

St. Theodore



Albert Lea

St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!

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GOD'S CHILDREN

Children are the living hope of the future. That is why "a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body" (Genesis 2:24). Facing the future together as a family is becoming harder in our time. How can we approach God's life if we do not experience the difference between "childish" and "childlike"? To be childlike is to gain access to holiness. Jesus showed us how to be God's children. Happy are we!

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Niños de Dios

Los niños son la esperanza del futuro. "Por eso dejará el hombre a su padre y a su madre y se unirá a su esposa y serán los dos una sola cosa". En nuestros tiempos es cada vez más difícil enfrentar el futuro juntos como familia. ¿Cómo podemos acercarnos a la vida de Dios si no sentimos la diferencia entre ser aññado y ser como un niño? Ser como niño es acercarse a la santidad. Jesús nos mostró cómo ser niños de Dios. ¡Dichosos somos!

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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

In the Gospel today Jesus addresses the question of whether or not divorce is permissible. In his response Jesus gives us a beautiful definition of not only the sacrament of marriage, but also defines what it means to be human. He takes us back to the beginning and describes God's intention of creating man in the likeness of God. He goes on to say that God's choice to create man as a duality of sexes was intentional, and that it was for this purpose that marriage was established. In marriage a man leaves his mother and father and joins his wife and the two become one flesh. This very act of man to enter the bond of marriage, reveals his God like nature, as co-creator, and as one called to love. Jesus says that divorce is contradictory to the essence of marriage, and hinders his God like calling to love. Jesus is not trying to make life difficult of us, but to show us the way to happiness. He also says that not all are called to marriage, but that all are called to love and be life giving through our own particular call to service. Let us embrace the teaching of Jesus as best we can and trust in his merciful assistance with our own vocation in life.

Love in Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

RCIA: is for anyone who is interested in exploring and finding out more about the Catholic faith. Those who might want to attend RCIA classes include:

- Those who have been attending Catholic services or events with family, others or by themselves
- Anyone interested in the Catholic faith who wants to understand and /or know more about the faith
- Anyone not Baptized and is interested in joining the church
- Anyone Baptized but have not been Confirmed
- Those who have been Catholic but want to understand the liturgy and tenets of the faith more fully

Participants do not need to commit to joining the Church, just a desire to seek the Lord. Classes begin on Thursday, October 11th from 6:15 -7:45 pm in the Parish Meeting Room and will meet the 2nd & 3rd Thursdays of each month. All interested are welcome to attend or for more information can call Judy Popp-Anderson (507-383-0955) or the parish office (507-373-0603).



Mass Intentions/Schedule

Mon, Oct 8		No Mass	
Tues, Oct 9	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Lillian Olson by Karen Olson	Church Church
Wed, Oct 10	8:15 am 8:45 am	Rosary Mass † In Reparation for our Sins	Church Church
Thurs Oct 11	2:00 pm	Mass † Ryan Moore by Mike & Suzanne Moore	Good Samaritan
Fri Oct 12	9:30am 6:30pm - 8:00pm	NO Rosary NO Mass Adoration in Chapel Spanish Prayer Group	Church Church
Sat Oct 13	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church
Sun Oct 14	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation Rosary Mass. † Paul & Sheryl Rhodes by their Families Spanish Mass For all those in attendance	Church Church Church Church

Upcoming Broadcast Masses

Oct 21	† Peter by Tautges family
Oct 28	For the living & deceased family members of Judy Popp-Anderson
Nov 4	† Kathi Wilder by husband & family
Nov 11	Donor Needed
Nov 18	Donor Needed

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon 10/8	GAL 1:6-12	LK 10: 25-37
Tues: 10/9	GAL 1:13-24	LK 10: 38-42
Wed: 10/10	GAL 2:1-1, 7-14	LK 11: 1-4
Thurs: 10/11	GAL 3:1-5	LK 11: 5-13
Fri: 10/12	GAL 3:7-14	LK 11:15-26
Sat: 10/13	GAL 3:22-29	LK 11:27-28
Sun: 10/14	WIS 7:7-11 HEB 4:12-13	PS 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 MK 10:17-30

Sacrificial Giving

September 29-30th, 2018

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund	St. James
\$8,922.44	\$1265.24	\$0.00	\$80.00

2018 Catholic Ministry Appeal Goal \$60,970.00

Amount Pledged & Received: \$47,532.00

We are at 78% of our goal in pledges! We're doing great but still need \$13,458.00 to reach our goal. Please give generously!



