



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!

BIENVENIDOS

315 E. Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007-2456

www.sttheo.org

## PARISH PASTOR

Father Kurt Farrell.....507-373-0603  
pastor@sttheo.org

## ADMINISTRATION

Leon Axtman.....507-473-4635  
administration@sttheo.org

## BOOKKEEPING

Linda Andersen.....507-373-1646  
bookkeeping@sttheo.org

## OFFICE

Joanne Tibodeau.....507-373-0603  
Maria Lopez.....507-373-0603  
office@sttheo.org

## FAITH FORMATION

Irene Nelson - director.....507-373-5254  
faithformation@sttheo.org

## SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Sue Amundson.....507-373-9657  
principal@sttheo.org

## SCHOOL SECRETARY

Kristina Garcia.....507-373-9657  
secretary@sttheo.org

## KITCHEN

Jolene Dillemath.....507-373-1545  
kitchen@sttheo.org

## MAINTENANCE

Leonel Lopez Ortiz.....507-473-4637  
maintenance@sttheo.org

## ST. JAMES TRUSTEES

Allen Amundson.....852-2169  
Imogene Attig.....373-6794

## ST. THEODORE TRUSTEES

Linda Cruz-Lares.....373-1329  
John Forman.....373-0498

## CEMETERY: St. Theodore & St. James

Josh Fossum.....651-788-2058

## OUTREACH to HOMEBOUND

Annie Schleck.....507-373-2940

## PARISH COUNCIL

Gina Montero- Chair  
Jeff Jiminez - Vice Chair

Carmen Bueno Cindy Merfeld  
Donn Day Darren Schone  
John Grzybowski Lucy Villagomez  
Francisco Lopez Deanna Zogg

## PRAYER CHAIN

Norma Kane  
507-279-9828

Jkane\_1981@yahoo.com



**Ministries** are meant to serve the Church, the body of Christ. This theme from today's second reading finds its source in the strength the Holy Spirit gives the Church and each one of its members. Just as in the past the people of God were able to restore their lives in accordance with the foundation of the law, the new people of God are renewed daily through the Holy Spirit, who illuminates the hearts of the faithful so they may reflect the fire of his love through charity and service. The charism each member discovers in his or her spiritual life and that each member wants to use in service to others depends on the norms the Church provides for the best possible ways to care for the needs of that group. Maybe the various groups of the community can use this week to identify the charisms each group has and talk about the ecclesial norms that govern them.

**Los ministerios** están destinados a servir a la Iglesia, el cuerpo de Cristo. Este tema de la segunda lectura de hoy encuentra su fuente en la fuerza que el Espíritu Santo da a la Iglesia y a cada uno de sus miembros. Así como en el pasado el pueblo de Dios pudo restaurar sus vidas de acuerdo con el fundamento de la ley, el nuevo pueblo de Dios se renueva diariamente a través del Espíritu Santo, que ilumina los corazones de los fieles para que reflejen el fuego de su amor a través de la caridad y el servicio. El carisma que cada miembro descubre en su vida espiritual y que cada miembro quiere usar en el servicio a los demás depende de las normas que la Iglesia proporciona para las mejores maneras posibles de atender las necesidades de ese grupo. Tal vez los diversos grupos de la comunidad puedan usar esta semana para identificar los carismas que cada grupo tiene y hablar sobre las normas eclesiales que los gobiernan.

To each is given the  
manifestation of the  
Spirit for the

*common good*

1 Corinthians 12:7

## 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 people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. The words from Sacred Scripture make me think of the goodness expressed in people of the United States, when disaster strikes, such as Hurricanes and tornados, and the tragedy of gun violence. In the Gospel the words from Isaiah are attributed to Christ and to the goodness that will come into the world because of his presence. Whether we realize it or not our belief in Jesus Christ makes the world a better place and truly does bring light into dark places.

Our belief in Christ inspires us to embrace the human suffering of others and bring love into places where there is only hatred and discord. We must remember as Christians we are called to embrace the Cross. It is in the power of the cross of Christ that we gain strength to embrace our own sufferings and the courage to try to alleviate the sufferings of others.

As our Country embraces the anniversary of legalized abortion in this county we realize that there is still a lot of darkness that needs to be overcome. Next weekend millions of youth from all over the county will gather in Washington D.C., to pray and petition for the unborn babies that are unprotected by law and are endanger of being aborted. Let us join them in prayer and penance and continue to give thanks to God for the gift of his Son Jesus Christ, who is our light, and let him inspire us to continue to bring his light into the darkness of this world.

