

# St. Theodore Catholic Church

A WELCOMING PARISH COMMUNITY

BIENVENIDOS

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## February 4, 2018 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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.

### EVANGELIZATION

“Let us go to nearby towns to preach there,” said Jesus. How spontaneously he evangelized! Of course, Jesus did not find evangelization easy when it meant carrying the cross and then dying on it. His passover to third-day glory, however, gave cruel crucifixion new significance. Risen life gives direction to all growth. Whether we call our lack of growth “sin,” “demon,” “disease” or “death,” Jesus shows us how to pass through it and into newness. How well he preaches the good news in our town!

### La evangelización

Vayamos a los pueblos cercanos a predicar, dijo Jesús. Él predicaba espontáneamente. Por supuesto que no era fácil para Jesús evangelizar, pues eso significaba cargar la cruz y morir en ella. Pero el paso de la muerte a la gloria dio un nuevo significado a la crueldad de la crucifixión. La vida resucitada da nueva dirección al crecimiento. Podemos llamar a nuestra falta de crecimiento “pecado”, “demonio” o “enfermedad”, pero eso no importa; lo importante es que Jesús nos enseña cómo vencer eso y llegar a lo nuevo. ¡Qué bien predica Jesús en nuestro pueblo!



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## From the Desk of Father Kurt

“Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.”

As I reflect upon my life, I have to admit that since I committed my life to serving Christ as his priest, I have been blessed in so many ways, that it makes me feel a little guilty. Why should I be blessed with such abundance? I realize it certainly has nothing to do with merit, but the generosity of God.

A life of service for the sake of the gospel is by no means a bad life. It is a good life, filled with many blessings, but even the blessings received from God must be seen as opportunities to glorify God and bring others to Jesus. Everything in life whether it be pleasurable or painful must be offered up to God for the sake of the Gospel.

Love in Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

## Sacrificial Giving

January 20-21, 2018

Adult	Offertory	Youth	Improvement	St. James
\$7,260.51	\$731.95	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$515.00
<b>Electronic Giving for January</b>				



- ◆ **Life in the Spirit Seminars:** On Monday, February 12th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Church we will begin the seven week Life in the Spirit Seminars. These seminars are a chance for Christians who have found a fuller life in the Holy Spirit to come together with people who want to know more about that life, to share with them, and to help them take the first steps to strengthening the foundation of a truly Christian life. There is no cost to attend. All we ask is that you call the Parish office to register so we have a number of who will be attending. Be sure to extend the invitation!

- ◆ **Immigration Retreat:** Being held on March 10, 2018 from 10am-4pm at St. Theodore Marian Hall. Watch for more information to come in future bulletins.

- ◆ **Holy Land Pilgrimage Informational Meeting:** On Sunday, May 6th, in the parish conference room at 2:30 pm, Fr. Robert Schneider will be giving an informational presentation on the Holy Land Pilgrimage scheduled for 2019. Father will share highlights of the various locations that will be visited and answer any questions.

## Mass Intentions/Schedule

Mon Feb 5		No Mass	
Tues Feb 6	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Raymond Cochlin by Carol Smith	Church
Wed Feb 7	8:15 am 8:45 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Ruth O'Brien by Robert, Linda & June Greywitt and Chuck & Sandra Eicher	Church
Thurs Feb 8	2:00 pm	<b>Nursing Home Mass</b> † Kathi Wilder by Ruth Spear	Good Samaritan
Fri Feb 9	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Raymond Cochlin by Bill Cochlin	Church
Sat Feb 10	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> Memorial Mass	Church
Sun Feb 11	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass.</b> † Marlene Tautges by Larry Tautges <b>Spanish Mass</b> In Reparation for Our Sins	Church

## Upcoming Broadcast Masses

Feb 18	† Troy Peterson
Feb 25	<b>Sponsor Needed</b>
Mar 4	† Chuck Smith
Mar 11	† Ryan Moore
Mar 18	<b>Sponsor Needed</b>

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon 2/5	1 KGS 8:1-7, 9-13	MK 6:53-56
Tues: 2/6	1 KGS 8:22-23, 27-30	MK 7:1-13
Wed: 2/7	1 KGS 10:1-10	MK 7:14-23
Thurs: 2/8	1 KGS 11:4-13	MK 7:24-30
Fri: 2/9	1 KGS 11:29-32; 12:19	MK 7:31-37
Sat: 2/10	1 KGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34	MK 8:1-10
Sun: 2/11	LV 13:1-2, 44-46 1 COR 10:31—11:1	PS 32:1-2, 5, 11 MK 1:40-45

