

St. Theodore



Albert Lea

St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!

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The book of Acts today gives us a model of apostolic life that the early Christians experienced after the resurrection of Christ. The apostles healed the sick, shared what they had with those in need, praised God together and everyone respected them for who they were. In the second reading, Saint Peter describes the joy that surfaced out of his new life, filled with a joy that would overcome all the suffering that the world would bring upon them. With the story of Doubting Thomas, the Church invites us to believe, and lead our lives in hope until God calls us to be at his side. While on earth, our mission is to make present his risen life present through charity and loving service. Also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, today we are reminded to reflect upon the true meaning of God's mercy in our communities that, according to the psalm today, is eternal. Before whom and under which circumstances is the Lord calling us to be merciful?



El libro de Hechos hoy nos da un modelo de vida apostólica que los primeros cristianos experimentaron después de la resurrección de Cristo. Los apóstoles sanaron a los enfermos, compartieron lo que tenían con los necesitados, alabaron a Dios juntos y todos los respetaban por lo que eran. En la segunda lectura, San Pedro describe el gozo que surgió de su nueva vida, llena de un gozo que superaría todo el sufrimiento que el mundo les traería. Con la historia de Doubting Thomas, la Iglesia nos invita a creer y llevar nuestra vida con esperanza hasta que Dios nos llame a estar a su lado. Mientras que en la tierra, nuestra misión es hacer presente su vida resucital presente a través de la caridad y el servicio amoroso. También conocido como Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, hoy se nos recuerda que reflexionamos sobre el verdadero significado de la misericordia de Dios en nuestras comunidades que, según el salmo de hoy, es eterno. ¿Ante quién y bajo qué circunstancias nos llama el Señor a ser misericordiosos?

RADIO & TV MASSES

Sunday: 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)
9:30 am (Español)
7:30 am KAAL Channel 6
7:30 am KEYC Channel 12
9:30 am KEYC-DT, Digital Channel 12.2
or Charter Channel 16

RECONCILIATION

By Appointment Only

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH

Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Prayer Chapel open all hours
(with restrictions)

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:00 am-5:00 pm
Friday.....8:00 am -12:00 pm
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.

Office staff is currently working off site. Please call by phone or email and staff will respond when appropriate.

PRAYER CHAIN

Deanna Ille
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From the Desk of Father Kurt

Traditionally the second Sunday of Easter is known as "Divine Mercy Sunday". The reason for this is because it concludes the octave of Easter, in which we have celebrated for eight days the victory the Lord has won for us over sin, by his suffering, death and resurrection.

In the Gospel this Sunday, when Jesus appears to the apostles for the first time, the apostle Thomas is not there. When the other Apostles tell Thomas that they have seen the Lord, he does not believe them. It is not until Jesus appears to Thomas and allows Thomas to put his hand in his wounds, does Thomas finally gets on his knees and says my Lord and my God.

For some people it takes more than others to come to believe, and place their life in the hands of Jesus. The story of Thomas helps us realize that it does not matter so much, how long it takes us to get there, but that we get there. Jesus is very patient with us, but sooner or later, if we want to receive the mercy of God, we are going to have to get down on our knees and say my Lord and my God

Love in Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

3/16/2020-4/14/2020

Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James	Easter
\$29,126.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$6,882.00

Good Friday - \$418.00

Rice Bowls - \$775.24

2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	Amount Received (4/10/2020)	% Goal Received
\$61,725.00	\$20,960.00	33.95 %

Prayer of Pope Francis During the Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain you will provide so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and to feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, Oh Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You".

Mass Intentions & Schedule

For now all publicly scheduled celebrations of the holy sacrifice of the Mass are suspended until Friday, May 15, 2020

Father will celebrate private Masses for all Mass Intentions!

