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If we let ourselves get carried away by the outward appearance of others without really knowing them, we can easily mistake the depth of their commitment. God does not look at appearances but at each of our hearts, and he helps us grow. Today Saint Paul invites us to recognize that God's grace makes us strong if we acknowledge our weaknesses and set aside arrogance or behavior that makes us appear to be different from what we are. Jesus himself was questioned in his own land because no one could understand where his wisdom came from; the people didn't recognize in him the presence of the God who sent him to proclaim the kingdom. As a result, he was tossed to the side on more than one occasion. But Jesus was faithful to his message. Should we not do the same? Are we transparent in our public life so others can see our intentions and wishes to live a life of faith in our community and in service to God's people? This applies not only to the clergy but also to those who have made a commitment to serving their community and assisting the clergy in building the kingdom of heaven in their neighborhoods.



Si nos dejamos llevar por la apariencia externa de los demás sin conocerlos realmente, podemos confundir fácilmente la profundidad de su compromiso. Dios no mira las apariencias, sino cada uno de nuestros corazones, y nos ayuda a crecer. Hoy San Pablo nos invita a reconocer que la gracia de Dios nos hace fuertes si reconocemos nuestras debilidades y dejamos de lado la arrogancia o el comportamiento que nos hace parecer diferentes de lo que somos. Jesús mismo fue cuestionado en su propia tierra porque nadie podía entender de dónde venía su sabiduría; el pueblo no reconoció en él la presencia del Dios que lo envió a proclamar el reino. Como resultado, fue puesto a un lado en más de una ocasión. Pero Jesús fue fiel a su mensaje. ¿No deberíamos hacer lo mismo? ¿Somos transparentes en nuestra vida pública para que otros puedan ver nuestras intenciones y deseos de vivir una vida de fe en nuestra comunidad y en servicio al pueblo de Dios? Esto se aplica no sólo al clero, sino también a aquellos que se han comprometido a servir a su comunidad y ayudar al clero en la construcción del reino de los cielos en sus vecindarios.

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

This Sunday is the 4th of July, the celebration of our independence. This week the Church celebrated the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Saint Pope John Paul II eloquently wrote this about these two great men.

In their apostolic mission, Saints Peter and Paul were obliged to face difficulties of every kind. Instead of deterring their missionary activity, these difficulties reinforced their zeal for the Church's welfare and for the salvation of mankind. They were able to overcome every trial because their trust was not based on human resources but on the grace of the Lord, who delivers His friends from every evil and saves them for His kingdom. May our holy patrons, Peter and Paul, sustain us and obtain for us that missionary zeal which made them witnesses of Christ to the ends of their known world.

Our world today is in need of the missionary zeal that inspired Peter and Paul to lay down their lives. We must also realize the freedom to practice our faith that we have in this country has been won for us by the sacrifice of others. Peter and Paul died spreading the Gospel of Jesus. We are free to practice the faith they died for because brave men and women died fighting to preserve our freedom in this country. Let us allow the Martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul and our fallen veterans to inspire us to live our lives with the conviction worthy of their sacrifice.

Love in Christ,

Father Kurt Farrell

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues July 6	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † In reparation for our sins	Church Church
Wed July 7	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Bob Keogh by the Jemmings	Church Church
Thurs July 8	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Theresa Cox by Gerry	Church Church
Fri July 9	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Dorrene Walker by her husband, Dick and sister, Pat.	Church Church
Sat July 10	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass † Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church
Sun July 11	8:30 am 9:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass For the living & deceased family members of Judy Popp-Anderson	Church Church
	11:00 am	Hispanic Mass † Macario Becerra & Maria del Carmen Ambriz	Church

Sacrificial Giving

June 21-27, 2021

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$6,722.51	\$1,051.33	\$0.00	\$10.00

2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	\$55,605.00
Amount Received (6.25.21)	\$31,072.00

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 7/5	Gn 28:10-22a	Mt 9:18-26
Tues: 7/6	Gn 32:23-33	Mt 9:32-38
Wed: 7/7	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a	Mt 10:1-7
Thu: 7/8	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5	Mt 10:7-15
Fri: 7/9	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30	Mt 10:16-23
Sat: 7/10	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a	Mt 10:24-33
Sun: 7/11	Am 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10	Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 Mk 6:7-13

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
July 18	For all people listening on the radio Sponsors Needed
July 25	Sponsors Needed
Aug 1	† Michael Moore by Suzanne Moore & friends
Aug 8	† Polly Schiltz by family † William & Ramona Boyer by family
Aug 15	† Dorrene Walker by Dick † Art & Helen Rudolph
Aug 22	† Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary



**St. Theodores will be hosting the
Red Cross Blood Drive,**

Friday, July 30, 2021 from 12-6 pm in Marian Hall.

Nursing Home Masses

As COVID restrictions continue to lift, Father Kurt is once again able to visit our nursing homes. Starting in July, below is Father's schedule.

1st Thursday of the Month - Distribution of Eucharist at all St. Johns locations

2nd Thursday of the Month - 2:00 pm Mass at Good Samaritan

3rd Thursday of the Month - 2:00 pm Mass at Thorne Crest.

Father will continue to have 9:00 Mass at St. Theodores on these dates also.

Invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary:

We fly to your protection, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but ever deliver us from all danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.

Help of Christians, pray for us.

Grant that we may praise you, holy Virgin; give us power against your enemies. Our Mother, in whom we trust!

O Virgin Mary Mother of God, plead with Jesus for us.

Most noble Queen of the world, Mary ever Virgin who bore Christ the Lord and Savior of all, intercede for our peace and salvation.

Mary, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, protect us from the enemy, and receive us at the hour of our death.

