

St. Theodore Catholic Church

A WELCOMING PARISH COMMUNITY

BIENVENIDOS

315 Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007-2456

www.sttheo.org

December 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent

Reconciliation

Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 1/2 hour before Masses

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.

REJOICE

Be filled with joy. Pray constantly. Give God thanks because the Lord expects us to give thanks and praise in Christ Jesus. Jesus comes with good news to free us and to clothe us with salvation. With the bridal cloak to shield us, the church helps us witness to the bright divine light of the Lord in our lives. Each event in our life is part of the coming of the Lord; John the Baptist announces Jesus' arrival. Will we receive him with his cross- joyfully?

Alégrese

“Vivan siempre alegres, oren sin cesar, den gracias en toda ocasión, pues esto es lo que Dios quiere de ustedes en Cristo Jesús”. Jesús viene con la Buena Nueva para liberarnos y darnos la salvación. Con el manto de la justicia como escudo, la Iglesia nos ayuda a que seamos testigos del Señor en nuestras vidas. Cada acontecimiento de nuestra vida puede reflejar la resplandeciente luz divina del Señor y formar parte de su venida. Juan Bautista anuncia la venida de Jesús. ¿Lo recibiremos con alegría?



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From the Desk of Father Kurt

When someone who has suffered from an illness for a long time finds out the cause they are relieved, even though the prognosis might not be all that good. We want to know the truth even when it is hard to swallow, because the truth sets us free. John the Baptist spoke the hard truth about the consequences of sin and people still came to listen to him.

People are willing to listen to fraternal correction if it is spoken in love. However, too often we bring up the faults of others in conversations as a way to justify ourselves or make ourselves feel important. We would much rather think poorly of the other and spread the gossip, than actually confront the person of their sin.

If we truly love the person we can't allow their sinful behavior to go unchallenged. However, before correcting the faults of others it is always a good idea to ask ourselves if we are guilty of the very same thing, and if so we should make removing our own imperfections our top priority. This advent season let us prepare the way for Christ by speaking the truth, but never forgetting that the truth must be spoken in love.

Fr. Kurt

Sacrificial Giving

December 9-10, 2017

Adult	Offertory	Youth	Improvement	St. James
\$8,818.93	\$893.24	\$5.00	\$450.00	\$115.00

2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Goal: \$57,670 Pledged & Received: \$43,154
 % Goal Received: 73.43% Total # of Donors: 212

Upcoming Broadcast Masses

Dec 31	† Kathi Wilder by husband & family
Jan 7	For the Families of Paul & Lynette Lair
Jan 14	Donor Needed
Jan 21	Donor Needed
Jan 28	Donor Needed

Daily Scripture Readings

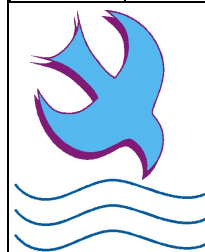
Mon 12/18	JER 23:5-8	MT 1:18-25
Tues: 12/19	JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A	LK 1:5-25
Wed: 12/20	IS 7:10-14	LK 1:26-38
Thurs: 12/21	SG 2:8-14	LK 1:39-45
Fri: 12/22	1 SM 1:24-28	LK 1:46-56
Sat: 12/23	MAL 3:1-4, 23-24	LK 1:57-66
Sun: 12/24	2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16	PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
	ROM 16: 25-27	LK 1:26-38

Home Visits: Father would love to visit and get to know our homebound parishioners. If you or someone you know would like Father to come for a visit, please contact the parish office to set up a time.



Mass Intentions/Schedule

Tues Dec 19	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Dolly Sichko	Church
Wed Dec 20	8:15 am 8:45 am	Rosary Children's Mass † Loretta & Art Strehlow by Iren Butler	Church
Thurs Dec 21	2:00 pm	Mass † Glen & Delores Sherburn by Family	Thorne Crest
Fri Dec 22	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am - 6:30 pm 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Rosary Mass † Thomasa Serrano Adoration Spanish Prayer Group	Church
Sat Dec 23	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass † David Utzka	Church
Sun Dec 24	8:30 am 9:00 am 3:15 - 3:45 pm 4:00 pm 8:00 pm 9:30 pm 10:00 pm	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass † Jean Jacobson & Family by John & Penee McGaughey Children's Christmas Pageant Children's Christmas Mass † Kathi Wilder by Ruth Spear Spanish Christmas Mass Familia Carrido Michel de Elisa Garrido Special Christmas Music Christmas Mass † Glen & Delores Sherburn by Family	Church



