



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!

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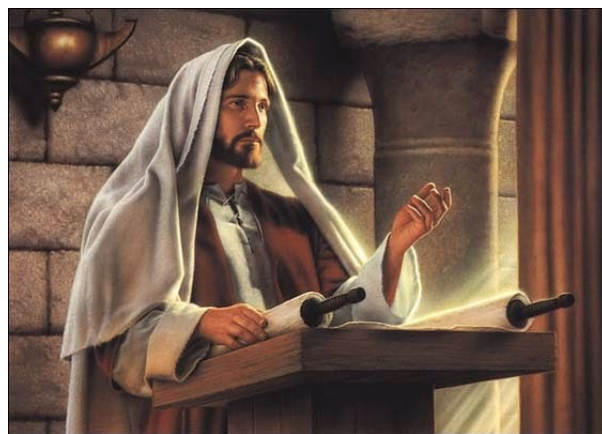
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## BACKBONE

Lobster shell or backbone? Which do we want? The law can be used in different ways. Jesus argued for law as backbone. He looked at the real purpose of "clean and unclean," "exterior and interior," adherence to the word planted within. When law is backbone, then we have cause to exercise and grow in the Lord, supported and strengthened in the truth. In this life, Christ Jesus, who is the way of service to one another, leads us by the power of the Holy Spirit to the Father.

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## Columna vertebral

¿Carapacho de crustáceo o columna vertebral, ¿cuál

queremos? La ley puede ser cualquiera de los dos. Jesús presentó la ley como la columna vertebral, analizando el significado real de "puro e impuro", "exterior e interior" y adhesión a la palabra sembrada en el interior. Cuando la ley es como la columna vertebral, tenemos que ejercitarla para que crezca en el Señor, fortalecida en la verdad. En esta vida, Jesús, ejemplo de servicio de unos a otros, nos lleva por el poder del Espíritu Santo hacia el Padre.

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### RECONCILIATION

**Saturday** 4:00 pm  
**Sunday**  
1/2 hour before Masses

### WEEKEND MASSESS

**Saturday:** 5:15 pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)  
11:00 am (Español)

## From the Desk of Father Kurt

**"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls".**

The word that Saint James speaks of is the word made flesh that came to dwell among us, Jesus Christ. Now that Jesus has ascended to the Right hand of the Father, the word takes the form of the Holy Spirit. Through baptism, Christ, has planted his seed in us, and as long as we keep free from sin, that Word, which is Christ, will live in our hearts. If we listen to modern philosophy, we will believe that "God is like a clock maker, watching us from a distance", when actually he is closer to us than our very selves. No, God is not watching us from a distance, but is in our hearts waiting and willing to guide us to a life of meaning and happiness if we would only allow Him to take the lead in our lives.

As I drive through the countryside I can tell that the corn and the beans are doing fine this year. Think back to when that corn and those beans were just seeds. Then image what God can do with you and me if we would just let Him. The word of God is in us; humbly let us welcome Him, and He will save our souls.

Love in Christ,  
Father Kurt Farrell

### Staff Changes at St. Theodore's

I'm very pleased to announce that Sue Miller (Current chair of Parish Council) will be stepping down as Parish Council chair and assuming the role of Parish Administrator on a part-time basis. Sue comes with much experience in administration both in the public sector and through her work here at St. Theodore's. Sue will have regular office hours and can be reached through email at [administration@sttheo.org](mailto:administration@sttheo.org) or by calling (507)373-0603. Please join me in welcoming Sue to St. Theodore staff.

In addition to Sue coming on board, Joanne Tibodeau, Office Administrator, will assume some additional administrative duties including managing the parish website, parish contact for the Diocese of Winona, and the coordination of volunteers. Joanne can be reached via email at [office@sttheo.org](mailto:office@sttheo.org) or by calling (507)373-0603.

Please join me in wishing both of these very capable Christ-like individuals as they assist me with managing the parish and ensuring the mission of *inviting people to actively participate in the life of Jesus.*

Fr. Kurt

## Mass Intentions/Schedule

Mon, Sept 3		No Mass		
Tues, Sept 4	8:30 pm 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Charles Harty by Elaine Sonka	Church Church	
Wed Sept 5	8:15 am 8:45 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Ruth O'Brien by her family	Church Church	
Thurs Sept 6	2:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> † Donna Meirose by Jeanne Wendell	St. John's	
Fri Sept 7	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Dorothy Mikrot by Irene Sonka	Church Church	
	9:30 am 9:30am	First Friday Confessions Adoration	Church Church	
	6:30pm - 8:00pm	Spanish Prayer Group	Church	
Sat Sept 8	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church	
	Sun Sept 9	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:00 am	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass.</b> For all those in attendance.	Church Church Church
		11:00 am	<b>Spanish Mass</b> † Felix Jo Luna son of Ray by Ray Luna & Mary Larson	Church

## Upcoming Broadcast Masses

Sept 16	† Jeanne L. Johnson by Lloyd Johnson & family
Sept 23	† Loretta Kermes by Harold & Family
Sept 30	<b>Donor Needed</b>

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon 9/3	1 COR 2:1-5	LK 4: 16 - 30
Tues: 9/4	1 COR 2:10B-16	LK 4: 31-37
Wed: 9/5	1 COR 3:1-9	LK 4: 38-44
Thurs: 9/6	1 COR 3:18-23	LK 5: 1-11
Fri: 9/7	1 COR 4:1-5	LK 5: 33-39
Sat: 9/8	MI 5:1-4A	MT 1:1-6,18-23
Sun: 9/9	IS 35: 4-7A	PS 146:6-7,8,9,9-10
	JAS 2:1-5	MK 7:31-37

