

St. Theodore



Albert Lea

St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!

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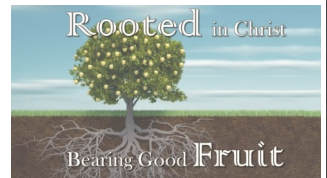
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The Scriptures proclaimed in today's celebration invite us to look beyond appearances. The clear and concise images of the Book of Ecclesiastes recall to our minds the style of ancient proverbs, and warn that we should always listen to the words and reasoning other people use before we establish important relationships. In the Gospel, Jesus places this warning in the context of the relationship between a teacher and student, and between brother and sister—the most precious of all relationships, because it is rooted in faith and in the community of disciples. A hypocrite is a brother or sister who sees defects of others but not his or her own. For Jesus, one must first attend to and heal that which is opposed to mercy and reconciliation within his or her own heart before accusing others. Jesus frequently reprimanded the Pharisees for this attitude, and his criticism applies to us also as we easily give in to the hypocritical point of view described in the Gospel. In the commentaries and prayers of the faithful today, emphasize Christ's victory that helps us to see beyond appearances to create loving relationships that nurture our faith in Christ, who brings us together and sustains us with his grace.



Las escrituras proclamadas en la celebración de hoy nos invitan a mirar más allá de las apariencias. Las imágenes claras y concisas del libro de Eclesiastés recuerdan a nuestra mente el estilo de los proverbios antiguos y advierten que siempre debemos escuchar las palabras y razonamientos que otras personas usen antes que establecer relaciones importantes. En el Evangelio, Jesús pone esta advertencia en el contexto de la relación entre profesor y estudiante y entre hermano y hermana, la más preciosa de todas las relaciones, porque está arraigada en la fe y en la comunidad de discípulos. Un hipócrita es un hermano o hermana que ve los defectos de otros pero no su o su propio. Para Jesús, primero hay que atender y sanarlo que se opone a la misericordia y la reconciliación dentro de su propio corazón antes de acusar a otros. Con frecuencia Jesús reprendió a los fariseos por esta actitud, y su crítica se aplica a nosotros también nos dan fácilmente el punto de vista hipócrita se describe en el Evangelio. En los comentarios y oraciones de los fieles hoy, destacar la victoria de Cristo que nos ayuda a ver más allá de las apariencias para crear relaciones amorosas que nutren nuestra fe en Cristo, que nos reúne y nos sostiene con su gracia.

WEEKEND MASSES

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

RECONCILIATION

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:00 am-5:00pm
Friday.....8:00 am-12:00 pm
Office closes from 8:30-9:30 on Wednesday so staff can attend Mass and 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch Monday -Thursday.

PRAYER CHAIN

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From the Desk of Father Kurt

In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus tells us that you can judge a tree by the fruit it bears. If our culture was a tree I think it would be safe to say that it is bearing a lot of bad fruit. Our culture is plagued with violence, immortality, addictions of all kinds, and declining educational, political and family institutions. The breakdown of the family in our society is causing more and more social problems and will not be fixed without turning to God and making a choice to live by His commandments. Jesus tells us that we should change ourselves first before we look at the faults of others. If our politicians would do this I think maybe we would be able to make some of the important changes in our country that are needed to help solve our greatest social problems. If we as citizens are not taking responsibility for our own behavior, and bearing the fruit of virtue and God fearing living, it does not matter how much the government is given to solve social problems, because they will never be solved unless individuals decide to solve them. As Christians let us stop blaming others for the problems that exist in our culture and try to solve them by making the necessary changes in our own lives.

Love in Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

February 23rd & 24th, 2019

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund	St. James
\$4,256.33	\$148.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Upcoming Broadcast Masses

Mar 10 In Memory of Ryan Moore by Mike & Suzanne Moore
Mar 17 Donor Needed
Mar 24 Marlene & Peter Tautges by Larry Tautges
Mar 31 In Memory of Henry Kalis by Vi Kalis
April 7 Donor Needed
April 14 Donor Needed

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 3/4	Sir 17:20-24	Mk 10:17-27
Tues:3/5	Sir 35:1-12	Mk 10:28-31
Wed: 3/6	Jl 2:12-18	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs:3/7	Dt 30:15-20	Lk 9:22-25
Fri: 3/8	Is 58:1-9A	Mt 9:14-15
Sat: 3/9	Is 58:9B-14	Lk 5:27-32
Sun: 3/10	Dt 26:4-10	Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
	Rom 10:8-13	Lk 4:1-13

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Please remember the souls of our faithfully departed who have recently passed away. JoAnn Stegenga and Rose Roell. May the love, mercy and compassion of our Lord bring their families and friends peace and comfort as they mourn their loss.