Tues, April 21	† Doris Phershbaker by Louis Yost
Wed, April 22	For All Parishioners
Thurs, April 23	For All Parishioners
Fri, April 24	For All Parishioners
Sat, April 25	† Leroy & Helen Wilder by Ann Utzka & Marvin Wilder
Sun, April 26	9:00 am † Betty Cashin by the Cashin Family & Friends , Special Intention of Anonymous Donor, & For All Parishioners 11:00 am For the poor souls in purgatory

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
May 3	For the sick and dying Additional sponsors needed
May 10	† Delores Stencil by Kim In recognition of all mothers living & deceased by the KC Auxiliary
May 17	Sponsors Needed
May 24	Sponsors Needed

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 4/20	ACTS 4:23-31	JN 3:1-8
Tues: 4/21	ACTS 4:32-37	JN 3:7B-15
Wed: 4/22	ACTS 5:17-26	JN 3:16-21
Thurs: 4/23	ACTS 5:27-33	JN 3:31-36
Fri: 4/24	ACTS 5:34-42	JN 6:1-15
Sat 4/25	1 PT 5:5B-14	MK 16:15-20
Sun: 4/26	ACTS 2:14, 22-33 1 PT 1:17-21	PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 LK 24:13-35

Donate Online to St. Theodore's!

Go to: <https://catholicismn.org/parish-donations>

- ◆ Scroll down and check "Catholic Parishes"
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- ◆ Click the "Donate" Button!

All funds donated are designated to St. Theodore's general operating expenses.

Please prayerfully consider a monetary gift to St. Theodore's during this financially difficult time if you are able to give. **Thank You**

This Week's Activities & Reminders

All parish activities have been suspended until further notice.

Church Schedule

Open for Private Prayer.....Friday, 9am-5pm
 Confessions.....By Appointment Only
 CLOSED.....Saturday-Thursday

Please follow CDC regulations of a maximum of 10 individuals gathering.

Please keep social distance of 6 feet apart!

These restrictions must be strictly followed to prevent violations causing fines from the CDC!

Prayer Chapel is Open 24 hours a Day!

Max 1 individual per time

Or

3 Immediate Family Members Only

Please limit your time to 30 minutes

Weekend Mass

Below is a list of ways to listen to or watch weekend Mass to meet your Sunday obligation. **There have been time changes.**

- ◆ Parish website: sttheo.org
- ◆ KATE Radio 1450 AM: Sunday, 9:00 am
- ◆ KAAL Channel 3: Sunday 7:30 am
- ◆ KEYC Channel 12: Sunday 7:30 am
- ◆ KEYC-DT, Digital Channel 12.2 or Charter Channel 16: Sunday 9:30 am

The TV Mass can also be watched online anytime at www.dowr.org.



Loaves and Fishes

serving the public on

Monday's starting at 5:00 pm.



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Walking with
Moms in Need
 a year of service



Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and communities. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the

midst of a sea of indifference." Everyone in the parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

If you would like more information on ways you can be a part of this year of service, go to <https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/>. This site has multiple ways for you to participate and support these expectant mothers.

Liturgical Ministers



Saturday

Sunday

5:15 pm

9:00 am

11:00 am

Accompanist

Cantor

Lectors

Altar Servers

We are now currently taping our Divine Mercy broadcast Mass prior to the scheduled day. Thank you for your patience and willingness to serve but during this difficult time plans for Mass taping are being prearranged.

St. Theodore School News

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Even though we were not able to spend time with our extended families, we need to focus on Jesus. He has Risen to save us and we need to keep faith.

Registration is open for St. Theodore 2020-2021 School year. We have registration forms available on our website at www.sttheo.org. We have extended our Early Bird Registration Fee of \$25 per student until April 30th. It will return to \$50 per student on May 1st. Please contact us if you would like any information. We do offer tuition assistance for those who need it.

Father Kurt has posted Audio Masses on our website: www.sttheo.org. Go into the Sacramental Life folder to find them. St. Theodore Catholic Church now has a Facebook page, check it out and give them a like.

We are continuing with our Weekly Newsletter, so check it out on the St. Theodore website at www.sttheo.org.

"Be Joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction, Faithful in Prayer" Romans 12:12

Have a blessed weekend!

St. Theodore Catholic School

Faith Formation News

APRIL 25, 2020



On this day __ children would have received Jesus for the very first time. As they wait in anticipation to receive this wonderful Sacrament, please continue to pray for them. In some ways we are all waiting eagerly for the day when we can all received the real body and blood of Jesus once again! The Lord has not abandoned us, He is abundantly blessing those daily who continue to seek Him!



Are you struggling more than usual with anxiety, worry, loneliness, or depression at this time. Catholic Charities' Counselors are here to help. To maintain social distancing, our

therapists are using Telehealth. Please give our office a call to set up an appointment for one-on-one counseling or visit our website. Albert Lea 507-377-3664 or www.ccsomn.org.

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