

St. Theodore



Albert Lea

St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!

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This solemnity, celebrated on Sunday in many parts of the country but also on Thursday in others, once again takes on the meaning of the paschal mystery for all the faithful. In the first reading and Gospel, we hear about the journey of the risen Lord, and in the letter to the Hebrews we can clearly see the depth of Christ's sacrifice, through which he obtained our salvation. Christ goes to the Father but does not abandon his disciples; he keeps his promise to accompany them and promises the Holy Spirit will strengthen the ministry he has called them to. On this solemnity, Christ invites us to once again celebrate God's victory over fear and evil. How do today's readings and the meaning of this solemnity confront the shadows in our contemporary culture, such as fear, hatred, and racism? How can our Lord's victory overcome the presence of these shadows?



Esta solemnidad, celebrado el domingo en muchas partes del país pero también el jueves en otros, una vez más toma el significado del misterio Pascual para todos los fieles. En la primera lectura y Evangelio, escuchamos sobre el viaje del Señor resucitado, y en la carta a los hebreos podemos ver claramente la profundidad del sacrificio de Cristo, a través del cual obtuvo nuestra salvación. Cristo va al padre pero no abandona a sus discípulos; él mantiene su promesa de acompañarlos y promete el Espíritu Santo fortalecerá el Ministerio que les ha llamado. En esta solemnidad, Christ nos invita a celebrar una vez más la victoria de Dios sobre el miedo y el mal. ¿Cómo las lecturas de hoy y el significado de esta solemnidad frente a las sombras en nuestra cultura contemporánea, como el miedo, el odio y el racismo? ¿Cómo superar la victoria de nuestro Señor la presencia de estas sombras?

The Weekend Parking Lot Mass

This Mass is a live one hour Broadcast Mass

RADIO & TV MASSES

Sunday: 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)
9:30 am (Español)
Also posted on our parish website and Facebook page!

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Prayer Chapel open all hours
(with restrictions)

Parish Office Hours

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

Office staff is closed to the public.
Please call by phone or email and staff will respond when appropriate.

PRAYER CHAIN

Deanna Ille
373 - 6285 ♦ deille@charter.net

From the Desk of Father Kurt

This Sunday most of our congregations will be celebrating the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This feast is traditionally celebrated 40 days after Easter, but is often moved to the following Sunday so it can be celebrated with more solemnity. The readings for the feast of the Ascension of the Lord all focus on placing our hope and trust in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We trust not so much in our own human abilities, but in the person of Jesus, who we have come to believe is our God. A Christian is not only someone who follows the human example of Jesus, but also one who receives the gift of God in his or her heart. This gift is His Spirit that He promised to all who would come to believe in Him. Those of us who have received the gift of the Holy Spirit are called to walk with Jesus in this life, with hope that we will one day be raised to the place where Christ has ascended.

To ascend means to move upward on an inclining slope. It is not an easy walk, but one that requires perseverance and endurance. Jesus never promised that the walk would be easy, but he did promise to be with us all the way. On this feast of the Ascension, let us recommit ourselves to live for Christ, with the reassurance that he is with us, holding our hand as we walk along the way.

Love in Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal (5/15/2020)

| Goal | Amount Received | % Goal Received |
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| \$61,725.00 | \$24,475.00 | 38.13% |

Daily Scripture Readings

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| Mon: 5/25 | ACTS 19:1-8 | JN 16:29-33 |
| Tues: 5/26 | ACTS 20:17-27 | JN 17:1-11A |
| Wed: 5/27 | ACTS 20:28-38 | JN 17:11B-19 |
| Thurs: 5/28 | ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11 | JN 17:20-26 |
| Fri: 5/29 | ACTS 25:13B-21 | JN 21:15-19 |
| Sat: 5/30 | ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31 | JN 21:20-25 |
| Sun: 5/31 | ACTS 2:1-11 | PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 |
| | 1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13 | JN 20:19-23 |

Weekend TV Mass

The dispensation from the obligation to attend and participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in effect for all who may be hesitant or afraid at this time to be in larger gatherings. St. Theodore will continue to provide the opportunity to listen to Mass on 1450 AM, KATE radio.

