

St. Theodore Catholic Church

A WELCOMING PARISH COMMUNITY

BIENVENIDOS

315 Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007-2456

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February 18, 2018 First Sunday of Lent

Reconciliation

Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 1/2 hour before Masses

Mass

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

LENT

After the ark, the seedpod of creation that floated in the killing waters, comes the arch, the rainbow that bridges God's plan and human hopes. After the baptismal plunge into Jesus' death comes new life in Christ's resurrection. Jesus says, "Now is the time for hope's fulfillment—repent and believe." Springtime Lent opens us to newness and possibility. The Holy Trinity patiently tends our hopes, nourishing us on the Eucharist. Where do we set our hopes? Do we really want Lent's simple gifts to "come down where we ought to be"?



La Cuaresma

Después del arca, la semilla de la creación que flotaba en las aguas del diluvio, viene el arco, el arco iris que une el plan de Dios y la esperanza humana. Después de sumergirnos en la muerte de Jesús, por el agua bautismal, viene la nueva vida en la resurrección de Cristo. Jesús dice: "Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca... arrepíentanse y crean en el Evangelio". La Cuaresma nos da la oportunidad de vivir cosas nuevas. La Santísima Trinidad nos cuida pacientemente, alimentándonos en la Eucaristía. ¿Dónde depositamos nuestra esperanza? El camino cuaresmal es un don que nos conduce a donde tenemos que estar. ¿En verdad deseamos eso y lo aceptamos?

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From the Desk of Father Kurt

Every year Catholics confuse their non-Catholic brothers and sisters, with their particular observance of Lent. Why does Johnny have ashes on his forehead? What is it with this fish on Friday stuff? Why can't Mary have that ice cream sundae I know she craves? The reason Catholics fast a little during lent is to help them focus on the love of God and charity towards their neighbor. By embracing the three disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting, and works of charity, Catholics are able to refocus their life, and once again, embrace the call to live in the footsteps of Jesus. It's a time for us to enter into the desert and along with Jesus to conquer the temptations of this world. Although, often times we think of lent as a time of fasting from what we enjoy, it is more important for us to fast from sin and negativity. Lent can also be a time for feasting on what is good and holy in life.



Mount of Temptation in Israel

We should fast from judging others; and feast on Christ dwelling in us.
 Fast from emphasis on difference; Feast on the unity of all life.
 Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of the light.
 Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.
 Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.
 Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.
 Fast from anger; Feast on patience.
 Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.
 Fast from worry; Feast on God's providence.
 Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.
 Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.
 Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.
 Fast from hostility; Feast on nonresistance.
 Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
 Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.
 Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.
 Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.
 Fast from facts that depress; Feast on truths that uplift.
 Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.
 Fast from suspicion; Feast on truth.
 Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.
 Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.
 Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.
 Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that sustains.
 (Author unknown)

Love in Christ
 Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

February 10-11, 2018

Adult	Offertory	Youth	Improvement	St. James
\$17,077.25	\$673.40	\$4.00	\$532.00	\$140.00

Mass Intentions/Schedule

Monday, February 19		No Mass	
Tues Feb 20	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Raymond Cochlin by Carol Smith	Church
Wed Feb 21	8:15 am 8:45 am	Rosary Mass † Ruth O'Brien by friends	Church
Thurs Feb 22	6:00 pm New Time	Mass † Kathi Wilder by Doris Callahan	Church
Fri Feb 23	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Ace Carlson by Maureen	Church
Sat Feb 24	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass Special Intention for Vincent, Wayne & Mike Warner by Marilyn Warner	Church
Sun Feb 25	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation Rosary Mass. † Matthew Olson by Jim & Judi Olson Spanish Mass † Patricia Luna Wind by Ray Luna & Mary Larson	Church

Lenten Adoration

Sundays	12:00 pm-8:00 pm	Chapel
Mondays-Thursdays	9:30 am-8:30 pm	Chapel
Fridays	9:30 am-6:30 pm	Church
Spanish Prayer Group	6:30-8:00 pm	Church

A Prayer for the Beginning of Lent

Lord, at the beginning of this Lenten season, I sense my need of you. Yet, I am not quite sure how to reach you. I heard someone say, "Read your bible", but too often the words are like bullets that ricochet off my brain. I heard someone say, "pray", but my prayers, hurled heavenward, fall back to earth like lifeless stones. I heard someone say, "meditate", but my wandering mind was lost in a desert of random thoughts. Lord, speak to me through your word, and let it penetrate my mind and my heart. Lord, speak to me through prayer, and turn the lifeless stones to bread. Lord, speak to me in my meditation, that I may see amid life's wilderness, the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.



