



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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**Today's reading** from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians stands out for its beauty and depth. Saint Paul preaches that Christians should not live for themselves, but for others, reminding them that Christ emptied himself of his divinity to become a slave for the salvation of the world. His call for the transformation of Christian life can only take place with God's grace and great effort. The example that Jesus presents in today's Gospel offers all of us a choice. A father asks his two sons if they will work in the vineyard. One says "yes" but does not go. The second one refuses, but ultimately changes his mind and goes to work. In these characters we find two images: those who follow the law and do not change, and the public sinners who disobey the law but see Jesus as an instrument of God's mercy, asking him to heal their wounds and forgive their sins. Which attitude are we developing as we serve the Lord in the Church?



**La lectura** de hoy de la carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses destaca por su belleza y profundidad. San Pablo predica que los cristianos no deben vivir por sí mismos, sino para los demás, recordándoles que Cristo se vació de su divinidad para convertirse en esclavo de la salvación del mundo. Su llamado a la transformación de la vida cristiana sólo puede tener lugar con la gracia de Dios y con gran esfuerzo. El ejemplo que Jesús presenta en el Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece a todos una opción. Un padre pregunta a sus dos hijos si trabajarán en la viña. Uno dice "sí" pero no va. El segundo se niega, pero finalmente cambia de opinión y se va a trabajar. En estos personajes encontramos dos imágenes: los que siguen la ley y no cambian, y los pecadores públicos que desobedecen la ley pero ven a Jesús como un instrumento de la misericordia de Dios, pidiéndole que sane sus heridas y perdone sus pecados. ¿Qué actitud estamos desarrollando al servir al Señor en la Iglesia?

## 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

Don't say yes unless you really mean it.

In the Gospel today Jesus tells a parable of two sons. One of the sons tells his father yes he will go to work in the field, but never goes. The other son tells his father no he will not do it, but thinks better of what he was asked, and goes and does it. After telling this parable to the chief priests and elders, he explains that the prostitutes and tax collectors are entering the Kingdom of God before them, because they are the ones who actually put faith in the word of God and repented of their sins.

It makes no sense to make promises to God that we have no intention of keeping. Unless we are willing to make a firm resolve to renounce sin and amend our sinful ways, our prayers to God are nothing but empty lip service. True faith leads to conversion of the heart and to a new way of living. Let us say "yes" to Jesus and really meant it.

Love in Christ,  
Father Kurt Farrell

## 2020 Catholic Ministry Appeal (9/21/2020)

Goal	Amount Received	% Goal Received
\$61,725.00	\$30,317.00	49.12%

## Sacrificial Giving

September 14-21, 2020

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$8,550.26	\$594.00	\$65.00	\$80.00

## Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Oct 11	† Dennis Smith by Keiko For Bishops, Priests, Deacons & Seminarians by Anonymous Donor & <b>Additional Sponsors Needed</b>
Oct 18	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>
Oct 25	† Leon Steffen by family & friends
Nov 1	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 9/28	Jb 1: 6-22	Lk 9: 46-50
Tues: 9/29	Dn 7:9-10, 14-14	Jn 1:47-51
Wed: 9/30	Jb 9: 1-12	Lk 9: 57-62
Thurs: 10/1	Jb 19: 21-27	Lk 10: 1-12
Fri: 10/2	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40: 3-5	Mt 18: 1-5, 10
Sat: 10/3	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17	Lk 10:17-24
Sun: 10/4	Is 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9	Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 21:33-43

## Real Presence Radio Annual Fall Live Drive October 6-9, 2020

To donate call 877-795-0122, 7am – 7pm, CST or donate online at  
[www.realpresencerradio.com](http://www.realpresencerradio.com)

## 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 29	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b>	Church Church
Wed Sept 30	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Odean Berg by Mary & Roger Jemming	Church Church
Thurs Oct 1	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Vince Warner Sr. by Marilyn Warner	Church Church
Fri Oct 2	8:30 am 9:00 am  9:30 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> For the marriage of Leon Axtman & Pegi Sorenson <b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30 pm <b>First Friday Confession</b> <b>Hispanic Holy Hour</b> 6:30pm-8:00pm	Church Church Church Church
Sat Oct 3	4:00 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Delores Stencil by Kim	Church Church Church
Sun Oct 4	8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Tautges, Rathman, Rhodes, & Stadick family members by Larry, Rich & Betty <b>Hispanic Mass</b> † Antonia Andrade by her nieces	Church Church Church



All prayer groups can once again schedule a gathering through the parish office at 373-0603. All attending are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing.



