

St. Theodore



Albert Lea

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*Then He said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."  
Lk 12:15*

**What can we gain** from only our work? The opening lines of the first reading today from Ecclesiastes may spark several memories, but the words are very real: "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." Both this author and Saint Luke in the Gospel point out that vanity and the accumulation of treasures do not lead to lasting happiness. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Colossians, also discusses the need not to live as pagans and to always recognize that we have died to material things because we have been born to a new life in Christ. Today's readings do not aim to lead us to a "liturgical depression" but rather a "joyful conversion" by which we can celebrate our faith as people redeemed by Christ and willing to proclaim his message in the world. In this Year of Mercy, we entrust our lives to the Lord and ask that he may have mercy on us as we promise to come closer to him. The start of the new academic year may be a good time for all liturgical ministry leaders to set forth their goals for the new year and help their pastor prepare an annual retreat for all to attend.

**¿Qué podemos obtener** de sólo nuestro trabajo? Las líneas de apertura de la primera lectura hoy del Eclesiastés pueden chispear varios recuerdos, pero las palabras son muy reales: "vanidad de vanidades, todo es vanidad." Este autor y San Lucas en el Evangelio señalan que vanidad y la acumulación de tesoros no conducen a una duradera felicidad. San Pablo, en su carta a los Colosenses, también se analiza la necesidad de no vivir como paganos y siempre reconocer que hemos muerto a las cosas materiales, porque nosotros hemos nacidos a una nueva vida en Cristo. Las lecturas de hoy pretende llevarnos a una depresión "litúrgica" sino más bien una "alegre conversión" por el cual podemos celebrar nuestra fe como personas redimidas por Cristo y dispuestos a proclamar su mensaje en el mundo. En este año de misericordia, confiar nuestra vida al Señor y pedir que él que tenga misericordia de nosotros como nos comprometemos a acercarse a él. El comienzo del nuevo año académico puede ser un buen momento para todos los líderes de ministerio litúrgico establecidas sus metas para el año nuevo y ayudar a su pastor a preparar un retiro anual para que todos puedan asistir.

### 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 Summer Hours

**Monday-Thursday**.....8:00 am-4:00pm

**Friday**.....CLOSED

Office closes from 9:00-9:45 am on Wednesday so staff can attend Mass and 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch Monday -Thursday.

### PRAYER CHAIN

Deanna Ille

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## From the Desk of Father Kurt

"Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth. After all, you have died! Your life is hidden now with Christ in God. When Christ our life appears, then you shall appear with Him in Glory."

It is not difficult to realize that much of our society today is rooted in things of the earth. Money, beauty, and sex have been idolized by television and Hollywood. Television and Hollywood also reveal the darker side of societies fixation with earthly things. There is a disillusionment that overwhelms us. We are awakened to the reality that everything we are running after leaves us empty and saddened. We know in our hearts there must be something else. There must be a higher meaning in life than just things and the pleasure they give us.

Those from our parish that returned from our mission trip to Puerto Rico had an experience of the joy of giving of oneself for another. Being able to make a difference in the life of someone else leaves one with such a beautiful feeling of happiness and joy. This is a happiness no one can take from us.

Love in Christ,  
Father Kurt Farrell

## Mass Intentions & Schedule

Tue Aug 6	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Ryan Moore by Mike & Suzanne Moore	Church Church
Wed Aug 7	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Laura Knudsen	Church Church
Thurs Aug 8	2:00 pm	<b>Mass</b> For Those in Attendance	Good Samaritan
Fri Aug 9	8:30 am 9:00 am  9:30 am-6:30 pm	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Eddie Staloch by Janie Staloch <b>Adoration</b>	Church Church  Church
Sat Aug 10	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church
Sun Aug 11	8:30 am 8:30 am 9:00 am	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Harold & Pat Waters by the Water's daughters	Church Church Church

## Sacrificial Giving

July 27<sup>th</sup> & July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund	St James
<b>\$8,206.53</b>	<b>\$893.37</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>

## 2019 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	\$60,180.00
Amount Received	<b>\$35,410.00</b>
Percent of Goal Received	<b>58%</b>

## Daily Scripture Readings

<b>Mon: 8/5</b>	NM 11:4B-15	MT 14:13-21
<b>Tues: 8/6</b>	DN 7:9-10, 13-14	LK 9:28B-36
<b>Wed: 8/7</b>	NM13 :1-2, 25-14:1, 26A-29A, 34-35	MT15:21-28
<b>Thurs: 8/8</b>	NM 20:1-13	MT16:13-23
<b>Fri: 8/9</b>	DT 4:32-40	MT16:24-28
<b>Sat 8/10</b>	2COR 9:6-10	JN 12:24-26
<b>Sun: 8/11</b>	WIS 18:6-9 HEB 11:1-2,18-19	PS 33:1, 12, 18-19,20-22 LK 12:32-48

## Upcoming Broadcast Masses

<b>Aug 18</b>	For All St. Theodore Parishioners
<b>Aug 25</b>	In memory of Gwen Tatarak by her husband, Andy

## Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Sponsor(s)	Intention
<b>Sept 1</b>	Schleck Family Two Anonymous Donations	Given for Schleck Family Intentions
<b>Sept 8</b>	Pat Peters	Given in memory of Dale Peters
<b>Sept 15</b>	Anonymous Donation	
Sept 22	NEEDED	

## Respect Life

In a July 24<sup>th</sup> report, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) confirmed figures released in May that "the 2018 general fertility rate reached a historic low for the United States." The general fertility rate for the United States declined two percent in 2018 to 59.1 per 1,000 women ages 15-44 from 60.3 in 2017. The *Center for Health Statistics of the CDC* showed the average number of children born per mother, was 1.7, which is far below the demographic replacement rate of 2.1.