Mass Intentions/Schedule

Tue Mar 5	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Karole Moe by Bob & Joanne Keogh	Church Church
Ash Wed Mar 6	8:15 am 8:45 am 5:15 pm 7:00 pm	Rosary Mass In Reparation for Our Sins Mass † David Kalis by Pat Kalis Mass For the Poor Souls in Purgatory	Church Church Church Church
Thurs Mar 7	1:15 pm 2:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Lead by 4th & 5th Grade Distribution of Eucharist	Church LP: St. John's
Fri Mar 8	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:30am - 6:30pm 9:30 - 10:30 am 6:30pm - 8:00pm	Rosary Mass For the Unborn Adoration First Friday Confession Spanish Prayer Group	Church Church Church Church Church
Sat Mar 9	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church
Sun Mar 10	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation Rosary Mass † Ryan Moore by Mike & Suzanne Moore Rite of Sending Hispanic Mass For the deceased children & grand children of Ray & Lucy Luna	Church Church Church Church



Safe Haven Sunday: Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children St. Theodore's is setting aside this weekend, March 2nd & 3rd, as Safe Haven Sunday in order to give focused time and resources to

address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life and culture. Today's awareness day is celebrated through prayer and a reflection within the context of the Mass. After Mass, each individual and family will be given Covenant Eyes' book, Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture. This book includes a unique seven-day text-to-opt-in program: The Equipped 7-Day Challenge. This Challenge provides practical tips any caring adult can take to create safer digital environments for themselves and our young people.

This Week's Activities & Reminders			Liturgical Ministers			
Mon Mar 4	Loaves & Fishes 5:00 – 6:30 pm	Marian Hall		Saturday, Mar 9, 2019	Sunday, Mar 10, 2019	
	Hispanic Bible Class 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Church Basement		5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6:30 - 8:00 pm	Access	Accompanist	Grace Chalmers	AdaTheusch	Hispanic Choir
		Cantor	Jody Blong	Cantor Needed		
Tues Mar 5	P.A.K.E.T. Day 12:00 - 1:00 pm	Marian Hall	Lectors	Lois Ahern	Pegi Sorenson	
Wed Mar 6	Morning Prayer Group 6:00 - 7:00 am	Parish Meeting Room	Altar Servers	Elizabeth & Patrick Holcomb	Katelyn & Sawyer Holt	Melissa Palma Wendy Lazaro
	Faith Formation Class: 5th-11th gr. 7:00 - 8:00 pm	School, Gym, Marian Hall, Church	As Wednesday ♦ March 6, 2019			
Thurs Mar 7	Quilting Group 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Church Basement		8:45 AM	5:15 PM	7:00 PM
Fri Mar 8	Fish Fry 5:00-7:00 pm	Marian Hall	Accompanist	Elisha Marin	Ada Theusch	Hispanic Choir
			Cantor + Choir	School Children	Choir	
Sat Mar 9	Knights of Columbus Steak Fry 6:15 pm - 9:00 pm	KC Hall	Lectors	School Children	Faith Formation	
Sun Mar 10	Daylight Saving Time Begins NO Faith Formation Classes Mission Trip Doughnut Sales 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Hispanic Food Sales 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Hispanic Apologetics Class 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	 Church Access Marian Hall, Kitchen Church Basement	Altar Servers	School Children	Ericka Saindon	Francisco Lopez Jade Ambriz

 **St. Theodore School News** 

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. If you or someone you know are still debating where you want to send your student, we may be the place you are looking for. Give us a call at 507-373-9657 or email Kristina at kgarcia@sttheoschool.org, for more information.

Thank you to all that purchased raffle tickets. Don't forget to check Catholic United Financial Raffle's website at <https://www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/raffle/prizes/> or check out their Facebook page (Catholic Schools Raffle). They will draw the winners, live on Facebook on Tuesday, March 5th.

St. Theodore Auction Extravaganza

Mark your calendars our annual Auction Extravaganza is just around the corner on Saturday, March 30th, starting at 6:00pm. Get your reservations at the School and Parish Offices. Reservations are \$30.00 per person or you can reserve a table for \$300.00 before March 18th.

Donations are still needed for our Silent and Live Auctions. **New donation Idea: Do we have any woodworkers willing to share their hand made crafts? They would be greatly appreciated!** Items must be in new condition. All items can be dropped off at the parish or school office. If you need items picked up or have any questions call Melissa Wittmer @ 507-383-3099.



We will no longer be taking Milk Moola. Kwik Trip is discontinuing this program for all schools. Thank you to our St. Theodore Church and School families for collecting these throughout the years. We are still accepting Box Tops, Country Hearth Bread labels, and pop tabs. These items can be dropped at the school or the drop boxes on the lower access of the church.

Have a blessed weekend
St. Theodore Catholic School

Faith Formation News

Families that pray together, stay together!
God Bless
St. Theodore Faith Formation

Lenten Day of Prayer & Reflection

The Carmelites at Annunciation Hermitage will be hosting a Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection, Friday, March 8, 2019 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Confessions, Mass and lunch are included with a free will offering. The Hermitage is located at 1009 East Oakland Avenue, Austin, MN. Please call 507-437-4015 by March 6th to register.

Knights of Columbus Fat Tuesday Celebration

All are invited to enjoy a fabulous meal prior to taking our Lenten Journey through prayer, FASTING & alms giving on Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 from 4:30 -7:00 pm. Meal includes Chili, Shrimp Boil, Gumbo and King's Cake. Cost is \$12.00! Come and feast with family and friends before the fast!



All Are Welcome to join us on March 8th from 5-7pm in Marian Hall for our first **Fish Fry** this season. The menu includes Fish, potato, mashed or baked, coleslaw, dinner

roll, coffee, milk & water. Be sure to save some room for our upgraded build your own One-Of-A-Kind Sundae Bar with more topping than ever before! Cost for this delicious meal is Adults -\$10, Kids (ages 4-12)-\$6, and Kids 3 and under are free! We hope to see you there!

