



St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!

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St. Theodore's Confirmation Students of 2021

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Alexander Olson

Guillermo Fuentes Perez

Evelin Perez

Logan Hajek

Aaron Rocklin

Dylan Herr

Jonathon Rodriguez

Oziel Zeferino-Sanchez

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am (Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)
11:00 am (Español)

Nursing Home Masses - 2:00 pm

1st Thursday - All St. Johns Locations
2nd Thursday - Good Samaritan
3rd Thursday - Thorne Crest

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm ♦ Sunday: 1/2 hour before Mass

PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHAPEL

Open all hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed Friday

Hispanic Office Hours

Tuesday 8:00 am-noon
Wed & Thurs 1:00-3:00 pm

Offices Close Daily

- 9:00-9:45 am for Mass (except Monday)
- 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch

From the Desk of Father Kurt



"The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized".

When we think of someone giving us a cup of something to drink, we normally think that we are receiving something from someone. The cup of which Jesus is speaking of is different in that the recipient of the cup is the one who does the giving. We who have been baptized into Christ are also called to share in his suffering. In theology we call this redemptive suffering. In life when we face difficulties and hardships, we are to receive them as we would a cup of blessing.

When we offer our sufferings with the suffering of Christ for the salvation of the world, our suffering becomes redemptive. Redemptive suffering does not mean that we relish in being sick or refuse means to make us better. It is the acceptance that the presence of God is always with us, even in the most difficult movements of our life. Our sufferings in life can become a powerful form of prayer that we can offer up for anyone we choose; world leaders, leaders of the Church, friends or family members. Let us not be afraid to take the cup that Jesus offers, because it is the cup of our salvation.

Love in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues Oct 19	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Joan Sullivan	Church Church
Wed Oct 20	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Mark & Darlene Delgado by Francis	Church Church
Thurs Oct 21	8:30 am 9:00 am 2:00 pm	Rosary Mass † David English Mass: Thorne Crest	Church Church Thorne Crest
Fri Oct 22	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary Mass † Joan Sullivan	Church Church
Sat Oct 23	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary Mass † Leon Steffen by family & friends	Church Church Church
Sun Oct 24	8:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary Mass: † Art & Helen Rudolph Intention of Tracy Davis Hispanic Mass: † Odilon Cruz † Maria NaJera	Church Church Church

Sacrificial Giving

October 4-10, 2021

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$8,963.51	\$1,085.67	\$750.00	\$10.00

2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	\$55,605.00
Amount Received (10.8.21)	\$38,157.00

We have \$17,448 left to raise. We're getting closer to reaching our goal!
Four more months to go! Thank you for giving!

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 10/18	2 Tm 4:10-17b	Lk 10:1-9
Tues: 10/19	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21	Lk 12:35-38
Wed: 10/20		Lk 12:39-48
Thu: 10/21	Rom 6:12-18	Lk 12:49-53
Fri: 10/22	Rom 6:19-23	Lk 12:54-59
Sat: 10/23	Rom 7:18-25a	Lk 13:1-9
Sun: 10/24	Jer 31:7-9 Heb 5:1-6	Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Mk 10:46-52

Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Oct 31	For the living and deceased family members of Judy Popp-Anderson
Nov 7	† Art & Helen Rudolph Additional Sponsors Needed
Nov 14	For the living and deceased family members of Roger & Mary
Nov 21	In celebration of John & Penee McGaughey's 54th Wedding Anniversary
	† Kenneth Schroeder by his children † Polly Schiltz by family † Benny Scherb by Cindy, his wife

Boy Scout Christmas Wreaths



The Albert Lea area Boy Scouts will be taking wreath orders starting this weekend and the remaining weekends of October in the back access of the Church after the 5:15 pm and 9 am Masses.



Baby Bottle Campaign: Don't forget to return your bottles to the bassinet by the end of October!! Thank you!



We doubled our generosity!! Thank you to those who have taken a box to fill! Last year we filled and sent 10 boxes of joy! This year we put out 20 boxes and they have all been taken to be filled! Don't forget to return your box to the parish office by November 4th so they can be sent to children by Christmas!