Upcoming Broadcast Masses

Mar 4 † Chuck Smith	Mar 11 † Ryan Moore	Mar 18 † William Boyer
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This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Feb 19	Loaves & Fishes 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Life in the Spirit Seminar 6:30 pm-8:00 pm	Marian Hall Church
Tues Feb 20	Deans Meeting 9:30 am-4:30 pm Clergy Personnel Committee Mting 2:30 pm-3:30 pm School Board Meeting 7:00 pm-9:00 pm	Church & Rectory Dining Room Rectory Dining Room Parish Conference Room
Wed Feb 21	Men's Prayer Group 6:00 am-7:00 am Faith Formation 7:00 pm-8:10 pm 5th-11th Grade Reconciliation 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:30 pm-8:30 pm	Parish Conference Room Church, School, Gym, Marian Hall Church Church Basement
Thurs Feb 22	Fish Fry Set Up 3:00 pm-9:00 pm Parish Life Meeting 5:30 pm-6:00 pm	Marian Hall Parish Conference Room
Fri Feb 23	Stations of the Cross 1:15 pm-1:45 pm Fish Fry 5:00 pm-7:00 pm	Church Marian Hall
Sat Feb 24	Hand Bell Choir 5:15 pm-6:15 pm	Church
Sun Feb 25	Hispanic Potluck 9:30 am-3:00 pm Shadow Drama Practice -11th Gr	Marian Hall Church

Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018	Sunday, February 25, 2018	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am Español
Accompanist	Grace Chalmers	Grace Chalmers	Hispanic Choir
Cantor + Choir	Jodi Blong & Choir	Cantor Needed	
Lectors	Deb Schatz	Emma Grossman Sue Miller	
Altar Servers	Michael Minear Diego Guerra	Elisabeth Holcomb Patrick Holcomb	Francisco Ali Lopez Jade Ambriz

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon 2/19	LV 19:1-2, 11-18	MT 25:31-46
Tues: 2/20	IS 55:10-11	MT 6:7-15
Wed: 2/21	MT 6:7-15	LK 11:29-32
Thurs: 2/22	1 PT 5:1-4	MT 16:13-19
Fri: 2/23	EZ 18:21-28	MT 5:20-26
Sat: 2/24	DT 26:16-19	MT 5:43-48
Sun: 2/25	GN 22:1-2, 9A,10-13,15-18	PS 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19
	ROM 8:31B-34	MK 9:2-10

St. Theodore School News

There is one week left 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. You could win a 2018 Chevy Trax or \$20,000! If you would like a full list of prizes you can go to www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolsRaffle. The tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased from any St. Theo student, the school or parish office. Please be sure to stop in and purchase a ticket to help support our school.

Friday was the start of Stations of the Cross for our students. They will be doing Stations every Friday during Lent at 1:15pm. Come join us if you are able to.

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



Seeking Full-time Head Custodian

The Parish is seeking a self motivated, team centered individual qualified to work in a position that is approximately 80% custodial and 20% general maintenance. This person will be working with two part-time staff in ensuring a clean, safe and well maintained environment. Qualifications include the following but not limited to a high school diploma or equivalent, basic working knowledge of most trades, experience with basic tools, operating a skid loader, and small lawn equipment, basic computer skills and a "class C" boilers license is preferred but not required. The position is subject to a background check and VIRTUS training.

Interested applicants can acquire a job description and application either online at www.sttheo.org or from the Parish office at 308 E. Fountain Street Albert Lea, MN. Interested applicants can submit a cover letter, application and resume either by email to administration@sttheo.org or send them to the Parish office at 308 E. Fountain Street, Albert Lea, MN.

Faith Formation News

Calling high School Seniors!



We have Scholarship applications available. If you are interested, you can go online at www.sttheo.org, Parish or School office. Deadline for applications is April 13th, 2018.

• St. Theodore Faith Formation•

To help keep our parish family healthy, during Mass, please refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace, We are also suspending the offering of the blood of Christ until further notice. Thank you!

