



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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**At times**, we imagine that the Lord is hidden from us or is absent from our lives, especially when we need him the most. The reality is, in fact, that we are the ones who fail to recognize him. The Lord is always in our midst. In today's first reading, the prophet Elijah waits for the passing of the Lord, but the Lord is neither in the noises around him, or in the fire; rather, the Lord passes through the gentle breeze. In the Gospel reading, when the apostles see Jesus walking on the water, they at first confuse him for a ghost. When Peter goes to ensure that he is, indeed, the Lord, Jesus invites Peter to join him on the water, but Peter begins to sink out of fear, and Jesus saves him. In our own lives, we have similar experiences. Surrounded by shadows that confuse us on our journey, we sometimes fail to recognize that Jesus is always at our side. But once we realize that the Lord is present in the compassionate voice of a friend, family member, priest, or lay minister, we are able to turn our hearts toward him, and thank him for his help in difficult times. Is it true that we sometimes fail to recognize Christ Jesus in others? Can we point out some of the reasons why this might be true?



**A veces**, imaginamos que el Señor está oculto de nosotros o está ausente de nuestra vida, especialmente cuando más lo necesitamos. La realidad es, de hecho, que somos nosotros los que no lo reconocemos. El Señor siempre está entre nosotros.

En la primera lectura de hoy, el profeta Elías espera el fallecimiento del Señor, pero el Señor no está ni en los ruidos que le rodean, ni en el fuego; más bien, el Señor pasa a través de la suave brisa. En la lectura evangélica, cuando los apóstoles ven a Jesús caminando sobre el agua, al principio lo confunden con un fantasma. Cuando Pedro va a asegurarse de que él es, de hecho, el Señor, Jesús invita a Pedro a unirse a él en el agua, pero Pedro comienza a hundirse por miedo, y Jesús lo salva. En nuestra propia vida, tenemos experiencias similares. Rodeados de sombras que nos confunden en nuestro camino, a veces no reconocemos que Jesús está siempre a nuestro lado. Pero una vez que nos damos cuenta de que el Señor está presente en la voz compasiva de un amigo, familiar, sacerdote o ministro laico, podemos volver nuestro corazón hacia él y agradecerle su ayuda en tiempos difíciles. ¿Es cierto que a veces no reconocemos a Cristo Jesús en los demás? ¿Podemos señalar algunas de las razones por las que esto podría ser cierto?

## 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

## Parish Office Hours

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

**Closed Friday**

Office closes from 9:00-9:45 am on

## PRAYER CHAIN

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## From the Desk of Father Kurt

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus invites Peter to come to Him walking on water. This act of faith of Peter is what Jesus wants from each of us. We might not be asked to walk on water, but we might be asked to trust him during difficult circumstances in our lives, the loss of a job, the death of a loved one, a diagnosis of a serious illness or just to continue on with our lives as we face the fears of a pandemic. Whatever the case may be, the Lord is there to catch us if we fall. Jesus has been there for us time in and time out when we have needed him, and has never given us an excuse not to trust Him, so let us be free to jump into the waters of life with courage that Jesus will help us meet whatever challenge that lie ahead.

Love in Christ,  
Father Kurt Farrell

## Sacrificial Giving

July 29<sup>th</sup> - August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$10,490.84	\$620.00	\$305.00	\$260.00

## 2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal (7/31/2020)

Goal	Amount Received	% Goal Received
\$61,725.00	\$27,380.00	44.36%

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 8/10	2 COR 9:6-10	JN 12:24-26
Tues: 8/11	EZ 2:8, 3:4	MT 18:1-5, 10
Wed: 8/12	EZ 9:1-7; 10:18-22	MT 18:15-20
Thurs: 8/13	EZ 12:1-12	MT 18:21, 19:1
Fri: 8/14	EZ 16:1-15, 60, 63	MT 19:3-12
Sat: 8/15	RV 11:19A, 12:1-6A; 10A,B	PS 45:10, 11,12, 16
Sun: 8/16	1 COR 15:20-27	LK 1:39-56
	IS 56:1, 6-7	PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
	R 11:13-15, 29-32	MT 15:21-28

**Thank You** Sue Miller has resigned her position as Parish Administrator. We are so grateful for the time she spent with us and the varied ways she blessed St. Theodore's with her many gifts and talents. Her faith filled leadership will be missed and we wish her all the best as she moves into this new phase in her faith journey.

