Holt, Blake Redman & Mathew Rende

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Shadow Drama Practice (For 11th Graders)

February 18th & 25th & March 3rd, 17th, & 24th

5-6pm in Church

Performance is Wed, March 27th at 7pm for all to see.

If you are interested in helping with this beautiful portrayal of the Stations of the Cross, please contact Irene at ian@sttheo.org or call: 507-373-5254.



Camp Summit is July 22-25, 2024!

Registration deadline is March 31st!

Spots are limited! 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 1st-6th & 7th-12th 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.



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 507-373-5254

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS



Thank you to all who were able to make it to our Drive Thru Fish Fry on Friday. Make sure to mark your calendars for our next Fish Fry for Friday, March 8!



Last chance to get your \$10 Catholic United Financial Raffle Ticket is Sunday, Feb. 18. 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 24-25 registrations! for tuition assistance is available for those who qualify. If you have questions or would like to schedule a tour, contact the school at 507-373-9657.

Have a blessed weekend,
St. Theodore Catholic School



SCAMMERS are at it again! SCAMMERS are sending emails and texts in Father's name asking for help or to text him back. **FATHER WILL NEVER EMAIL OR TEXT INDIVIDUALS ASKING FOR HELP!** Please DO NOT respond to these emails or texts. Please BLOCK them and/or DELETE them.

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