



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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**Using** three other parables about the kingdom of heaven, today's Gospel provides accounts of joyful discovery, each character making their discoveries in familiar places: A man finds treasure in his field, a merchant of pearls finds a unique pearl, and fishermen find themselves with nets so full of fish that they need to throw some back. Jesus announces that the kingdom of heaven is in our midst, but he also announces the consequences of those who reject it. Even so, the Father consistently promises and offers his abundant mercy and forgiveness; his recompense is true love and the freedom to love and care for others unconditionally. Such was the case with Solomon in the first reading, who was rewarded with many blessings because he did not ask for wealth or power, but simply for the wisdom of God. The parables of the kingdom, presented in segments as the Gospel texts for previous Sundays, must be seen as a whole for the overall preparation of homilies, commentaries, prayers of the faithful, and even the liturgical music. Doing so teaches us that in listening to the word proclaimed, the seeds of God's love flourish in our hearts. But only hearts open to receive the message can share in its joy.

**Usando** otras tres parábolas sobre el reino de los cielos, el Evangelio de hoy proporciona relatos de descubrimiento gozoso, cada personaje haciendo sus descubrimientos en lugares familiares: Un hombre encuentra tesoro en su campo, un comerciante de perlas encuentra una perla única, y los pescadores se encuentran con redes tan llenas de peces que necesitan tirar algo hacia atrás. Jesús anuncia que el reino de los cielos está entre nosotros, pero también anuncia las consecuencias de aquellos que lo rechazan. Aun así, el Padre promete y ofrece constantemente su abundante misericordia y perdón; su recompensa es el amor verdadero y la libertad de amar y cuidar a los demás incondicionalmente. Tal fue el caso de Salomón en la primera lectura, quien fue recompensado con muchas bendiciones porque no pidió riqueza ni poder, sino que simplemente por la sabiduría de Dios. Las parábolas del reino, presentadas en segmentos como los textos evangélicos de domingos anteriores, deben ser vistas como un todo para la preparación general de homilias, comentarios, oraciones de los fieles e incluso la música litúrgica. Hacerlo nos enseña que al escuchar la palabra proclamada, las semillas del amor de Dios florecen en nuestros corazones. Pero sólo los corazones abiertos para recibir el mensaje pueden compartir su gozo.

There is a blessing hidden in every trial in life, but you have to be willing to open your heart to see them.



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## MASS TIMES

**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 9 & 11 am Masses

## 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

## Closed Friday

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

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## From the Desk of Father Kurt

### The Pearl of Great Price.

Why is it that we are always looking for something to look forward too? I think the phrase the grass is always greener on the other side sums up what I am trying to communicate. It does not matter if we end up getting the job, car, house, wife or husband that we always wanted, there will always be something else that grabs our attention, which draws us to it.

This striving after something will eventually leave us wanting and frustrated with life. Only when we come to acknowledge Jesus as our pearl of great price, will we stop searching for happiness and start enjoying all that life has to offer. With Jesus in the center of our lives everything else will fit around it neatly. Let us all make Jesus our pearl of great price and stop striving after the something that was never there.

Love in Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

## Sacrificial Giving

July 15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$11,948.51	\$749.00	\$335.00	\$0.00

## 2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal (7/17/2020)

Goal	Amount Received	% Goal Received
\$61,725.00	\$27,130.00	43.95%

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 7/27	JER 13:1-11	MT 13:31-35
Tues: 7/28	JER 14:17-22	MT 13:36-43
Wed: 7/29	JER 15:10, 16-21	JN 11:19-27
Thurs: 7/30	JER 18:1-6	MT 13:47-53
Fri: 7/31	JER 26:1-9	MT 13:54-58
Sat: 8/1	JER 26:11-16, 24	MT 14:1-12
Sun: 8/2	IS 55:1-3	PS 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
	ROM 8:35, 37-39	MT 14:13-21



### SEEKING FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN

We are currently seeking a full-time custodian to work 30-40 hours/week with benefits. Evening and weekend time will be required. This person will work with the Maintenance Director to ensure a clean, safe and well maintained environment. This position is

subject to a background check and VIRTUS training as part of St. Theodore's ongoing commitment to provide a safe worship and learning space for all. Interested applicants can acquire a job description and application either online at [www.sttheo.org](http://www.sttheo.org) or from the Parish office. If interested, submittal of a letter of interest and a completed application can be emailed to [administration@sttheo.org](mailto:administration@sttheo.org) or by mail to the Parish office at 308 E. Fountain Street, Albert Lea by August 3, 2020.

## Mass Intentions & Schedule

The dispensation from the obligation to attend and participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in effect until further notice for all who may be hesitant 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.

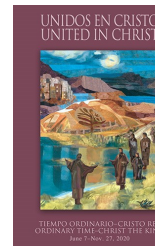
Tues July 28	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Theodore Sipple by Bob Whelan Family	Church Church
Wed July 29	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Bernie Preibe by Corald & Connie Peterson	Church Church
Thurs July 30	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Leon Steffen	Church Church
Fri July 31		<b>No Mass</b> Gutknecht Funeral	
Sat Aug 1	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Mary Ann Wilder by family	Church Church Church
Sun Aug 2	8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary <b>Mass</b> For the intentions of Judy Jaquette For the living an deceased family members of Judy Popp-Anderson and For a All Parishioners <b>Hispanic Mass</b> † Maria Hermelinda Adams by Roberto, her husband	Church Church  Church

## Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Aug 9	† Mary & John Crusier and Carmella & Leonard Shellhamer Sr. by Lenny & Joan-Anne Shelhamer
Aug 16	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>
Aug 23	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>
Aug 30	† Mr. & Mrs. Felix Luna Sr. by Ray Luna & Mary Larson <b>Additional Sponsors Needed</b>

### United In Christ


We have a gracious volunteer who is willing to deliver a United in Christ book to those who are listening to Mass at home and would like a book to follow along. Please call the parish office and provide your name and address so we can get one out to you!



## This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon July 27	No Parish Activities	
Tues July 28	Endowment Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm	Virtual Meeting
Wednesday-Thursday July 29- July 30 No Parish Activities		
Fri July 31	Funeral: Suzanne Gutknecht 11:00 am	Church
Sat Aug 1	Wedding: Perez & Peralta 1:00-2:00 pm	Church
Sat Aug 2	No Parish Activities	

## Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday August 1, 2020	Sunday August 2, 2020	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	No Music	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch
Cantor	No Cantor	?	Raul
Lectors	Leon Axtman	Kim /Dan Otten	Picked by Eneida
Eucharistic Ministers	3 needed from July schedule	5 needed from July schedule	3 needed from schedule
No Altar Servers until further notice			

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# VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> Online

**VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> Protecting God's Children training is now available Online.**

Individuals are encouraged to become VIRTUS trained easily, in the comfort and safety of their home. Please go to our parish website, [sttheo.org](http://sttheo.org), and click on the "Online VIRTUS Training Instructions". Step-by-step instructions are available to go online and take the VIRTUS training! If you need additional assistance, please contact the parish office at 507-373-0603.

Please prayerfully consider taking a little extra time out of your day to help St. Theodore's continue to build a safe environment supported by its parish family! Thank you!



*Graduating Seniors who were in attendance for the St. Theodore Baccalaureate Mass July 19, 2020 Congratulations!*

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