BAPTISM

Welcome: We would like to welcome Anthony, August, and Ajay Melendez into our parish community as newly baptized members. These young children are sons of Tommy Melendez and Lisa Marie Rogers and were baptized, Sunday, December 3rd! The blessing of these eternal souls into our community are a great addition and may we be part in helping them grow to love the Lord.

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This Week's Activities & Reminders

Dec 18	Loaves & Fishes 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Posadas 6:00 PM	Marian Hall Fr. Kurt Farrell's Home
Dec 19	No School Board Meeting Posadas 6:00 PM	Juan Carlos & Victoria Peralta Home
Dec 20	Men's Prayer Group Postponed until Jan 3, 2018 Posadas 6:00 PM Choir & Brass Rehearsal 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Faith Formation 7:00 pm - 8:10 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Postponed Aniel Tusan Home Church Gym, School, Marian Hall & Church Basement Church
Dec 21	Quilting Group 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Posadas 6:00 PM Fountain Street Brass Rehearsal 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm RCIA 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Church Basement Carmen Vasquez Home Church Conference Room
Dec 22	Posadas 6:00 PM	Maria Hernandez
Dec 23	Posadas 6:00 PM	Silvia Zeferino Home
Dec 24	Christmas Pageant Student Arrival 3:15 pm - 3:45 am	Church Basement

Parish Website: Check out our updated website at www.sttheo.org. You can once again find the parish bulletin as well as all kinds of other information.



Pilgrimages: You can now find the registration information and brochures for the West Bend Grotto and the Holly Lands Pilgrimages on our website at www.sttheo.org. The information can also be found in the back gathering space of the church.

SCRIP Order Forms: You can now access SCRIP order forms on the parish website. Just go to www.sttheo.org and scroll to the bottom of the page where you'll find it under the "Forms" heading!



Liturgical Ministers

December 23 rd & 24 th	Saturday 5:15 pm December 23 rd	Sunday 9:00 am December 24 th	Sunday 11:00 am Español
Accompanist	Grace Chalmers	Grace Chalmers	No Mass
Cantor/Choir	Charley Fleek + Adult Choir	Sue Amundson	
Lectors	Lectors Needed	Lectors Needed	No Mass
Altar Servers	Servers Needed	Servers Needed	No Mass
Christmas Masses			
	Sunday Dec 24 th 4:00 PM	Sunday Dec 24 th 10:00 PM	Monday Dec 25 th 9:00 AM
Accompanist	Grace Chalmers	Grace Chalmers	Steph Altfillisch
Cantor/Choir	Trinity Johnson	Jodi Blong + Choir	Deb Wessling
Lectors	Faith Formation Students	Kathy Aase & Therese Saindon	Dennis Dieser
Altar Servers	Mario Guerra & Diego Guerra	Erika Saindon Server Needed	Servers Needed



We are finished collecting items for the Stuff-A-Truck food drive. **THANK YOU** to everyone that donated non-perishable food items. All the food collected will help many families in our community.

It's hard to believe we only have one week of school left before winter break, where has the time gone? We hope you were able to enjoy our Christmas Concert on the 14th. The kids did a great job.

We still have Wish Pets available 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 tree is still on display at the Festival of Trees at Northbridge Mall. The students did a wonderful job making the ornaments so we hope you will stop to see our tree.. Dec. 28th will be the last day to see the trees.

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



Final Christmas Pageant Practice Reminder

• Sunday, Dec. 17th, from 2:00pm-5:00pm (dress rehearsal).
The **pageant is Dec 24th at 4pm**. Children should arrive no later than 3:15 PM in church basement..

Thank you Confirmation Class for taking the time to help the Salvation Army sort presents for their angel tree. They so appreciated all your awesome help!

No Faith Formation Classes on Dec, 24, 27, & Jan 3rd.

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

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