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## This Week's Activities & Reminders

<b>Mon</b> Feb 5	Loaves & Fishes 5:00 pm-6:30 pm  Life in the Spirit Seminar Leadership Meeting 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	Marian Hall  Parish Conference Room
<b>Tues</b> Feb 6	Hispanic Ministry Meeting 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	Parish Conference Room
<b>Wed</b> Feb 7	Men's Prayer Group 6:00 am-7:00 am  Faith Formation 7:00 pm-8:10 pm	Parish Conference Room  Marian Hall, Church, School & Gym
<b>Thurs</b> Feb 8	Building & Grounds Meeting 8:00 am-9:00 am  Faith Formation Council Meeting 6:30 pm-7:30 pm	Parish Conference Room  Parish Conference Room
<b>Fri</b> Feb 9		
<b>Sat</b> Feb 10	Knight of Columbus Steak Fry 6:16 pm-9:00 pm	KC Hall
<b>Sun</b> Feb 11	St. James Coffee & Rolls with Father 8:00 am-9:00 am	Coffee Kiosk



Please feel free to take a poinsettia home located in the gathering space.



**40 Days for Life Campaign:** February 14<sup>th</sup> - March 25<sup>th</sup> is a time of Prayer, Fasting and Outreach that is changing the hearts and minds of those who believe abortion is acceptable. By the grace of God, the movement has been blessed with proven results. Since 2007, 40 countries have taken part, 170 abortion workers have quit, and 90 abortion centers have closed. Best of all, 13,998 preborn babies have been spared abortion and parents saved from heartache.

**Life is God's Miracle Baby Shower:** February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> is the final weekend to donate baby products. You can drop your donations off at the back gathering space.



Volunteers are needed to help with the Mystery Dinner Theater, Saturday, February 17, 2018. Individual 16 years or older are needed as actors, an MC, help with food prep, food service and clean up. If you would be willing to help out please contact Melissa Wittmer at 507-383-3099.

To help prevent the spreading of illness during this cold and flu season, we are suspending the shaking of hands during the sign of peace. We also ask that if you are not feeling well that you refrain from drinking from the cup to receive the blood of Christ.



## Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018	Sunday, February 11 2018	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am Español
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch	Hispanic Choir
<b>Cantor/Choir</b>	Adult Choir	Betsy Schultz	
<b>Lectors</b>	Lois Ahern	Cole Wentzel Melissa Wentzel	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Elizabeth & Patrick Holcomb	Danny & Timothy Chalmers	Jesus Boites Lizeth Merino

## St. Theodore School News

We had a great **Catholic Schools Week**. All the students had a fun time. We were lucky enough to have 2 Albert Lea police officers, 2 Albert Lea Firefighters, 2 Gold Cross Paramedics/EMTs, and 1 Freeborn County Sheriff Deputy join us for our formal dinner on Wednesday. The students really enjoyed talking to them. That sure made their week. We are back to our normal schedules after this weekend but can't wait until Catholic Schools Week next year.

You still have time to get your **Catholic United Raffle tickets**. This is a great fundraiser for the school because it doesn't cost us anything to participate and all the proceeds from the ticket sales come back to the school. The grand prize is a chance to win a 2018 Chevy Trax or \$20,000. If you would like a full list of prizes you can go to their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsRaffle](http://www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsRaffle). The tickets are \$5.00 each. You can purchase raffle tickets from any student, the school office, and the parish office. If you can, please stop and purchase a ticket to help support our school.

Time is running out to get your reservations for the **Murder Mystery Dinner** on Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm. You can make reservations with Kristina in the School Office or Joanne in the Parish office. The price of the reservations are now \$75.00 per person or \$600.00 per table of 8. You will be served a hand carved Prime Rib dinner along with Chicken Marsala, dinner salad, potato, vegetable supreme, dinner roll, and dessert bar. There will be a full cash bar. This is a limited seating event so get your reservation while supplies last. **You will not be able to pay at the door.**

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



We would like to remind everyone that Souper Bowl of Caring will be this weekend (Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>). We are collecting donations to go towards Loaves and Fishes. Our Confirmation students will be collecting at all 3 Masses this weekend and would love to surpass our collection from last year. The Souper Bowl is a chance for us to help members of our own community. Please remember this will be an extra donation.

•Thank You • St. Theodore Faith Formation•

