



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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*Angel Mendez*

*Evy Christensen*

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*Hannah Conn*

*Grace Nelson*

*Erik De Leon*

*Reece Nelson*

*Dominica Eckstrom*

*Ally Rasmussen*

*Laura Flagherty*

*Stephanie Redman*

*Elise Grzybowski*

*William Taylor*

*Logan Hacker*

*Abigail Theusch*

*Caleb Hanson*

*Karla Yebra*

## 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

Deanna Ille

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## From the Desk of Father Kurt

"You duped me O Lord and I let myself be duped."

The words of the prophet Jeremiah are a heart felt prayer to God, which express his true feelings of pain and anguish. God does not mind if we tell him like it is. What he does mind however is hiding from the truth of human suffering. Whether we like it or not the Christian life comes with the cross, and we will never be able to avoid it. In the Gospel this Sunday, Saint Peter tries to convince Jesus that the cross is not necessary, and he gets rebuked for doing so.

We do not have to like the crosses that are given to us in our life, but we have to accept them as a part of the price paid for our redemption. It is okay for us to let God know that we are suffering, and to ask for his support during our supplication. We must however come to believe that Jesus will never abandon us, but will support us during our times of suffering, and bring us to the glory of His Resurrection.

Love in Christ,  
Father Kurt Farrell

## Sacrificial Giving

August 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$7,156.00	\$670.80	\$135.00	\$20.00

## 2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal (8/21/2020)

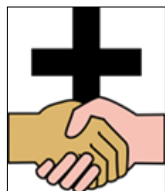
Goal	Amount Received	% Goal Received
\$61,725.00	\$29,437.00	46.35%

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 8/31	1 Cor 2: 1-5	Lk 4: 16-30
Tues: 9/1	1 Cor 2: 10B-16	Lk 4: 31-37
Wed: 9/2	1 Cor 3: 1-9	Lk 4: 38-44
Thurs: 9/3	1 Cor 3:18-23	Lk 5: 1-11
Fri: 9/4	1 Cor 4: 1-5	Lk 5: 33-39
Sat: 9/5	1 Cor 4: 6B-15	Lk 6: 1-5
Sun: 9/6	Ez 7-9	Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9
	Rom 13: 8-10	Mt 18: 15-20

## Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Sept 13	† Henry Kalis by Violet Kalis Family
Sept 20	† Loretta Kermes by Harold & Family
Sept 27	† Darrell Johndro by the families of Bob & Marilyn Blong
Oct 4	† Tautges, Rathman, Rhodes, & Stadick Family members by Larry, Rich & Betty
Oct 11	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>



**Home Visits:** Father would love to visit and get to know our homebound parishioners. If you or someone you know would like Father to come for a visit, please contact the parish office to set up a time at 373-0603.

## 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 Sept 1	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Theodore Sipple by Bob Whelan	
Wed Sept 2	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Byron Spear by Ruth Spear	
Thurs Sept 3	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Bernie Priebe by Ruth Spear	
Fri Sept 4	8:30 am	Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> In honor of Don Boom's sister, Darlene Lutter, by Don & Sharyl Boom	
Sat Sept 5	4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
	4:45 pm	Rosary	
	5:15 pm	<b>Mass</b> † Patricia Luna Wind by Ray Luna & Mary Larson	
Sun Sept 6	8:30 am	Reconciliation & Rosary	Church
	9:00 am	<b>Mass</b> † Dale Peters by Pat Peters and For a All Parishioners	
	11:00 am	<b>Hispanic Mass</b> In reparation for our sins	

## \*\*\*\*\*SCAM ALERT\*\*\*\*\*

Recently various parishioners and parish staff have been receiving emails or texts that appear to be coming from Father Kurt asking for assistance. This **scam** is asking you to purchase gift cards for Father Kurt to use for parishioners in need. Please **DO NOT** respond to this email and report it to your service provider as soon as you are able. Father Kurt will never send out emails or texts asking for assistance in this manner. Thank you!

