

# St. Theodore Catholic Church

A WELCOMING PARISH COMMUNITY

BIENVENIDOS

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## December 31, 2017 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

### 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.

### GOD'S TIME!

In God's own good time, not ours, the promise of salvation is fulfilled. Abraham and Sarah were promised a land and as many descendants as there are stars in the sky. Finally they received a son, Isaac, and his aged mother laughed at the very idea of him. They all lived out their lives in expectant faith that the Lord's promise would be kept. Joseph, Mary, Simeon and Anna saw the infant Jesus who, despite all obstacles, would be a light to enlighten the nations and the glory of the people Israel. God still takes time to give us time to follow Jesus and to place faith in the Savior.



### El Tiempo de Dios

Fue en el tiempo de Dios que se cumplió la promesa de la salvación, no en nuestro tiempo. Abraham y Sara recibieron la promesa de que tendrían tantos descendientes como estrellas había en el cielo. Cuando se cumplió el tiempo, tuvieron un hijo: Isaac. Llenos de fe, todos esperaron a que se cumplieran las promesas de Dios. A pesar de los obstáculos, María, José, Simeón y Ana vieron al Niño Jesús, el Dios que vive, el Niño que sería la gloria de Dios y la luz de las naciones. Dios nos da el tiempo que necesitamos para seguir a Jesús y tener fe en el Salvador.

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## From the Desk of Father Kurt

This Sunday we are celebrating the feast of the Holy Family. God chose to enter into our world in the context of family life. Traditional family values are under attack in our society today. People want to redefine the traditional family to include life styles that are sinful and run contrary to the design that God created the human family to be.

On this feast of the Holy Family we are reminded that human life is sacred and that it is also very fragile. Every child needs a wholesome and loving environment to grow up in if he or she is going to reach his or her full potential in life. The human family is that such environment and there is no good replacement. We as a society need to promote and protect the traditional family values that have been passed down to us from our Judeo-Christian roots.

Merry Christmas and enjoy every opportunity that you have to spend with your families this holiday season.

Love in Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

## Mass Intentions/Schedule

Mon Jan 1	9:00 am	Mass † Vince Warner Sr. by Marilyn Warner	Church
Tues Jan 2		No Mass	
Wed Jan 3	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass with Father Tupper	Church
Thurs Jan 4		No Nursing Home Mass	
Fri Jan 5		No Mass	
Sat Jan 6	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass † Irene Enstad by Diane Schossler	Church
Sun Jan 7	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00 am	Reconciliation Rosary Mass For the Families of Paul & Lynette Lair Spanish Mass † Deceased members of the Felix Luna Sr. & Cornelius Diaz Sr. Families by Ray Luna & Mary Larson	Church

## Sacrificial Giving

December 23-24, 2017

Adult	Offertory	Youth	Improvement	St. James
\$13,725.35	\$1,157.58	\$110.00	\$75.00	\$315.00

## Christmas Giving 2017

St. Theodore's 15,015.09

## 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 the parish. We appreciate your generosity.

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon 1/1	NM 6:22-27 GAL 4:4-7	PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8. LK 2:16-21
Tues: 1/2	1 JN 2:22-28	JN 1:19-28
Wed: 1/3	1 JN 2:29-3:6	JN 1:29-34
Thurs: 1/4	1 JN 3:7-10	JN 1:35-42
Fri: 1/5	1 JN 3:11-21	JN 1:43-51
Sat: 1/6	1 JN 5:5-13	MK 1:7-11
Sun: 1/7	IS 60:1-6 EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6	PS 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13 MT 2:1-12

## Upcoming Broadcast Masses

Jan 14	† Ruben Anderson by Judy Pop-Anderson
Jan 21	Sponsor Needed
Jan 28	Sponsor Needed
Feb 4	Sponsor Needed
Feb 11	Sponsor Needed

**Sponsorship Opportunities**



Please join Bishop John M. Quinn at the Annual Prayer Service for Life on Sunday, January 28, at 3:00 pm at Ss. Peter & Paul in Blue Earth (214 Holland St.). Prayers of reparation and healing will be offered as we mourn the loss of millions of lives because of forty-fives years of legalized abortion in America.