Love in Christ,  
Father Kurt Farrell

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

Tues Jan 25	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Alfonso Hernandez Sandoval by family	Church Church
Wed Jan 26	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Lupe Ortiz by family	Church Church
Thurs Jan 27	8:30 am 9:00 am  2:00 pm	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Patty Rynerson <b>Mass</b>	Church Church  Thorne Crest
Fri Jan 28	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Darlene Nistler by Robert Nistler	Church Church
Sat Jan 29	4-4:30 pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Reconciliation Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary	Church Church Church
Sun Jan 30	8:30 am 9:00 am  11:00 am	Reconciliation & Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Felicitia Sanchez by Damianj & Anna Sanchez <b>Hispanic Mass</b> For the intentions listed in the book of intentions and for all parishioners.	Church Church  Church

## Sacrificial Giving

January 10-16, 2022

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Imp Fund	St. James
\$5,3333.50	\$873.00	\$295.00	\$0.00
Christmas Total Giving			\$17,871.00
Salvation Army Food Donation			51 lbs

## 2021 Catholic Ministry Appeal

Goal	\$55,605.00
Amount Received (1.14.22)	\$48,457.00

We have a **\$7,148** shortfall!

Thank you to those who gave to help us work toward appeal goal. We have already started collecting for 2022!

## Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: 1/24	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10	Mk 3:22-30
Tues: 1/25	Acts 22:3-16	Mk 16:15-18
Wed: 1/26	2 Tm 1:1-8	Mk 4:1-20
Thu: 1/27	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29	Mk 4:21-25
Fri: 1/28	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17	Mk 4:26-34
Sat: 1/29	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	Mk 4:35-41
Sun: 1/30	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1Cor 12:31—13:13	Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 Lk 4:21-30

## Sunday Broadcast Sponsors

Date	Intention(s)
Feb 6	† Patricia Rynerson by Roger Rynerson & family
Feb 13	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>
Feb 20	† Troy Peterson by Carol & Kenny & family
Feb 27	† Art & Helen Rudolph <b>Additional Sponsors Needed</b>



The Austin Area Council of Catholic Women Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Edwards, Austin on Tuesday Jan.25 beginning at 9:30am with Mass by Fr. Leif. Jeanette Fortier, Past Diocesan President will speak and sing of the Women of the Bible. Meeting follows with updates on current issues and lunch. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

Introducing the new

# FORMED®

The Catholic Faith. On Demand.

Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier: at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device. St. Theodore has a **FREE FORMED** subscription paid by the Diocese. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies... there is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. Dozens of new features—all to help you enjoy the best in Catholic content and it's now **FREE** to our parish. To register, so you and your family start using the FORMED platform ....

1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
  2. Enter your parish zip code or name to select your parish
  3. Enter your name and email & follow the simple steps
- It's that easy!

You can also go to your favorite app store to download it onto your smart devices.




## Updating Parish Records

Just contact the parish office at 373-0603 or send us a quick email to ensure that we have the most current information. Thank You!

## This Week's Activities & Reminders

Mon Jan 24	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30 pm <b>Endowment Board Meeting</b> 5:30 pm-7:30pm <b>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group</b> 6-7:00 pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study</b> 6-8:00 pm	Marian Hall  Parish Meeting Room Church  Church Basement
Tues Jan 25	<b>No Additional Parish Activities</b>	
Wed Jan 26	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7:00 am <b>Faith Formation Classes: Gr 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00-8:00 pm	Parish Meeting Room Marian Hall, School, Gym
Thurs Jan 27	<b>Parish Council Prayer &amp; Meeting</b> 6:00 pm Prayer 6:30-8:00 pm Meeting <b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 6:30-8:00 pm	Church / Marian Hall  Church
Fri Jan 28	<b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30 pm <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8:00 pm	Church  Church
Sat Jan 29	<b>Synod Session</b> 6:00-8:30 pm	Church Basement
Sun Jan 30	<b>Hispanic Synod Session</b> 12:00-2:30 pm <b>Faith Formation Classes: Grade K-4<sup>th</sup></b> 10:05-10:55 am	Church Basement School

## Liturgical Ministers

	<b>Jan. 22, 2022</b>	<b>January 23, 2022</b>	
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
<b>Cantor</b>	Amanda Gryzbowski	Betsy Schultz	
<b>Lectors</b>	Mary Larscheid	Dennis Dieser	

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Save the Date

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students & Sponsors!**  
Sponsor & Candidate Session, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm.

