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**From the many** images that reveal the presence of God in the sacred Scriptures, today we are presented with the images of the widows in the first reading and the Gospel alike. In both texts, the image of the widow, though poor, is enriched because of who she is. Both give up all they have to satisfy the needs of others. In the Old Testament, the widow gives the little bread she has saved to the prophet Elijah, who, in turn, assures her in the name of God that she will never want again. In the Gospel, Jesus shows his disciples the complete selflessness of the widow at the temple. These images help us understand the response we should give when Jesus calls each of us through the vocation we follow. The widow is the symbol of our selflessness, which should always be accompanied by a spirit of sacrifice.

As we continue to build up the Church as disciples and missionaries of the New Evangelization, we should frequently evaluate the quality of our selflessness at prayer and, above all, whether from our poverty we experience the richness of the Lord each day the way the widows in today's readings do.

**De las muchas** imágenes que revelan la presencia de Dios en las Sagradas Escrituras, hoy se nos presentan las imágenes de las viudas en la primera lectura y el Evangelio por igual. En ambos textos, la imagen de la viuda, aunque pobre, se enriquece por lo que es. Ambos renuncian a todo lo que tienen para satisfacer las necesidades de los demás. En el Antiguo Testamento, la viuda da el pequeño pan que ha salvado al profeta Elías, quien, a su vez, le asegura en el nombre de Dios que nunca volverá a querer. En el Evangelio, Jesús muestra a sus discípulos el completo desinterés de la viuda en el templo. Estas imágenes nos ayudan a entender la respuesta que debemos dar cuando Jesús nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a través de la vocación que seguimos. La viuda es el símbolo de nuestro desinterés, que siempre debe ir acompañado de un espíritu de sacrificio. A medida que continuamos edificando la Iglesia como discípulos y misioneros de la Nueva Evangelización, debemos evaluar con frecuencia la calidad de nuestro desinterés en la oración y, sobre todo, si desde nuestra pobreza experimentamos la riqueza del Señor cada día como lo hacen las viudas en las lecturas de hoy.



## 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 story of the widow's might is one that should bring us great consolation. If you're like me, you have compared yourself to others, and have felt insecure. There will always be people that are faster, stronger, smarter, better looking, and yes, even holier than us.

We are limited creatures, and no matter how hard we try, there will always be a limit to what we can accomplish, and aspects about ourselves that we don't like. Jesus tells the story of the widow who pleased God, not because of her greatness, but because of her great love.

God knows and love us for who we are, as we are. He does not judge us according to our accomplishments or by our status, but on our willingness to respond to his love for us. When we run from our own limitations and try to hide our weaknesses, we also run and hide from God. God loves us, and not some false image of ourselves. It is for me to be me, and you to be you, because that is who God loves.

Love in Christ,  
Father Kurt Farrell

## Sacrificial Giving

October 24-31, 2021

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$18,573.11	\$1,011.00	\$20.00	\$250.00

## 2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	\$55,605.00
Amount Received (10.29.21)	\$39,567.00

We have **\$16,408** left to raise!  
Please consider helping us reach our goal with your donation!

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 11/8	Wis 1:1-7	Lk 17:1-6
Tues: 11/9	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12	Jn 2:13-22
Wed: 11/10	Wis 6:1-11	Lk 17:11-19
Thu: 11/11	Wis 7:22b-8:1	Lk 17:20-25
Fri: 11/12	Wis 13:1-9	Lk 17:26-37
Sat: 11/13	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9	Lk 18:1-8
Sun: 11/14	Dn 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14, 18	Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 Mk 13:24-32

## Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Nov 21	In celebration of John & Penee McGaughey's 54th Wedding Anv.
Nov 28	† Kenneth Schroeder by his children † Polly Schiltz by family † Benny Scherb by Cindy, his wife
Dec 5	† Art & Helen Rudolph <b>Additional Sponsors Needed</b>
Dec 12	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>
Dec 19	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>

**Two Become One:** We congratulate **Ramon Nicholson & Carla VanVooren** who entered into a Catholic marriage on November 6, 2021. May their sacred union always keep Christ at the center of their relationship.

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues Nov 9	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Joan Sullivan	Church Church
Wed Nov 10	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Jim Herplink by family	Church Church
Thurs Nov 11	8:30 am 9:00 am  2:00 pm	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Jim Felber by Gerry <b>Mass:</b> Good Samaritans	Church Church  Good Sam's
Fri Nov 12	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Roger Schutz by family	Church Church
Sat Nov 13	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church
Sun Nov 14	8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary <b>Mass: 10th Gr. Rite of Commitment</b> For the living and deceased family members of Roger and Mary Jemming <b>Hispanic Mass</b> <b>10th Gr. Rite of Commitment</b> † Alfonso Hernandez Sandoval by family, Angela Arenas, Refugion Silva, Mararito Castillo, Teresa Ramirez, Eleazar Ramirez & Enrique Rosas	Church Church  Church

**Welcome:** We welcome the following into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

- Axel Joel Stensru, son of Chand & Hannah (Thomas) Stensrud.

We celebrate the blessings of his beautiful eternal souls and may we help him grow to be the Saints the Lord has called him to be.