Experts have long warned about the economic and social costs of a declining birth rate. This has long been documented in Japan, which has a current birth rate of 1.43. Small families, contraception and abortion have led to an aging population. Experts contend that the decline in birth rates may curtail any country's plans to sustain and increase social welfare programs that currently depend on population growth as **Fewer births mean fewer workers.**



Thank you for being our pastor and blessing our lives in so many ways! We pray you had a **FANTASTIC** birthday!

## This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Aug 5	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 5:00-6:30 pm <b>Hispanic Bible Class</b> 6:00 - 7:30 pm	Marian Hall Church Basement
Tue Aug 6	<b>Music Selection Meeting</b> 5:30-7:00 pm <b>Hispanic Ministry Meeting</b> 6:30-8:00 pm	Church Basement Parish Meeting Room
Wed Aug 7	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6:00 - 7:00 am <b>Hispanic Ministry Meeting</b> 6:30-8:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room Church Basement
Thurs Aug 8	<b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 6:00-7:30 pm	Church Basement
Fri Aug 9	<b>Spanish Prayer Group</b> 6:30 -7:30 pm	Chapel & Church
Sat Aug 10	<b>Funeral: Katherine Zimney</b> 10:00 am-11:00 am	Church
Sun Aug 11	<b>Hispanic Apologetics Class</b> 12:00-1:30 pm	Church Basement

### Feast of the Assumption Masses

*August 14, 5:15 PM Vigil*

*August 15, 9:00 AM*



### Mass in the Park

August 25, 2019 ♦ 9:30 AM ♦ Edgewater Park Bandshell

Pulled Pork Sandwiches & snacks after Mass!

**Come Join the Celebration!**



**Needed:** Individual willing to haul three, 8 foot tables to and from Edgewater Park on August 25<sup>th</sup> the day of the Mass in the Park. If willing, please contact the parish office at 507-373-0603.



### March for Life


Register now at [dowr.org](http://dowr.org) for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester March for Life in Washington, DC. January 22-26, 2020.

The cost to attend is \$375 and includes bus transportation, hotel for two nights, Life is Very Good Evening Prayer, Rally and Mass for Life, visit to DC landmarks, and some meals. Come and be a part to show your support for life as every human person is irreplaceable.



*We pray for the family of Thomas John Reiland who has passed away. May the love, mercy and compassion of our Lord bring them peace and*

## Liturgical Ministers

	<b>Saturday</b> Aug 10, 2019	<b>Sunday</b> Aug 11, 2019	<b>Sunday</b> Aug 11, 2019
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	Grace Chalmers	Grace Chalmers	Hispanic Choir
Cantor	Blong	Alex Amundson	
Lectors	Grzybowski	Sue Miller Don Savelkoul	
Altar Servers	Michael Minear Elise Grzybowski	Katelyn & Sawyer Holt	Alan Teran Marelyn Grande



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<https://cleanheart.online/diocese-winona-rochester> is a free online resource program to combat the evil of pornography and to offer pathways for formation, hope and healing. Bishop John M. Quinn and the Diocese of Winona-Rochester are pleased to offer some of the best resources available to aid you and your family in navigating modern technology usage and the deep harm that is caused by pornography. Please take advantage of these training programs, articles, videos, and local resources specifically designed for you or someone who is struggling with pornography.

### St. Theodore School News

We are in search of a **Spanish Instructor**. Hours would be two days a week, Thursdays & Fridays. If you, or someone you know, would like to apply for this position, send a letter of intent and resume to [samundson@sttheoschool.org](mailto:samundson@sttheoschool.org). This position does not require a Minnesota teaching license.

Have a blessed summer!

### THE SIENA SYMPOSIUM FOR WOMEN, FAMILY, AND CULTURE

Co-sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization  
2019 Summer Seminar

### The Gift of Masculinity in the Home, the World, and the Church

Please join us as we explore the nature of masculinity and the gift men are to their families and the world.

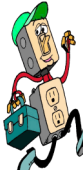




**Keynote address by Bishop Cozzens**  
"How to Love Like a Man."

**August 17, 2019, 9am - 3pm** (Registration at 8:45am)

McNeely Hall—University of St. Thomas, St. Paul Campus  
\$25 - includes light breakfast and lunch

Register at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-gift-of-masculinity-in-the-home-the-world-and-the-church-tickets-65035512970](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-gift-of-masculinity-in-the-home-the-world-and-the-church-tickets-65035512970)

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