## Sacrificial Giving

August 25-26 2018

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund	St. James
\$9,732.22	\$626.00	\$65.00	\$65.00

2018 Catholic Ministry Appeal Goal \$60,970.00

Amount Pledged & Received: \$42,079.00



PRAYER CHAIN

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This Week's Activities & Reminders		
<b>Mon</b> Sept 3	Labor Day <b>Parish Office Closed</b> <b>No Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> Hispanic Bible Class 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Church Basement
<b>Tues</b> Sept 4	Presbyteral Council Meeting 11:00 am - 4:00 pm Hispanic Ministry Meeting 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	School Room 15 Parish Meeting Room
<b>Wed</b> Sept 5	Morning Prayer Group 6:00 am - 7:00 am Teacher Staff Meeting 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Parish Meeting Room School Room 15
<b>Thurs</b> Sept 6	Quilting Group 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Virtus Training 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Church Basement Marian Hall
<b>Fri</b> Sept 7	No Parish Activities	
<b>Sat</b> Sept 8	KC Steak Fry 6:15 pm - 9:00 pm	KC Club
<b>Sun</b> Sept 9	No Parish Activities	

Liturgical Ministers			
	Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018	Sunday, Sept 9, 2018	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
<b>Accompanist</b>	Grace Chalmers	Grace Chalmers	Hispanic Choir
<b>Cantor</b>	Jodi Blong Choir	Michael Blong	
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Future Events	
Sept. 22, 2018	Parish Rummage Sale
Sept 28, 2018	Red Cross Blood Drive, 2-7pm, Marian Hall
Sept. 29, 2018	<b>CONFIRMATION</b> 5:15 Mass
October 1, 2018	Our Lady of Guadalupe Grotto Trip
March 18-29, 2019	2019 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in Israel

### Volunteer Opportunity

Please prayerfully consider becoming one of two volunteers for an amazing opportunity to *actively participate in the life of Jesus*. For the past nine years, Elaine Sonka and Peg Shelton have done a remarkable job coordinating Loaves and Fishes and on December 31, 2018 will retire!

Elaine & Peg have greatly considered what it will take to help this much needed program continue – *keeping it simple and doable is their motto*, and are excited to pass on their wisdom to a new team.


**Time Commitment:** 3 – 4 hours per week

**Primary Responsibilities:**

- Plan the menu for the upcoming week (there are 2 years of menus to guide the planning)
- Purchase groceries as needed
- Coordinate with the cooks/kitchen help Mondays from 12:30-1pm.

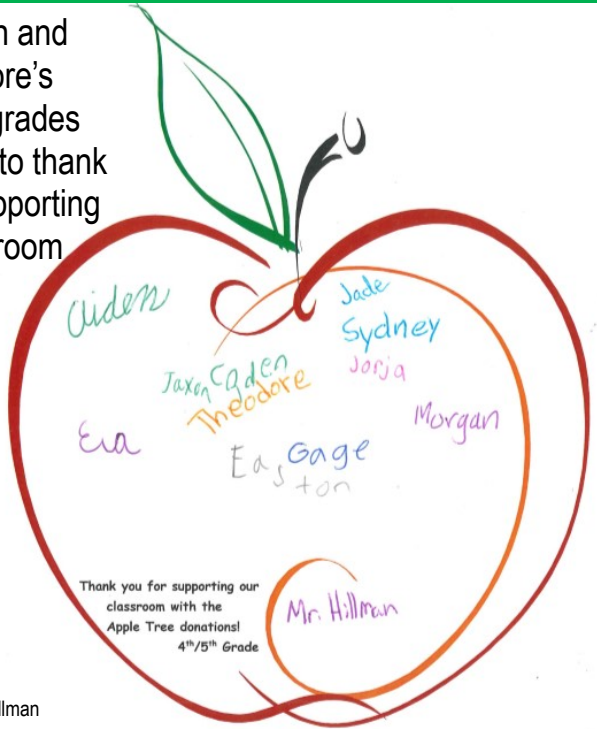
Meals are served weekly on Mondays with the exception of the month of July, holidays and inclement weather.

**Matthew 25:35** "... For I was hungry & you gave me food, I was thirsty & you gave me drink, I was a stranger & you welcomed me..."



### St. Theodore School News

Mr. Hillman and St. Theodore's 4th & 5th grades would like to thank you for supporting their classroom with Apple Tree Donations!



Thank you for supporting our classroom with the Apple Tree donations!  
4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Mr. Hillman

Created by: Mr. Hillman

### Faith Formation News

#### WE NEED YOU?

Volunteers are still needed to help teach our faith formation program. Our program depend upon the faithful to be willing missionaries. Please contact the faith formation office at 507-373-2987.

#### Parent Meetings

- Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm** in the church: **PreK-4th grade, & First Communion Students.**
- Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm** in Marian Hall: **For 5-11th graders & parents potluck.** This is our registration day for students and important information for our 10th & 11th grade Confirmation Students. We will talk with the parents of the 5-9th graders on this night. It is also a **pot-luck**, so please bring a dish to share. We will also be discussing our 2019 Mission Trip.

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