## Employment Opportunity

St. Theodore Catholic Parish is seeking a Christ-centered individual for **one** of the following positions:

**Full and/or Part-Time Parish Administrator/Bookkeeper** OR  
**Part-time Bookkeeper.**

Competitive wage and benefits offered. Interested applicants should have minimum experience in bookkeeping and have a business or HR degree or experience in administration or similar role. Qualified applicants should submit cover letter, resume, and application to: Parish Administration - 308 E. Fountain Street - Albert Lea, MN 56007 - [administration@sttheo.org](mailto:administration@sttheo.org). Application can be found at [www.sttheo.org](http://www.sttheo.org).



## KC Fraternal Benefit Night

November 9, 2021 - 7:00 pm

Virtual Webinar with industry leader Van Mueller

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Van will clarify how to have financial and retirement success.

Register for this event at <https://vanmueller.com/kofc-registration-11-9>




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 is being accepted.

## This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Nov 8	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30 pm <b>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group</b> 6-7:00 pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study &amp; Guadalupe Rosary</b> 6-8:00 pm	Marian Hall  Church  Church Basement
Tues Nov 9	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary</b> 6-7:00 pm	Church
Wed Nov 10	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7:00 am <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary</b> 5:30-6:30 pm <b>Faith Formation Classes: Grade 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00-8:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room Church  School
Thurs Nov 11	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary</b> 6-7:00 pm <b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 6:30-8:00 pm <b>Knights Meeting</b> 6:30-8:00 pm <b>Music Selection Committee</b> 6:30-8:00 pm	Church  Church  Church Basement Parish Meeting
Fri Nov 12	<b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30 pm <b>Charismatic Event</b> 5:30-8:30 pm <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary and Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8:00 pm <b>Charismatic Event Adoration</b> 8:30 pm-9:30 pm	Church  Marian Hall  6:30 Chapel 7:00 Church  Church
Sat Nov 13	<b>Diocesan Charismatic Event</b> 8:30 am-4:00 pm <b>Reconciliation Centers</b> 9:00-11:00am <b>Quinceañera: Vasquez</b> 2:00 pm <b>Baptism: Guerrero</b> 3:30 pm <b>Charismatic Healing Prayer Service</b> 7:00-9:00 pm	Marian Hall  Church Basement Church  Church  Church
Sun Nov 14	<b>Faith Formation Classes: Grade K-4<sup>th</sup></b> 10:05-10:55 am <b>10th &amp; 11th Candidate/Sponsor Session</b> 2:00-4:00pm	School  Marian Hall

## Liturgical Ministers

	<b>Saturday</b> Nov. 13, 2021	<b>Sunday</b> November 14, 2021	
	<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ryan Hulshizer	AdaTheusch	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
<b>Cantor</b>	Michael Blong	Jodi Blong	
<b>Lectors</b>	Grzbowski's	Nicole Eckstrom	
<b>Servers</b>	Schedule is pending.		
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	3 from the current month	4 from the current month	

### Christmas Musicians Needed

Volunteer bell ringers and singers are needed for the 10 pm Christmas Mass. Practice for bell choir is from 7-8pm every Wednesday in December. Please contact Ada at [atheusch@ac242.us](mailto:atheusch@ac242.us) or 402-5434.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Christmas Pageant

It's time to start preparing for our annual Children's Christmas Pageant! The first practice will be Sunday, November 7th, from 2-4pm in the church!

All St. Theo's children, Kindergarten-12th grade, are invited to participate. There will be plenty of parts for all!

We are also in need of adult volunteers to assist with costumes, decorations, music, lighting, and stage prep. If you're interested in helping with this highly anticipated event, please contact Irene: [ian@sttheo.org](mailto:ian@sttheo.org), 507-373-5254.

Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director - [ian@sttheo.org](mailto:ian@sttheo.org)



### First Reconciliation Centers

**All students preparing for their First Communion**  
Saturday, November 13 from 9-11am in the church basement.  
Light breakfast & refreshments will be provided.

### Confirmation Information

#### Year 1 Students (10<sup>th</sup> Graders)

- Your confirmation application and two sponsor forms are now due! Please find them in your Confirmation packet.
- IMPORTANT!** Rite of Commitment for candidates & sponsors at 9am and 11am Masses, Sunday, November 14th.

#### Year 1 & 2 Students (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Graders)

**REQUIRED** Sponsor & Candidate Session scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm in Marian Hall - Let your sponsors know!

### Remind Notifications

To stay informed, it is important that you reply "Yes" to the Remind invite sent either as a text or email. Contact Irene if you need further assistance.

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to all that came to our Purse Bingo event. We hope everyone had a fun time.

We are participating in a food drive sponsored by **Cars & Credit of Albert Lea**. If you would like to donate any non-perishable food, we have donation boxes in the school and parish offices or you can drop it off at Cars & Credit on Main St. We will be collecting items until December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We are still collecting winter items for the United Way of Albert Lea. Donation boxes are also located in the school and parish offices. They are looking for new socks, hats, gloves, coats, snow pants, and boots.

We pray everyone has a blessed weekend!



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