Most loving Virgin Mary, hasten to aid in all trials, in our troubles and in our needs, and beg for us from your beloved Son deliverance from every evil and from all danger to soul and body.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer us.



NO Loaves & Fishes All July

This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon July 5	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED NO Loaves & Fishes NO Parish Activities	
Tues July 6	Funeral: Delores Curry 1:00 pm	Bonnerup
Wed July 7	Morning Prayer Group 6:00-7:00am	Parish Meeting Room
Thurs July 8	Knight of Columbus Meeting 6:30-8:00pm	Church Basement
Fri July 9	Parish Office Closed Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8:00pm	Church Church
Sat July 10	No Additional Activities	
Sun July 11	Graveside Service: Pat & Darrel Johndro 1-2:00 pm	St. Theodore Cemetery

Coming Back To Mass: An Opportunity to Evangelize!

Our Diocese is putting together a series of short videos encouraging folks to come to Mass and looking for individuals and families to participate. Volunteers will be asked to share why they attend Mass, why the Eucharist is important to them, and encourage others to return to Mass. Participants will be filmed during Mass and then film the interviews afterwards.

If you or your family would like to participate, please contact Philip Briskey at the Diocese of Winona-Rochester at 608-385-1341 or email him at pbrishey@dowr.org.




We are excited to announce the latest addition to our Parish Staff!

Irene Nelson has graciously accepted the position of St. Theodore's Faith Formation/Religious Education Director! Irene and her husband, Bradley, and two children, Reece and Justine, are from Glenville, MN. Irene has been a parishioner at St. Theodore's Catholic Church for nearly 20 years and has taught Faith Formation classes and Children's Liturgy in the past. She actively volunteers at church events in conjunction with her children's respective Faith Formation classes throughout the liturgical year. Irene is originally from Pipestone, MN, and graduated from South Dakota State University with a degree in Agricultural Journalism. Over the past 28 years she has held a variety of positions. Irene shares, "My Catholic faith and experience working with the public, as well as being a 4-H leader, teacher, event planner, and youth coordinator is why I am at St. Theodore's today. I feel extremely blessed to have been given such a wonderful opportunity and am excited to provide leadership of St. Theodore's education and formational activities. I am eager to help continue St. Theodore's religious instruction by helping create memorable, educational, faith-filled experiences for all its students from preschool through 12th grade and am especially looking forward to helping our students prepare for their sacramental celebrations."

During the work week Irene can be found in the Parish Office each morning and in the School Office each afternoon. Please feel free to email her at ian@sttheo.org with any questions regarding our Faith Formation program. Welcome, Irene!

Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday July 10, 2021	Sunday July 11, 2021	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	AdaTheusch	AdaTheusch	
Cantor	Stephanie Redman	Abbie Theusch	
Lectors	Axtmans	Dennis Dieser	
Servers	Schedule is pending.		
Eucharistic Ministers	4 from the current month	5 from the current month	

St. Theodore School News

Golf Tournament Fundraiser

For

St. Theodore School

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Wedgewood Cove

4 Person 18 Hole Best Shot

1:00 pm start

\$400 per team of 4

Dinner & Auction to follow

Contact Matt Tubbs at 507-369-5601
or Melissa Wittmer at 507-383-3099 to
reserve your spot!

Albert Lea Civic Music Scholarship Committee Announces The Helen Wiplinger Piano and Organ Scholarship Auditions August 12, 2021.

These scholarships offer lessons for the school year to eligible students/adults through an audition process. To learn more, please go to www.albertleacivicmusic.com and click the "Scholarships" tab. For questions, please contact Eileen Nelson Ness 507-377-2075 or Sue Jorgensen 507-377-1580.

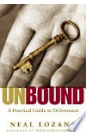
Deadline for the application for is July 26, 2021.



St. Theodore Unbound Prayer Ministry Training: July 16, 6:30-9:00 pm & July 17, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

There is still space available to sign up!

If you would be interested in becoming part of a specially trained and vetted prayer team, please contact the parish office to sign up. Those who have never been through the program will need to attend both days!



Parish Garage Clean Out!

Our maintenance personnel is in the process of cleaning out the parish garage. If you know of things stored in the garage that need to be kept, please contact Leo to let him know by July 25th.
Church Pews: We also have sick, 10 foot church pews that need new homes. For a free will donation, you can have your very own pew. It's first come, first serve, so contact the parish office to claim your pew!

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St. Theodore Catholic School

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 Pre-K - Grade 5

Stop in or call us at
 373-9657.

Albert Lea

At Home Mission Trip

When: Saturday, July 24th

Time: 8:30-11:00 am

Meet by school doors on Clark St.

We need volunteers to help do some landscaping, cleaning, and maintenance here at our Church.

Confirmation Candidates - A great way to earn service hours!

Please bring work gloves and any landscaping tools, please make sure they're properly labeled with your last name.

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Peter 4:10

Please contact Parish office with any questions 373-0603



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Faith Formation

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Hello St. Theodore Families,

It that time again to be thinking about Faith Formation Classes. We are able to be back in person for all grades! We will have classes for PreK-4th grade students on Sundays from 10:05am-10:55am. For our 5th-11th grade students, classes will be on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm. **We are in need of volunteers to help teach some classes.** If you are able, please fill out the bottom portion and return to St. Theodore Church as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact me at 507-373-0603 or ian@sttheo.org.

Thank you,

Irene Nelson
Director of Religious Education

Teaching for Faith Formation/Religious Education

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

_____ Yes, I would like to help any day you need.

_____ Yes, I would like to help with any grade on Sundays.

_____ Yes, I would like to help with any grade on Wednesdays.

_____ Yes, I would like to help with students in _____ grade.