- ◆ Parish website: sttheo.org
- ◆ KATE Radio 1450 AM: Weekends anytime
- ◆ KATE Radio 1450 AM: Sunday, 9:00 am
- ◆ KIMT Channel 3: Rochester Sunday 7:30 am
- ◆ KEYC Channel 12: Mankato Sunday 7:30 am

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

Below are Charter Channels that work in our area

Charter Communication Channels in Albert Lea

- WGN Chicago, channel 15 7:00 a.m.
- CW-Rochester, channel 7 9:00 a.m.
- KIMT Mason City, channel 3 7:30 a.m.
- KEYC Mankato, channel 5 7:30 a.m.

Mass Intentions & Schedule

WEEKEND MASSES TO RESUME MAY 30 & 31, 2020

with restrictions. See insert for details

Daily Mass Being Celebrated

Those wanting to attend Daily Mass will no longer need to sign up. See insert for details

Confessions

4:00-5:00 PM Friday
or by appointment

Prayer Chapel

Open 24 hours a day
with restrictions

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| Tues, May 26 | † Darrel Johndro by Nancy Wendt |
| Wed, May 27 | † Betty Cashin by Don Cashin & family |
| Thurs, May 28 | For All Parishioners |
| Fri, May 29 | † Ches Gilbertson by Gerry Gilbertson |
| Sat, May 30 | † Adeline James & David & Glenn Sonnek by James family |
| Sun, May 31 | 9:00 am – Broadcast Mass For the Poor Souls in Purgatory For All Parishioners |

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

| Date | Intention(s) |
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| June 7 | † Lucy Luna by Ray Luna & Mary Larson Additional Sponsors Needed |
| June 14 | Sponsors Needed |
| June 21 | † Orren Olson from his loving family |
| June 28 | Sponsors Needed |

Parish Office Open to the Public

Monday – Thursday
8:00 am – 400 pm

Closed for lunch from 12-1pm and on Wednesdays
from 9:00-9:30 am so staff can attend Mass.

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”.

This Week's Activities & Reminders

St. Theodore's is gradually returning some of their parish activities.

All St. Theodore Council and Board Meetings
will resume starting May 28, 2020

Parish Council Meeting May 28, 2020
6:00 pm Mass in Church
6:30 pm Meeting in Marian Hall

Diocesan Pentecost Virtual Seminar Living and Growing in the Holy Spirit

May 30th, 8:30 am-Noon & May 31st, 3-5pm
Follow up meeting: June 7th, 3-4:30 pm

All are welcome to this online adaptation of a "Life in the Spirit" seminar that will awaken the hearts of all those that participate to God's love and transforming power. The seminar uses material from the popular series, *The Wild Goose*, along with praise, prayer and witness talks.

For more information or to register, please contact: Dcn. John Hust (nhust@aol.com) or Scott Schwalbe (scottschwlb@yahoo.com) or (cell: 507-208-0877)

Register via email or phone. Information about the seminar, along with the details on how to attend this **free** virtual seminar will be sent out a week before to all that are registered.



THE BIBLE ACCORDING TO KIDS

(The jewels found below are said to be written by actual students and are genuine, authentic, and unretouched. Compiled by Richard Lederer. They appear in the 12/31/95 issue of National Review.)

- ◆ Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pairs.
- ◆ Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles."
- ◆ "Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
- ◆ The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments."
- ◆ The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The fifth commandment is to humor thy father and mother. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery."
- ◆ "Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
- ◆ The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him."
- ◆ Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines."

St. Theodore School News

We did it! We made it through the crazy school year. Enjoy your summer break, you deserve it.

We are still accepting registration for St. Theodore's 2020-2021 School year. We have registration forms available on our website at www.sttheo.org. Please contact us if you would like any information. We offer tuition assistance, contact us for details.

St. Theodore School Weekly Newsletter is on the St. Theodore website at www.sttheo.org.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." PHI 4:13

Have a blessed weekend!

St. Theodore Catholic School

Faith Formation News

First Communion Families

We pray you are doing well. As of now, the latest update regarding First Communion is we still cannot set a date for this Sacrament. As soon as we are given the ok, we will be in contact with each of you. We pray that our Lord will continue to give you the strength you need to do the work He has give you today.
God Bless

Kristy Minear

St. Theodore Faith Formation



SCRIP is now being sold from our School Office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Please call the school prior so they can have your order ready for pickup at 507-373-9657. SCRIP will also be sold after the weekend Masses when they resume.

You can also order online. Contact Amanda Grzybowski for details at agrzybow@me.com

YOU KNOW YOU'RE CATHOLIC WHEN...

*You accidentally
genuflect before
entering your
seats at the
movie theater!*



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