

St. Theodore



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St. Theodore Catholic Church

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UNBOUNDED JOY

The victorious Lord is already in our midst, rejoicing with gladness and dancing with delight! Jesus revels in his birth among us through his mother Mary. He glories in becoming one of us. He welcomes our response to the good news proclaimed by John the Baptist: baptism with water and baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire. This bath gives us a safe place with God's people. The Lord comes— Emmanuel, Wisdom, Mighty Lord, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Dayspring, Desire of Nations. O happy time!

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ALEGRÍA ILIMITADA

El Señor victorioso ya está en medio de nosotros, llenándose de regocijo y danzando de alegría! Jesús se alegra en su nacimiento, a través de su madre María. Él se gloria en hacerse uno de los nuestros. Él recibe jubiloso nuestra respuesta a la Buena Nueva proclamada por Juan Bautista: bautismo con agua y bautismo con el Espíritu Santo y fuego. Este baño nos da un lugar seguro en el pueblo de Dios. El Señor viene: Emmanuel, Sabiduría, Señor Poderoso, Rama de Jesé, Llave de David, Anhelado de las Naciones. ¡Griten de alegría!

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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 first reading today, God gives us the Ten Commandments through the prophet Moses. Our society today has a difficult time with the Ten Commandments because it values freedom to such an extent that it does not want to be commanded to do anything. However, the Ten Commandments do not restrict our human freedom but actually make it possible. The moral laws that God has given us are much like the laws that we find in nature. These laws are not imposed upon us from the outside, as to restrict us from any sort of activity, but rather are there to tell us who we are and what we have been created for. The example I like to use is the law found in nature: every action has an opposite and equal reaction. If I were to fail to respect this law, and refuse to wear my seat belt, I could get hurt. The same is true in regards to the moral law, its purpose is to help us understand what it means to be human, so that we may never act in a way that would destroy our dignity as a human person created in God's image and likeness. Therefore, let us view the Ten Commands not as restrictions on our freedom, but rather guidelines for helping us remain truly free and truly human.

Love in Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

December 8th & 9th, 2018

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund	St. James
\$9,161.39	\$929.74	\$575.00	\$100.00

2018 Catholic Ministry Appeal Goal \$60,970.00

Amount Pledged & Received: \$55,082.00

Please help us achieve success! We have a couple weeks to raise \$5,888.00. Any amount that doesn't meet our goal we must pay from our general fund!

Upcoming Broadcast Masses

Dec 30	For the families of Henry & Margaret Savelkoul
Jan 6	Donor Needed
Jan 13	Donor Needed

2018 Christmas Services

Reconciliation

December 23rd Between the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses

Mass Times

Dec 24th 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Eve Mass
7:30 PM Spanish Christmas Eve Mass
9:30 PM Christmas Music
10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

Poinsettias for the Holidays!

Addie's Floral & Gifts will be filling orders for poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas. Contact Addie's Floral directly at 373-2081. Deadline to order is **December 17th**. You may order memorials or in honor of plants for the following costs:

6 1/2" pot single plant \$12.00
8" pot two plants \$22.50

You will be able to take your plant home after the Christmas



Mass Intentions/Schedule

Mon, Dec 17		No Mass	
Tues, Dec 18	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass † Eddie Staloch by Janie Staloch	
Wed, Dec 19	8:15 am	Rosary	Church
	8:45 am	Mass † Irene Enstad by Diane Schlosser	
Thurs Dec 20	2:00 pm	Mass	Thorne Crest
Fri Dec 21	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	Mass † Tony & Francis Bok by Gerry Gilbertson	
	9:30 am 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Adoration Spanish Prayer Group	
Sat Dec 22	4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
	4:45 pm	Rosary	
	5:15 pm	Mass † Mary Ann Wilder by Marvin & family	
Sun Dec 23	8:30 am	Reconciliation	Church
	8:30 am	Rosary	
	9:00 am	Mass Henry J. Kalis by Violet & family	
	11:00 am	Spanish Mass For Those in Attendance	

Young Adult Singles: All young adult singles are invited to a Young Adult Singles Gathering on January 18, 2019. The evening is an opportunity to get to know the other single adults in our parish. The evening will begin in St. Theodore Church with Praise & Worship at 8:00 pm with a social gathering to follow! Hope to see you there!



Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 12/17	GN 49:2,8-10	MT 1:1-17
Tues:12/18	JER 23:5-8	MT 1:18-25
Wed: 12/19	JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A	LK 1:5-25
Thurs:12/20	IS 7:10-14	LK 1:26-38
Fri: 12/21	SG 2:8-14 or ZEP 3:14-18A	LK 1:39-45
Sat: 12/22	1SM 1:24-28	LK 1:46-56
Sun: 12/23	MI 5:1-4A Heb 10:5-10	PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 LK 1:39-45

PRAYER CHAIN

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This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Dec 17	Loaves & Fishes 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Marian Hall
	Hispanic Bible Class 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Church Basement
	Life in the Spirit Group 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Church
Tues Dec 18	Fun Night Planning Meeting 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Marian Hall
	School Board Meeting 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room
Wed, Dec 19	Morning Prayer Group 6:00 am - 7:00 am	Parish Meeting Room
	All Music Practice for Christmas Eve 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Church & Church Basement
	Faith Formation Classes: 5 th -11 th gr. 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	School, Gym, Marian Hall, Church
Thurs Dec 20	RCIA Group 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm	Parish Meeting Room
Fri Dec 21	La Posada 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Rectory
Sat Dec 22	No Parish Activities	
Sun Dec 23	Faith Formation Classes: Prek - 4th gr. 10:05 am - 10:55 am	Marian Hall
	Church Decorating 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Church
	Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Church

Faith Formation News

On Sunday, December 16th, our Faith Formation students and their parents will be attending the Advent Centers in Marian Hall during their regular class time.

We are still in need of financial support for our Puerto Rico Mission Trip for 2019. Please prayerfully consider supporting this life changing opportunity for our parish youth.

Kristy Minear 507-373-2987
• St. Theodore Faith Formation •

Lessons and Carols You are invited to Wells on Sunday, December 16, when St. Casimir's Choir presents Lessons and Carols, at 4:00 pm. Celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas with Word, song and pageantry. All are invited to enjoy supper and fellowship in the church hall after the program. There will be a free-will offering for the Wells Area Food Shelf.



Funds raised from our very first Parish Bake Sale purchased a new nativity scene for all to enjoy.

Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday, Dec 22, 2018	Sunday, Dec 23, 2018	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer	Grace Chalmers	Hispanic Choir
Cantor	Cantor Needed w/Choir	Cantor Needed	
Lectors	Pat Hartmann	Therese Saindon Judy Popp Anderson	
Altar Servers	Elizabeth & Patrick Holcomb	Jenny Mulholland Ericka Saindon	Jesus Boites Alan Teran

Christmas Masses

	Mon Dec 24 4:00 PM	Mon Dec 24 7:30 PM	Mon Dec 24 10:00 PM	Tues Dec 25 9:00 AM
 Accompanist	Grace Chalmers	Hispanic Choir	Grace Chalmers	Mike Szymanski
Cantor	Michael		Brian Zogg	Molly
Lectors	Faith Formation students		Kim Otten	Kathleen Bleckeberg & Dennis Dieser
Altar Servers	Tim & Danny Chalmers		Needed	Elizabeth & Patrick Holcomb

St. Theodore School News

If you were able to attend our school Christmas Concert, we hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did. We are so proud of how well our students did. They have been practicing and it showed. Thank you for supporting our kiddos.

We want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone that helped us collect non-perishable food for the "Stuff A Truck" food drive sponsored by Marketplace Foods. Your generosity will help a lot of people in our community. Thank you for showing our students how easy it is to help others. It doesn't take much to help someone in need. One small act of kindness can mean so much! This a good reminder for the Christmas Season. If you would still like to donate any items to charity, there are many organizations around town that are still collecting.


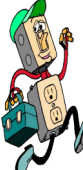



We still have Wish Pets available for sale. Large pets are \$15.00 each and the small pets are \$10.00 each. Get them while they last!

Have a great weekend.





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Parish Envelopes

available for pick up in the lower access area.

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