

# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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BIENVENIDOS

315 Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007-2456

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## December 24, 2017 Fourth 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.

## MARANATHA!

Gabriel the archangel brought hard joy to the Virgin Mary: "Rejoice, most favored, the Lord is with you. If you agree, you will have a baby who is your savior and your God." What an awe-filled choice! And Mary said, "Yes." Such cooperation between the Lord and the woman begins the revelation of the great hidden mystery: the presence of Christ Jesus, Savior and Lord, among us. Celebrating Mary's choice, give glory to God through the only begotten son, Jesus. Maranatha!



## Maranatha!

“Alégrate, llena de gracia, el Señor está contigo... Vas a concebir y dar a luz un hijo”. ¡Qué maravilloso saludo! Y María dijo: “Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí lo que has dicho”. Esa cooperación entre Dios y la mujer comienza la revelación del gran misterio escondido: la presencia de Cristo Jesús, Salvador y Señor, entre nosotros. Al celebrar el “Sí” de María, den gracias a Dios por Jesucristo, Hijo Único de Dios. ¡Maranatha!

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## From the Desk of Father Kurt

Merry Christmas!

The waiting is over and finally the joy for rejoicing has arrived! The longed for Messiah has entered into our world. God has taken on our human nature and therefore it will never be the same again.

Christmas is a wonderful time for priests because we don't have to say much to bring out the meaning of the liturgical experience. Christmas speaks loudly and clearly all by itself, God loves us, God loves us and God loves us. I have experienced much love from you these past six months and I am so grateful to the Bishop for giving me this assignment. I might not know all of your names just yet, but I am getting to know your wonderful personalities. I never was very good with names, but I never forget an act of kindness and there have been so many of those given to me from you this past year. Thank you so much for being so supportive of me as your new pastor, I look forward to, with great longing, the marvelous experiences that God has in store for us together.

Love in Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell



**Correction:** In last weeks bulletin the adult sacrificial giving showed \$4,818.93. This amount was incorrect. The actual adult amount given was \$8,818.93.

## Sacrificial Giving

December 16-17, 2017

Adult	Offertory	Youth	Improvement	St. James
\$11,960.00	\$788.35	\$2.00	\$1,007.00	\$494.34

## Annual Giving Update for July 1 - Nov 30, 2017

Income	\$286,669.49	Shortfall
Expenses	\$313,773.78	<b>\$27,104.29</b>

## 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal

**Goal:** \$57,670      **Pledged:** \$44,769  
**Received:** \$44,093      **% Goal Received:** 77.63%

Please remember the Catholic Ministries Appeal as part of your year end giving. If we are unable to reach the goal the Parish will have to pay the balance from Operations. One hundred percent of gifts received over the goal go directly to parish designated projects of the technology upgrade, the roof, and the sound system. We appreciate your generosity.



Our Salvation Army Food Donations from October 31<sup>st</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup> totaled 246 pounds.

## Mass Intentions/Schedule

Mon Dec 25	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Kathi Wilder by Ruth Spear	Church
Tues Dec 26		<b>No Mass</b>	
Wed Dec 27		<b>No Mass</b>	
Thurs Dec 28		<b>No Mass</b>	
Fri Dec 29	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:30 am - 6:30 pm 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Dolly Sichko Adoration Spanish Prayer Group	Church
Sat Dec 30	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Tony & Frances Bok	Church
Sun Dec 31	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Kathi Wilder by Husband and Family <b>Spanish Mass</b> † Eddie Luna Sr. by Ray Luna & Mary Larson	Church
Mon Jan 1	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> For all in attendance	Church

## Upcoming Broadcast Masses

Jan	7	For the Families of Paul & Lynette Lair
Jan	14	† Ruben Anderson by Judy Pop-Anderson
Jan	21	<b>Donor Needed</b>
Jan	28	<b>Donor Needed</b>
Feb	4	<b>Donor Needed</b>

## Daily Scripture Readings

<b>Mon 12/25</b>	IS 52:7-10 HEB 1:1-6	PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 JN 1:1-18
<b>Tues: 12/26</b>	ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59	MT 10:17-22
<b>Wed: 12/27</b>	1 JN 1:1-4	JN 20:1A AND 2-8
<b>Thurs: 12/28</b>	1 JN 1:5—2:2	MT 2:13-18
<b>Fri: 12/29</b>	1 JN 2:3-11	LK 2:22-35
<b>Sat: 12/30</b>	1 JN 2:12-17	LK 2:36-40
<b>Sun: 12/31</b>	SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 COL 3:12-21	PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 LK 2:22-40

## This Week's Activities & Reminders

Dec 25	Parish Office Closed No School No Loaves & Fishes	
Dec 26	Parish Office Closed No School Aging with Gusto	Church Back Entrance
Dec 27	Men's Prayer Group Postponed until Jan 3, 2018 No School No Faith Formation	Postponed
Dec 28	No School	
Dec 29	No School	
Dec 30		
Dec 31	No Faith Formation	

## Liturgical Ministers

December 30 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday 5:15 pm December 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 9:00 am December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday 11:00 am Español
Accompanist	Tonia Lauer	Tonia Lauer	Hispanic Choir
Cantor/Choir	Jodi Blong + Adult Choir	Deb Wessling	
Lectors	Lois Ahern	Pegi Sorenson Judy Pop-Anderson	
Altar Servers	<b>Servers Needed</b>	<b>Servers Needed</b>	Wendy Lazano Lizeth Meino

## Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary

January 1, 2018

Accompanist	Cantor/Choir	Lectors	Altar Servers
Tonia Lauer	<b>Cantor Needed</b>	<b>Lectors Needed</b>	<b>Servers Needed</b>



**“Coping with Life Alone”** Beginning Experience of Rochester is offering a ten session class that meets weekly beginning on Monday, January 29, 2018 from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 3rd Ave Se, Rochester, MN. The session focuses on topics such as the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust and coping with life as a single person. For more information call 507-261-8248, or visit [www.beminnnesota.org](http://www.beminnnesota.org).

**Parish Website:** Now that our webpage is up-to-date, it's just one more way for you to stay informed! Be sure to check us out at [www.sttheo.org](http://www.sttheo.org).



St. Theodore's Parish staff would like to thank everyone who gave us cards, gifts and Christmas blessings. Your generous giving is humbly received and greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank the multitude of individuals that help us throughout the year in so many ways. We are all so blessed to be part of the wonderful body of Christ that works together in big and little ways to bring the Lord's mission to each other, the community and the world. May the peace and joy of Christmas fill each and everyone of you all year through.

**Pilgrimages:** Brochures for the West Bend Grotto and the Holly Lands Pilgrimages can be found on our website at [www.sttheo.org](http://www.sttheo.org). The information can also be found in the back gathering space of the church. Space is filling fast for the Grotto so be sure to get your registration and money turned in as soon as possible.



We are officially on winter break. It's hard to believe that it's already Christmas. We kicked off our winter break with our Christmas parties. Everyone had a great time. We would like to thank all the parents who helped make these parties possible for the students. You all do such an amazing job. We hope everyone has a safe and fun filled holiday with friends and family.

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.

This is the last week to see our tree on display at the Festival of Trees at Northbridge Mall. December 28<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to see the trees.

See you all in 2018!

Have a great Christmas weekend and a happy new year!  
St. Theodore Catholic School



For those in the Christmas Pageant, please gather in the church basement by 3:15 PM.

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

Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!  
St. Theodore Faith Formation



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