**Disaster Relief Update:** The faithful of the Diocese of Winona raised a current total of \$438,060.96 for victims of natural disasters in 2017.

- \$261,566.03 raised for victims of Hurricane Harvey.
- \$148,382.20 raised for victims of Hurricane Irma.
- \$10,080.97 raised for victims of the Mexican earthquakes.
- \$18,031.76 raised for victims of Hurricane Maria.

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously!



## This Week's Activities & Reminders

Jan 1	<b>Parish Office Closed</b> <b>No School</b> <b>No Loaves &amp; Fishes</b>	
Jan 2	<b>No School</b>	
Jan 3	Men's Prayer Group Postponed until Jan 10, 2018 <b>No School</b> <b>No Faith Formation</b> RCIA	Postponed  Parish Conference Room
Jan 4	<b>School Resumes</b> Quilting Group 9:00 am-12:00 pm	Church Basement
Jan 5		
Jan 6		
Jan 7	Faith Formation 10:05-10:55 am Auxiliary Coffee & Rolls 10:00-11:00 Levantamiento Del Nino Celebration 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm	St. Theodore School & Gym  Marian Hall  Marian Hall

## Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday, January 6, 2018	Sunday, January 7, 2018	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am Español
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch	Hispanic Choir
<b>Cantor/Choir</b>	Jodi Blong + Adult Choir	Michael Blong	
<b>Lectors</b>	John & Mandy Grzybowski's	Kelly Goskenson Judy Popp-Anderson	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Keith & Elise Grzybowski	Tanner Conn Evan Blankenship	Maray Lopez Francisco Ali

**Spiritual Pilgrimages:** Even though the cold and snow is keeping us indoors, it can't stop us from planning trips to get away! Below are three different opportunities available:

1. May 14, 2018 at 9:00 AM, a handicap accessible bus will leave St. Theodore's Church parking lot for the Shrine of the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, Iowa. The cost of the trip is \$42.00 and this covers your meal, snacks and transportation. Seats are filling fast so get your registration form in quick!
2. Early October 2018, a one day trip to Lacrosse, Wisconsin to enjoy the Our Lady of Guadalupe Grotto. Still in the planning stage.
3. 2019 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in Israel. Fathers Kurt Farrell and Robert Schneider will lead this 11 day trip. Departure is on Monday, March 18th and return Friday, March 29th, 2019. Brochures and registration forms are located in the back entrance of the church on the shelves next to the doors. Passports are needed for this trip and must be valid 6 months after you're the return date of March 29, 2019.

If the Holy Spirit is calling you to attend any or all of these trips, please contact our parish office, call Barb Bulter at 507-402-4128, or download the information from our parish website, [www.sttheo.org](http://www.sttheo.org).



Thank you to all those who participated in our Christmas Pageant! You did a wonderful job of helping enhance the celebration of Christ's birth!

**Faith Formation Classes** Resume on January 7th & 10th!

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



See you all in 2018!  
School Resumes January 4th, 2018!  
St. Theodore Catholic School



## Thank You


The beauty of our Christmas celebrations was wonderfully enhanced by those who donated flowers. We were also blessed by those who shared their creative eye to decorate our worship space. We are richly blessed by the gifts of many!

Those who donated flowers may take them home after the Masses the weekend of January 7th!

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

We still need volunteers for Loaves & Fishes. Please check the signup sheets located in the back entrance. Thank You!



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**In memory of Ray Roberts From Millie & family.**

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**In memory and honor of family members by Rich & Betty Rathman.**

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**In memory of Roger H. Schultz by his family.**

**In memory of Laverne Goodrich by Pat.**

**In honor of the Keating, Speltz, Flynn , Bagan & Mason families.**

**In memory of Don Dillemath by Marlene & family.**

**In memory of the deceased family members of Denny & Judy Raiche.**

**In memory of our parents by Leo & Marilyn Holl.**

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**In honor of the living members of the Savelkoul family.**

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**In honor of our parents, children & grandchildren by Tony & Sharon Wayne.**

**In memory of the deceased members of the Callahan & Subra families by Doris Callahan.**

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**In memory of Sandra Christopherson & Duane Elyea by Patty Christopherson.**

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