**Voting in 2020 – A Catholic Approach** - We are pleased to announce that we will also have a presentation by Anne Krisnik, Executive Director of JRLC. Anne will be


sharing with us practical ways of being involved in the political process beyond voting. Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 for this virtual event, sponsored by the Diocesan Social Concerns Committee and Catholic Charities of Southern MN. Registration is required – for more information or to register please contact Lisa Kremer at [lkremer@ccsommn.org](mailto:lkremer@ccsommn.org)



## This Week's Activities & Reminders

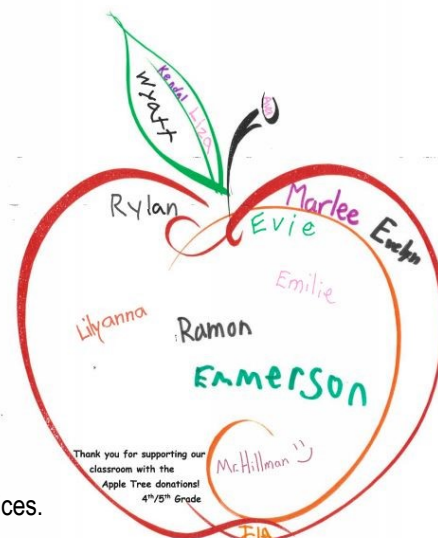
Mon Sept 28	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 5-6:30 pm <b>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group</b> 6:00-7:00 pm	Marian Hall  Church Patio
Tues Sept 29	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b> 3:30-7:00 pm	School
Wed Sept 30	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6:00-7:00 am <b>Faith Formation - 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> Grades only</b> 7:30-8:30 am	Parish Meeting Room  Marian Hall
Thurs Oct 1	<b>Quilting Group</b> 1:30 -4:30 pm <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b> 3:30-7:00 pm	Church Basement  School
Fri Oct 2	<b>No School</b> <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b> 8:00 am-12:00 pm <b>Wedding: Sorenson &amp; Axtman</b> 2:00 pm	School  Church
Sat Oct 3	<b>Wedding: Velazquez &amp; Plaza</b> 1:00 pm	Church
Sat Oct 4	<b>KC Auxiliary Coffee &amp; Rolls</b> 10:00 am <b>Baptism: Zamora</b> 11:00 am	Marian Hall  Church

## Liturgical Ministers

	<b>Saturday</b> October 3, 2020	<b>Sunday</b> October 4, 2020	
	<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ryan Hulshizer	AdaTheusch	
<b>Cantor</b>	Stephanie Redman	Betsy Schultz	
<b>Lectors</b>	Mary Larscheid	Penny Jahnke	Picked by Carmon
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	3 needed from October schedule	5 needed from October schedule	3 needed from schedule
No Altar Servers until further notice			

## St. Theodore School News

Mr. Hillman and St. Theodore's 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades would like to thank you for supporting their classroom with Apple Tree Donations!



There are still a few apples remaining if you would still like to donate! Items can be dropped off at the school or parish offices.

As a reminder, the month of October, St. Theodore Catholic School will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" Bag at the Hy-Vee store located at Hy-Vee 2708 Bridge Avenue, Albert Lea MN.

Have a blessed weekend!  
St. Theodore Catholic School

## 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, please submit a completed application by emailed to [administration@sttheo.org](mailto:administration@sttheo.org) or send to the Parish office at 308 E. Fountain Street, Albert Lea by **September 30, 2020**.



## Faith Formation News

**Confirmation Classes Postponed**  
Our Confirmation Faith Formation Class will be meeting **September 30th**.

Please be sure to check St. Theodore's media sources for any changes or updates.

Kristy Minear ♦ St. Theodore Faith Formation



Catholics across the U.S. unite through the Box of Joy ministry to send Christmas gifts to children in developing countries. The Austin Area Council of Catholic Women sponsors this program and 435 boxes were collected and sent to Cross Catholic Outreach to be distributed to seven foreign countries. St. Theodore is starting out with 10 boxes located in the back of church. If you would be interested in filling a box, please sign your name and number on the sheet located next to the boxes. All boxes will need to be back in our parish office by Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. The boxes have a list in them of items needed and also \$9 is needed in each box for postage – \$2 of the nine go the mission.



**Parish Records:** Please call the parish office at 373-0603 to let us know if there are any changes or updates we need to make to your parish record. Thank you!



**Knights of Columbus**  
**October Fest Fundraising Event**  
October 10, 2020

Serving Starts at 6:00 pm  
East Fountain Street Lakeside Parking Lot  
Menu includes Brats, hotdogs, chips, pop & water. **Free will offering** with all proceeds going towards the school's new!

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