PRAYER CHAIN

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<i>This Week's Activities & Reminders</i>			<i>Liturgical Ministers</i>			
Mon Oct 8	Loaves & Fishes 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Marian Hall		Saturday, Oct 13, 2018	Sunday, Oct. 14 2018	
	Hispanic Bible Class 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Church Basement		5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Access	Accompanist	Accompanist Needed	Grace Chalmers	Hispanic Choir
		Cantor	Cantor Needed Choir	Michael Blong		
Tues, Oct 9	Endowment Board Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room	Lectors	Pat Hartmann	Sue Amundson Steve Schwab	
Wed, Oct 10	Morning Prayer Group 6:00 am - 7:00 am	Parish Meeting Room	Altar Servers	Elizabeth & Patrick Holcomb	Danny & Timothy Chalmers	Jesus Boites Francisco Lopez
	Pastor/Principal Meeting 8:00 am-3:00 pm	Marian Hall				
	Diocesan Clergy Advisory 3:05 pm - 5:00 pm	Marian Hall				
	Liturgy Committee Meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Parish Meeting Room				
	Faith Formation Classes:5 th -11 th gr. 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Church, Gym School, Marian Hall				
	Knight of Columbus Meeting 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	KC Club				
Thurs Oct 11	Building & Grounds Meeting 8:00 am - 9:00 am	Parish Meeting Room				
	District 241 Rehearsal set up 12:00 pm -2:00	Church				
	RCIA Classes 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm	Parish Meeting Room				
Fri Oct 12	District 241 Rehearsal 8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Church				
Sat Oct 13	Charles Staloch Funeral 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Church				
	Rosary for our Nation 12:00 pm	Back Church Parking lot				
	KC Steak Fry 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	KC Club				
Sun Oct 14	Faith Formation Classes-Prek-4th gr. 10:05 am - 10:55 am	Marian Hall				
	Hispanic Apologetics Classes 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Church Basement				



Baby Bottle Campaign: Please pick up your Baby Bottle in the access of the church. The money collected through the Baby Bottle Campaign goes into Catholic Charities' Mother and Child Assistance Fund, which is used to help pregnant women and women with babies receive assistance for rent, utilities, medical care, educational assistance, child care assistance, parenting education and more after working with one of Catholic Charities' Pregnancy, Parenting, and Adoption Social Workers. Please give



St. Theodore School News

We haven't made our goal of \$12,000 collected for the marathon. If you would like to donate to the **Marathon** and give our students a chance to Tape the Principal to a Wall, donations can be dropped off in the school or parish offices. We will be collecting donations until October 22nd.

We would like to thank everyone that donated to the **Parish Rummage Sale**. We can't thank you enough for the donations and for stopping to do some shopping.

Mark your calendars for our **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, November 11th. Check future bulletins, as we will be advertising ticket sales soon!

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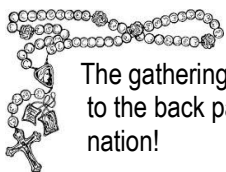
Faith Formation News

This weekend, during our 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses, our First Communicants will receive a **Wecloming Blessing**. Please keep these children and their families in our prayers as they begin this faith journey.

We Need Your Help!

Catechist - those willing to witness and share their faith. Please contact the faith formation office at 507-373-2987 to let us know if you are willing to a catechist for our Sunday School classes.

• St. Theodore Faith Formation •



Rosary for our Nation

The gathering on October 13, 2018 at 12 noon has been moved to the back parking lot. Please come join us in prayer for our nation!

Home Visits: Father would love to visit and get to know our homebound parishioners. If you or someone you know would like Father to come for a visit, please contact the parish office at 373-0603 to set up a time.



Directory Photo Orders

Those who ordered pictures between May and September 15th can stop in at the parish office to pick up their pictures.

MCCL Annual Christmas Wreath Orders

The MCCL is taking orders for Christmas Wreaths after the 5:15 pm and 9:00 am Masses during the month of October. This is an easy way to support the MCCL while getting a head start of your holiday decorating plans!



Diocese of Winona-Rochester - Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number.

Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at www.dow.org under the Safe Environment Program. If you have

any questions about the Diocese of Winona-Rochester's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or mhamann@dow.org.