## Marriage Anniversary Mass

Bishop John M. Quinn, requests the honor of your presence at the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass: Sunday, September 13, 2020. Mass will take place at 2pm at Holy Spirit Parish, 5455 50th Ave NW, Rochester. Each couple will receive an anniversary certificate after the Mass as a reception will not be held. If you prefer wish to participate online only, please register at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org) (and let us know that is your preference) and we will send you the liturgy program via e-



This Week's Activities & Reminders			Liturgical Ministers			
Mon Aug 31	NO Loaves & Fished			Saturday September 5, 2020	Sunday September 6, 2020	
Tues Sept 1	No Parish Activities			5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Wed Sept 2	Morning Prayer Group 6:00-7:00 am	Parish Meeting Room	Accompanist	Ryan Hulshizer		Picked by Ramone
Thurs Sept 3	Parish Office Open : 9am-3pm Quilting Group 1:30-4:30 pm	Parish Office Church Basement	Cantor		Carrie Boyer	
Fri Sept 4	Office Hours Today: 9:00am-3:00pm No Parish Activities		Lectors	Bob Steffl	Sue Amundson	Picked by Eneida
Sat Sept 5	Baptism: Everly Bergen 3:00 pm	Church	Eucharistic Ministers	3 needed from August schedule	5 needed from August schedule	3 needed from schedule
Sat Sept 6	Baptism: Gael Barajas Barcia 10:00 am	Church	No Altar Servers until further notice			

### St. Theodore School News

Week one is in the books! This week has been a whirlwind getting used to the new normal. We are so proud of our students and staff. They have done a great job acclimating to the new routine. We are wearing our masks and distancing to keep each other safe. We know this year will be different but great like other years past.

Don't forget about the St. Theodore Golf Fundraiser on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Golf starts at 1:00pm and the dinner is at 6:00pm. Hope to see many of you there!

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

Have a blessed weekend!  
St. Theodore Catholic School

**Parish Office Hours For September 7-11**  
As the parish secretary will be on vacation, the parish office will only be open as follows:

**September 7-11th, 2020**  
**Monday (7th) Closed for Labor Day**  
**Tuesday -Thursday**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Friday - Closed**

**Relax  
Eat  
Travel  
Indulge  
Read  
Enjoy**

We are grateful for the many years Dan Bodensteiner has faithfully served as St. Theodore's bookkeeper. We wish him all the best as he finally gets to enjoy retirement and this new journey in life!

**Immigration Sunday Minnesota**  
is September 27, to coincide with the World Day of Migrants & Refugees. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee".

**Forced like Jesus Christ to flee**  
WORLD DAY  
MIGRANTS  
REFUGEES  
27-IX-2020

During the flight into Egypt, the child Jesus experienced with his parents the tragic fate of the displaced and refugees, "which is marked by fear, uncertainty and unease (cf. Mt 2:13-15, 19-23). Unfortunately, today, millions of families can identify with this sad reality. Media carries news of refugees fleeing from hunger, war and other grave dangers, in search of security and a dignified life for themselves and their families" (*Angelus*, 29 December 2013). In each of these people, Jesus is present as he was at the time of Herod. In the faces of the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, strangers and prisoners, we are called to see the face of Christ who pleads with us to help (cf. Mt 25:31-46). If we can recognize him in those faces, we will be the ones to thank him for having been able to meet, love and serve him in them. Please give generously.

**Welcome**

Starting Monday, August 31st, 2020, Leon Axtman will be serving St. Theodore Parish as our new Parish Administrator. We are excited to benefit from his past parish administrative experience and welcome him into our parish family!

We also thank Sue Miller for her strong service as our former administrator. We wish her all the best as she takes on her new position!

**Election Resources:** As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. Yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language. As Catholics, we must model a better way. The USCCB provides election year resources including Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, prayers, election logistics, and more, by visiting [www.MNCatholic.org/election](http://www.MNCatholic.org/election).

**SCRIP is once again being sold in the parish office during office hours.**

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