



St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!

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Many agree that fear is the opposite of freedom and, therefore, love. In today's Gospel we hear the story of the two disciples who left Jerusalem in fear and sadness after the crucifixion, embarking on a journey toward the village of Emmaus. The Gospel writer places the risen Christ in their midst to remind us that Christ is always in the midst of our lives, we simply need to discover his healing and transformative touch. The story of Emmaus describes that the two disciples did not recognize the stranger at first, they only recognized him in the breaking of bread. The story of Emmaus places Christ in the midst of the Church that hears the word, embraces it deeply, and, at the breaking of the Bread at the paschal meal, Christ becomes present to sanctify all members of the Church, sending them forth on his mission throughout the world. Our testimony of faith arises out of our faith in his risen life, as does the testimony of the apostles in the first reading and the letter of Saint Peter. For Peter, life has changed radically from the sterile reality of the past, into the newness of life in Christ, the Lamb without blemish or defect. These weeks of Easter provide us all with the time of "mystagogy," a time of reflection and depth into the mystery of the Christ and the Church. This is a good time to participate in talks, conferences, and reflections, especially for the youth preparing to receive the sacraments.



Muchos están de acuerdo en que el miedo es lo opuesto a la libertad y, por lo tanto, el amor. En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos la historia de los dos discípulos que abandonaron Jerusalén con miedo y tristeza después de la crucifixión, embarcándose en un viaje hacia la aldea de Emaús. El escritor evangélico pone a Cristo resucitado en medio de ellos para recordarnos que Cristo está siempre en medio de nuestra vida, simplemente necesitamos descubrir su toque sanador y transformador. La historia de Emaús describe que los dos discípulos no reconocieron al extraño al principio, sólo lo reconocieron en la ruptura del pan. La historia de Emaús sitúa a Cristo en medio de la Iglesia que escucha la palabra, la abraza profundamente y, al partir del Pan en la comida pascual, Cristo se hace presente para santificar a todos los miembros de la Iglesia, enviándolos a su misión por todo el mundo. Nuestro testimonio de fe surge de nuestra fe en su vida resumida, al igual que el testimonio de los apóstoles en la primera lectura y la carta de San Pedro. Para Pedro, la vida ha cambiado radicalmente de la realidad estéril del pasado, a la novedad de la vida en Cristo, el Cordero sin mancha ni defecto. Estas semanas de Pascua nos proporcionan a todos el tiempo de la "mystagogy", un tiempo de reflexión y profundidad en el misterio de Cristo y de la Iglesia. Este es un buen momento para participar en charlas, conferencias y reflexiones, especialmente para los jóvenes que se preparan para recibir los sacramentos.

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

"Were not our hearts burning inside us as he talked to us on the road and explained the Scripture to us". This passage taken from the story in Luke's Gospel today speaks of how powerful Holy Scripture can be for us if we are willing to listen to Jesus through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Saint Augustine, in his book, The Confessions, speaks of how he was cut to the heart from reading a passage from scripture that he had read many times before but hadn't had any affect on him.

I remember reading the bible in my youth and finding it boring and without much relevance. However, once I committed my life to Christ and chose to follow his will for me, the scriptures came alive and gave my life direction and clarity. If we want Jesus to speak to us through His Holy Scriptures, we must be open and ready to follow His will for us, even if it goes against what we think will bring us happiness and joy. The joy of finding and following the will of God is a joy that lasts and cannot be taken from us. Let us seek this joy by allowing Jesus to speak to us through His Holy Scriptures.

Love in Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacrificial Giving

Thank you to those who faithfully send in their sacrificial giving. We are so grateful for those who continue to keep St. Theodore's on their list of financial priorities. For some, this may be difficult but to us it's a financial blessing! May the Lord continually bless you abundantly!


2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	Amount Received (4/17/2020)	% Goal Received
\$61,725.00	\$20,960.00	33.95 %

"Sometimes we forget just how powerful God is. We spend so much time dwelling on the mountain standing before us that we lose sight of the fact that God is infinitely bigger than the mountain."

GARY ZIMAK
Stop Worrying & Start Living



 Dynamic Catholic

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 28	For All Parishioners
Wed, April 29	For All Parishioners
Thurs, April 30	For All Parishioners
Fri, May 1	For All Parishioners
Sat, May 2	† Donna Turner by Ruth Spear
Sun, May 3	9:00 am For the sick and dying For All Parishioners 11:00 am For the poor souls in purgatory

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
May 10	† Delores Stencel by Kim In recognition of all mothers living & deceased by the KC Auxiliary
May 17	Sponsors Needed
May 24	Sponsors Needed
May 31	Sponsors Needed

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 4/27	ACTS 6:8-15	JN 6:22-29
Tues: 4/28	ACTS 7:51—8:1A	JN 6:30-35
Wed: 4/29	ACTS 8:1B-8	JN 6:35-40
Thurs: 4/30	ACTS 8:26-40	JN 6:44-51
Fri: 5/1	ACTS 9:1-20	JN 6:52-59
Sat: 5/2	ACTS 9:31-42	JN 6:60-69
Sun: 5/3	ACTS 2:14A, 36-41 1 PT 2:20B-25	PS 23: 1-3A, 3B4, 5, 6 JN 10:1-10

Donate Online to St. Theodore's!

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

- ◆ Scroll down and check "Catholic Parishes"
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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 Weekends anytime
- ◆ KATE Radio 1450 AM: Sunday, 9:00 am
- ◆ KIMT Channel 3: Sunday 7:30 am
- ◆ KEYC Channel 12: Sunday 7:30 am
- ◆ KEYC-DT, Digital Channel 12.2 or Charter Channel 19 NEYC: Sunday 9:30 am

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



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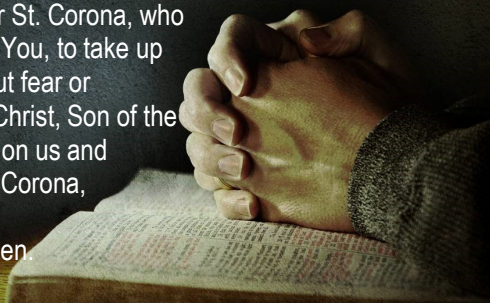
Loaves and Fishes

serving the public on Mondays starting at 5:00 pm.

We are now on Facebook. Please be sure to like us!

Prayer in Time of Epidemics

Lord Jesus Christ, you came into this world for our salvation. Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic. Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord. Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world. St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us. Amen.



Liturgical Ministers



Saturday

Sunday

5:15 pm

9:00 am

11:00 am

Accompanist

Cantor

Lectors

Altar Servers

We are now currently taping our 4th Sunday of Easter 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

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, St. Theodore's First Communion class 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. Like these children, 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.

NEED AN ESCAPE! The Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, MN remains open. In addition to the Church, the outdoor stations and sites are very inspiring and conducive to prayer.

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