Procedimientos diocesanos para hacer frente al abuso sexual de menores

La Diócesis de Winona-Rochester se ha comprometido a proteger a los niños, los jóvenes y otras personas vulnerables en nuestras escuelas, parroquias y actividades apostólicas. Tenemos un cuidado especial y la intención permanente de atender eventuales víctimas de abuso sexual y sus familias. Para informarnos sobre alegaciones actuales de abuso sexual por parte de miembros del clero o empleados laicos o voluntarios en la Diócesis de Winona-Rochester contacte: 507-454-2270, Extensión 255 Víctimas de abuso sexual, además de contactar a las autoridades civiles, se les pide de dirigirse a la diócesis para recibir asistencia pastoral. El Coordinado de Asistencia a la victim le proveerá tal asistencia.

<http://www.dow.org/offices/safe-environment/report-a-complaint.html>



Parish Life would like to thank all who donated their time, items to sell and/or made purchases during our Parish Rummage Sale. We had an abundance of goods for those purchasing with some left over to donate to the disabled veterans. The Knights of Columbus will be having their rummage sale soon so if you missed this opportunity there's still another chance to find some great bargains. We also sold doughnuts during our sale which turned out to be a big hit! Thanks to all, we were able to raise nearly a \$1,000.00 for this event. These proceeds will be split evenly between the parish, Hispanic community, Faith Formation program and St. Theodore School!

Updating Parish Records:

During the month of October we put together our order for parish envelopes. To keep our costs down and ensure that we update our records on a regular basis, please contact the parish office at 373-0603 to ensure that we have the most current information especially if you have made any changes since January



RPR
NETWORK
Real Presence Radio

Real Presence Radio will host Teresa Tomeo as keynote speaker at their annual fundraising banquet on Thursday, October 25th in Rochester. Teresa Tomeo is host of EWTN's "Catholic Connection" as well as a best selling author and print, radio, and television journalist with more than 30 years experience in media. For more information about the event, or to become a sponsor, host a table, or register to attend as a guest, please call 877-795-0122 or email jessica@yourcatholicradiostation.com!

In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.

By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death.

Today, we again see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and ill people are encouraged and assisted to take their own lives. How do we respond?

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved

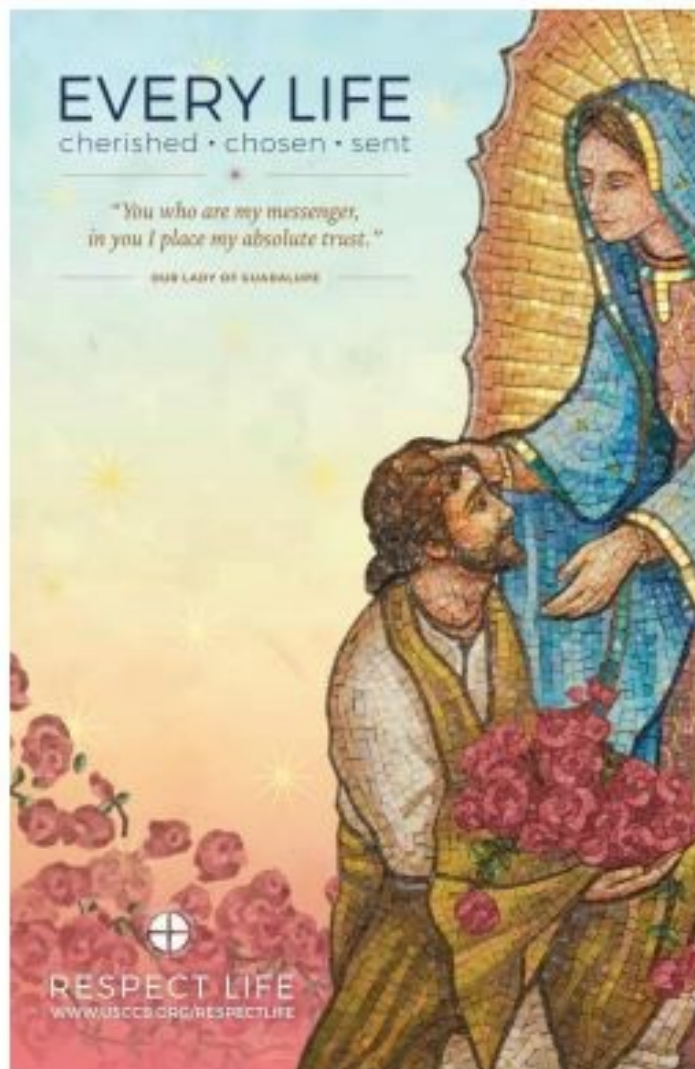
by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**.

God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is **chosen**.

We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is **sent**.

Like St. Juan Diego, let us

embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love.



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