## Parish Envelopes

We are currently putting together our parish envelope order for 2021. To help us maintain our costs, please let us know if you would prefer to no longer receive your envelopes as you have made other arrangements for your sacrificial giving, please contact the parish office at 373-0603 so our records can be updated. We will not order envelopes for those that didn't pick up their 2020 box of envelopes or we have no record of use through 2019. If you don't have envelopes and would like to start receiving them, please be sure to let us know on or before August 31st, 2020. **Thank you**

## 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 Aug 11		<b>NO Mass</b>	
Wed Aug 2		<b>NO Mass</b>	
Thurs Aug 13	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Darlene & Mark Delgado	Church Church
Fri Aug 14	8:30 am 9:00 am  5:30 pm	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Special Intention by Gerry Gilbertson  <b>Mass: Vigil of the Assumption</b>	Church Church Church
Sat Aug 15	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Deloris Stencel by Kim	Church Church Church
Sun Aug 16	8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Leon Steffen by family & friends † Dennis L. Smith by Keiko and For a All Parishioners  <b>Hispanic Mass</b> † Ricardo Renteria by family	Church Church Church

## Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Aug 23	† Phil Luna by Ray Luna & Mary Larson † Gwen Tatarek by Andy & Family <b>Additional Sponsors Needed</b>
Aug 30	† Mr. & Mrs. Felix Luna Sr. by Ray Luna & Mary Larson <b>Additional Sponsors Needed</b>
Sept 6	† Dale Peters by Pat Peters
Sept 13	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>

**Employment Opportunity**

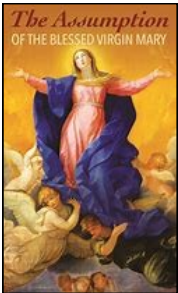
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## This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Aug 10	<b>Loaves &amp; Fished</b> 5:00-6:30 pm	Marian Hall
Tues Aug 11	<b>Music Selection Meeting</b> 6:30 -8:30 pm	Parish Meeting Room
Wed Aug 12	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6:00-7:00 am	Parish Meeting Room
	<b>Knights of Columbus Meeting</b> 7:00-8:30 pm	Church Basement
<b>Thursday - Friday</b> August 13-14 <b>No Parish Activities</b>		
Sat Aug 15	<b>First Communion Dress Rehearsal</b> 3:00-4:30 pm	Church
	<b>First Communion</b> 5:15 pm	Church
Sun Aug 16	<b>First Communion</b> 11:00 am	Church

To avoid people draining their car batteries during the parking lot Mass, attendees no longer need to have their lights on. Ministers will continue to bring the Eucharist to those parked in our lake side parking lot.

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most joyful of our liturgical Solemnities. The Church on earth and the Church in Heaven join in the infinite glory of God, who welcomes and crowns his Mother. Today is the day of Mary's birth in Heaven which celebrates the triumph of her soul and her body. Celebrated at St. Theodore, 5:30 pm, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020*




### Did You Know



In the late 1860's and early 1870's, the Catholic people of Albert Lea were served by priests who came from other parts of Minnesota. In 1875, Fr. Theodore Venn established his residence at St. Mary, Wisner's Grove and became the first pastor to make regular visits to Albert Lea. Through his leadership, the Catholic families of the Albert Lea vicinity built the first St. Theodore Church, which was dedicated on September 9, 1877. Father Peter Daignault became the first resident pastor to Albert Lea and its missions.

## Liturgical Ministers

	<b>Saturday</b> August 15, 2020	<b>Sunday</b> August 16, 2020	
	<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	????	Ada Theusch	????
<b>Cantor</b>	????	????	Raul
<b>Lectors</b>	First Communion Candidates	Nick Schiltz	Picked by Eneida
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	3 needed from August schedule	5 needed from August schedule	3 needed from schedule
No Altar Servers until further notice			

### St. Theodore School News

## Golf Tournament Fundraiser

For  
**St. Theodore School**  
Sunday, August 30, 2020  
Wedgewood Cove  
4 Person Best Shot  
1:00 pm Shotgun Start  
\$400 per team of 4  
Dinner & Auction to follow.

See parish website for details at [sttheo.org](http://sttheo.org)

LORD. MAKE ME AN  
INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.  
WHERE THERE IS HATRED.  
LET ME SOW LOVE. WHERE  
THERE IS INJURY. PARDON.  
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT. FAITH.  
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR.  
HOPE. WHERE THERE IS  
DARKNESS. LIGHT. WHERE  
THERE IS SADNESS. JOY.

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