If you wish to write letters or notes of encouragement to the seminarians studying in Winona, please send them to:

Michael Szymanski
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
700 Terrace Heights, Box #960, Winona MN 55987-1399



Seminary Come & See Fall Weekend

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary Fall Come and See Weekend is November 5-7. All young men who are juniors and seniors in high school or older are invited to IHN for a visit to learn more about discernment and a potential call to enter seminary. Contact Fr. Jason Kern for more information at jkern@dowr.org




St. United Way Winter Gear Drive drop boxes are located in the parish office, back access of the church, and the school from October to January. Anything designed to keep a person warm during our cold Minnesota winters will be accepted. This includes coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, snowsuits, boots and more.

This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Oct 18	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30 pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8:00 pm	Church Church Church Basement
Tues Oct 19	School Board Meeting 6-8:00 pm	Marian Hall
Wed Oct 20	Morning Prayer Group 6-7:00 am NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES	Parish Meeting Room
Thurs Oct 21	Quilting Group 1-4:00 pm Hispanic Choir Practice 6:30-8:00 pm	Church Basement Church
Fri Oct 22	Adoration 9:30am-6:30 pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8:00 pm	Church Church
Sat Oct 23	Quinceanera: Cazares 2-3:00 pm Baptism: Monroy 3:30-4:00 pm	Church Church
Sun Oct 24	NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES	

Liturgical Ministers

	Saturday Oct 23, 2021	Sunday October 24, 2021	
	5:15 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Accompanist	AdaTheusch	AdaTheusch	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
Cantor	Michael Blong	Jodi Blong	
Lectors	Lois Ahern	Kelly Goskeson	
Servers	Schedule is pending.		
Eucharistic Ministers	3 from the current month	4 from the current month	

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

Purse Bingo



All are invited to attend our St. Theodore School Purse Bingo in Marian Hall on Saturday, November 6th, at 1:00pm, doors will open at noon. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$35.00 each at the school and parish offices. Ticket price goes up to \$50.00 at the door. We are filling up fast and won't be able to guarantee admission at the door, so get your tickets while you still can! Walking tacos and a cash bar will be available during the event. There will be 10 designer purses for bingo and a raffle for accessories.

We hope everyone has a blessed weekend!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration for Faith Formation will be ending soon!

If you would like to register for classes, please do so before Monday, November 1, 2021.

Classes

Calendar Change

NO Faith Formation Classes October 20th

Faith Formation Classes WILL BE HELD October 27

5th- 11th Grades Wednesdays, 7-8 pm in School & Marian Hall

PreK-4th Grades Sundays, 10:05-10:55 in School

Face masks will be required until further notice!

Confirmation Information

Year 1 Students (10th Graders)

- Please complete your required paperwork and had it in or email it to Irene by October 20th.
- IMPORTANT! Mark Your Calendars! Rite of Commitment for candidates & sponsors at 9am and 11am Masses

Year 1 & 2 Students (10th & 11th Graders)

- REQUIRED Sponsor & Candidate Session scheduled for November 14 from 2-4 pm in Marian Hall

Christmas Pageant

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's Children's Christmas Pageant! If you'd like to offer your assistance, time, and talents please contact Irene for more details!

Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director - ian@sttheo.org

We pray for the following families who mourn the loss of their loved one:

- Corinne Cyr (died October 2, 2021)
- Mark "Coke" Stewart Callahan (died October 6, 2021)
- Minerva Rios Guerra Garza (died October 8, 2021)

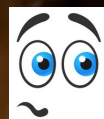


We pray that the Lord's love, mercy and compassion bring their families peace and comfort during this difficult time. We pray the Lord will grant their souls peace, mercy and eternal rest.

Online VIRTUS® Training Individuals are encouraged to become VIRTUS trained. Train easily in the comfort and safety your home. Please go to our parish website, sttheo.org, and click on the "Online VIRTUS Training Instructions." Step-by-step instructions are available online at virtusonline.org. If you need additional help, please contact the parish office at 507-373-0603.

6th Annual St. Theodore Bake Sale December 4 & 5, 2021

It's that time again to start getting ready for our 6th Annual St. Theodore Bake Sale! **This event will once again need the participation of willing donor, bakers and buyers to ensure our success.** Baked items will again be created in the church kitchen and will need donations of baking items for those who want to help but aren't gifted in the kitchen! We can also have HOME baked items, so be sure to check future bulletins on a specific date and time when you can drop off you donated homemade treats! Items needed include a Christmas cookies, candies, breads, cupcakes and cakes!



We continue to have some concerning activity involving our votive candles. If you see suspicious activity around the votive candle area, please report it to Father, parish maintenance or the parish office as soon as possible.

For fire and safety reasons, children are not allowed to light the votive candles. This should be done with and by adults only. Thank you!

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