

# St. Theodore Catholic Church

A WELCOMING PARISH COMMUNITY

BIENVENIDOS

315 Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007-2456

## December 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4 pm  
Sunday 1/2 hour before Masses

### Immaculate Conception Mass

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am & 5:15 pm (bilingual)

### Mass

Saturday 5:15 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)  
Sunday 11:00 am (Español)

### MISSION STATEMENT

St. Theodore's mission is to invite people to actively participate in the life of Jesus.

## STAY AWAKE

“The Lord is coming, but you know not the day or the hour.” This season makes us all aware of time's movement and our place in its fragile duration. Now is the time to sort things out, look around and get ready, for at the Lord's presence the mountains melt. Advent means: He's coming soon! Heads up! Keep your own eyes open. Don't expect someone else to alert you. Be ready!

### Estén Despiertos

Escuchamos una advertencia en el Evangelio de hoy: estén preparados y vigilantes, “pues no saben a qué hora va a regresar el dueño de la casa”. Con el paso de los años nos damos cuenta de nuestra fragilidad. Ahora es tiempo de escoger, mirar a nuestro alrededor y prepararnos, porque los cerros se derriten ante la presencia del Señor. Adviento significa: ¡Él ya viene! ¡Arriba! Estén despiertos. No esperen a que otros vengan a decirles que estén alerta. ¡Estén listos!

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## From the Desk of Father Kurt

This weekend we begin the season of Advent. Advent is a time for waiting, a time for longing for the coming of God in our lives. A longing that once fulfilled, will bring lasting joy. As a child I remember Advent as a time for the anticipation of Christmas, and all the good things that I would get underneath the Christmas tree and in my stocking Christmas morning. I could not even sleep at night as the days drew closer for the permission to unwrap all those presents underneath the Christmas tree with my name on them. Christmas morning brought great joy as I tore through all those packages, but after a couple of weeks of playing with my new gadgets, the joy was gone.

Unlike the joy of material gifts, the joy of accepting the Christ Child into our hearts is everlasting. Christmas is not about gifts underneath the Christmas tree, but about a child being born, a child, which brings hope of salvation to a world so broken by violence and hatred. This advent let us make sure that the coming of the birth of Jesus is that which we long for.

Fr. Kurt

## Sacrificial Giving

November 25-26, 2017


Adult	Offertory	Youth	Improvement	St. James
\$8,295.72	\$840.55	\$11.00	\$300.00	\$102.00

## 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal: \$57,670  
 Total Pledged as of 11/14/17: \$41,949  
 Total Paid as of 11/07/2017: \$41,066  
 Amount Needed to meet goal: \$15,721

## Poinsettias for the Holidays!

Addie's Floral & Gifts will be filling orders for poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas. You may order memorial or in honor of plant for the following costs:

	6½" pot single plant	\$12.00
	7½" pot two plants	\$16.00
	10" pot three plants	\$24.00

Contact Addie's Floral directly at 377-2081 Deadline to order is December 16<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to take your plant home after the holidays!

## 2017 Christmas Services

### Reconciliation

December 10<sup>th</sup> 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

### Mass Times

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Advent Broadcast Mass  
 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Eve Mass  
 8:00 PM Spanish Christmas Eve Mass  
 9:30 PM Christmas Music  
 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass  
 Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

## Mass Intentions/Schedule

Tues Dec 5	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Dolly Sichko	Church
Wed Dec 6	8:15 am 8:45 am	Rosary <b>Children's Mass</b> † Avice Kunkel	Church
Thurs Dec 7	2:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> † Donna Meirose	St. John's
Fri Dec 8	8:30 am 9:00 am  9:30 am  9:30 am - 5:00 pm 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Ryan Moore First Friday Reconciliation Adoration <b>Holy Day Mass</b> Immaculate Conception Spanish Prayer Group	Church
Sat Dec 9	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> Memorial Mass	Church
Sun Dec 10	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00 am  3:30 pm	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Raymond Cochlin <b>Spanish Mass</b> Lorenzo Garrido Michel Communal Penance & First Reconciliation	Church

## Upcoming Broadcast Masses

Dec 17	† Bernie Heilmann
Dec 24	† Jean Jacobson & Family
Dec 31	† Kathi Wilder
Jan 7	For the Families of Paul & Lynette Lair
Jan 14	<b>Donor Needed</b>

## Daily Scripture Readings

<b>Mon: 12/4</b>	IS 2:1-5	MT 8:5-11
<b>Tues: 12/5</b>	IS 11:1-10	LK 10:21-24
<b>Wed: 12/6</b>	IS 25:6-10A	MT 15:29-37
<b>Thurs: 12/7</b>	IS 26:1-6	MT 7:21, 24-27
<b>Fri: 12/8</b>	GN 3:9-15, 20	PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4
	EPH 1:3-6, 11-12	LK 1:26-38
<b>Sat: 12/9</b>	IS 30:19-21, 23-26	MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8
<b>Sun: 12/10</b>	IS 40:1-5, 9-11	PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14
	2 PT 3:8-14	MK 1:1-8

## This Week's Activities & Reminders

Dec 3	<b>Christmas Pageant Practice</b> 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Church
Dec 4	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Marian Hall
Dec 6	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b> 6:00 am - 7:00 am <b>Faith Formation</b> 7:00 pm - 8:10 pm <b>Bell Choir Practice</b> 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Parish Conference Room Marian Hall, School, Gym & Church
Dec 7	<b>Quilting Group</b> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm *No Quilting Group on Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> . <b>RCIA</b> 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Church Basement Parish Conference Room
Dec 8	<b>Holy Day</b> Immaculate Conception	
Dec 9	<b>Knight of Columbus Steak Fry</b> 6:15 pm - 9:00 pm	KC Hall
Dec 10	<b>Harmony Junction Chorus' Annual Benefit Concert</b> 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm <b>Faith Formation</b> 10:05-10:55 am	Church School & Gym

**Pilgrimages:** Space is limited for the **12 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage** for March 18-29, 2019. You can find information and registration material at [sttheo.org](http://sttheo.org).



There is still space available to the **West Bend Grotto** set for Monday, May 14, 2018. Bus transportation will be wheel chair accessible so all will be able to join in this wonderful opportunity! Departure is 9:30 AM with a 7:30 PM approximate return. Cost is \$42.00 and includes Grotto, transportation, snacks & dinner. Please contact Barb Butler at 507-402-4128 to reserve your spot!

**Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe:** This special feast day will be celebrated on Dec 12th, 2017. The celebration includes:

- 5:00 pm Rosary
- 5:30 pm Guadalupe Procession
- 6:00 pm Mass

After Mass all attending are invited to the Virgin of Guadalupe Gathering in Marian Hall. Come join us for this beautiful celebration.



**Fiesta de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe:** este día de fiesta especial se celebrará el 12 de diciembre de 2017. La celebración comienza a las 5 pm con el Rosario, a las 5:30 pm será la procesion y a las 6 pm la Misa. Despues de la Misa estan todos invitados al convivio en Marion Hall. Esperamos su asistencia para esta Hermosa celebración.

## Liturgical Ministers

December 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 5:15 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:00 am Español
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch	Hispanic Choir
<b>Cantor/Choir</b>	Jodi Blong + Choir	Sue Amundson + School Choir	
<b>Lectors</b>	Bob Steffl Lois Ahern	Carol Thompson Dennis Dieser	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Keira Lenort Miranda LaCanne	Alexandra & Dominica Eckstrom	Jesus Boites & Francisco Alí
<b>Holy Day Mass: Immaculate Conception Friday, December 8th at 5:15 PM</b>			
<b>Accompanist</b>	<b>Cantor/Choir</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>
Ada Theusch	Choir	Deb Schatz	Lizeth Merino & Jade Ambriz



We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday.

We will have Wish Pets for sale in the school office. Supplies are limited, so stop in and get a Wish Pet while they last. If you have questions about them please contact the school at 373-9657.

Our Pancake Breakfast raised \$8,555.00 in profit for our school. We would like to thank everyone who came and helped make this fundraiser a success. Our next fundraiser will be the Catholic United Financial Raffle. We will be selling \$5.00 raffle tickets from January 12<sup>th</sup> – February 25<sup>th</sup>. Check out the Catholic Untied Financial Facebook page for a list of the prizes at [www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsRaffle](http://www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsRaffle).

Don't forget to check out our tree at the Festival of Trees at North-bridge Mall.

Mark your calendars to attend our Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the church. We would love to see everyone there.

Have a great weekend! •St. Theodore Catholic School•




**Christmas Pageant** practices in the Church.

- Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:00pm-4:00pm and Sunday,
  - Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00pm-5:00pm (this will be a dress rehearsal).
- If you would like to participate in the pageant please join us at practice or call Kristy at 373-2987.

**First Communion Parents:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Friday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30pm. Please mark your calendars.

Have a great weekend! •St. Theodore Faith Formation•

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