### Registration for Summer Camps Coming Soon!

Save the dates for the following:



#### TOTUS TUUS at St. Theodore

July 17-22, 2022, School youth entering 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.



#### CAMP SUMMIT at Lanesboro, MN

July 25-28, 2022, Middle School youth entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

Team Leadership opportunities available for High school youth!

Dream Team & Fiat Team applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup>!

Check out [www.campsummitwinona.org](http://www.campsummitwinona.org) for more information about Camp summit or contact Irene today!



Our Faith Formation Students will be behaving an extra

collection at each Mass Super Bowl weekend, February 13.

The money collected will come back to the Loaves & Fishes Program right here at St. Theodore. Please give generously.

**"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."**

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

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS



Our students will begin selling Catholic United raffle tickets on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Each raffle ticket is \$5.00 and ALL proceeds come back to St. Theodore School. This year's grand prize is a 2022 Ford Escape or \$20,000 in cash. Raffle tickets may be purchased through a student or from the school and parish offices.



Mark your calendars! St. Theodore School will be hosting our Pre-K/Kindergarten Open House on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Come take a look at our school and see what we have to offer. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 507-373-9657.

**Have a Blessed Weekend!**



With our hands & feet we will serve the Lord.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation students brought comfort & joy this

past Christmas! Twenty-two students in Amanda

Grzybowski's class, joined together for their annual Salvation Army - Community Service Project, providing items to benefit others in need, right in our own community. The 11<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed making four huge tie blankets as well as donating over 13 bags of personal care and non-perishable food items. The 11<sup>th</sup> graders' Community Service project was "An eye-opening experience," as one student said, and all were grateful for helping bring happiness to those in need this holiday season.

### Why wear a Crucifix?

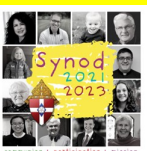


The crucifix is a symbol of the Ultimate Sacrifice made by Jesus. It calls to mind His death and resurrection.

As Catholics, crucifixes are all around us. They're in our homes and churches, We even wear them. Why? Because the crucifix is a reminder of God's incredible love for us. It

reveals the extreme suffering He embraced to save us from our sins. It is the sign of Jesus' victory and our eternal salvation.

The crucifix is also a sacramental. A sacramental is a spiritual object or prayer instituted by the Church that dispose our souls to receive grace. Wearing a crucifix can be a personal way to show our devotion to God. It is a simple way to express our gratitude for His sacrificial love and remind ourselves of what it means to follow Jesus. Find a crucifix necklace you'll love wearing and start receiving graces from this powerful sacramental!



**Synod on Synodality Sessions**  
January 29 & 30th, 2022

**Please check insert for more information!**

**CPA** Hill, Benda, Skov & Bernau, P.A.  
 Certified Public Accountants  
 507-377-1333

Accounting Services  
 Bookkeeping, Payroll, & Tax Preparation  
 Heather Benda-Parishioner  
 Lance Skov  
 Andrew Bernau

Skyline Plaza ♦ 1655 West Main St.  
 Albert Lea, MN 56007

**PLAZA MORENA**  
 MEXICAN RESTAURANT

507-373-9194  
 www.plazamorenarestaurant.com

**Northbridge Mall** Rafael Herrera  
 2588 Bridge Ave. Albert Lea, MN General Manager  
 Parishioner

NICE PEOPLE NICE STORE

**Brick Furniture**  
 507-373-2514

225 SO. BROADWAY  
 ALBERT LEA, MN

**State Farm**<sup>TM</sup>

**Ben J. Bartelt**  
 Agent/Parishioner  
 507-377-0227  
 www.albertleasf.com  
 505 Bridge Ave. ♦ Albert Lea, MN

**DOUG'S PAINTING & SANDBLASTING**  
 377-1508

Interior/Exterior Painting of Commercial Buildings,  
 In-Shop Painting and Staining  
 Doug, Jason & Dan Evans

**George R. Lundstrom D.D.S.**  
 Family and Cosmetic Dentistry

209 North 9th Avenue  
 Albert Lea, MN 56007

507-377-1659

"Excellence is our chosen path."

**JONES HAUGH SMITH** Professional  
 Engineers & Land  
 Surveyors

Engineers • Surveyors

373-4876 ♦ Brian J. Johnson

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING  
**ALBERT LEA ELECTRIC CO.**  
 Since 1919  
 CAL JOHNSON

1410 Olsen Dr. Albert Lea, MN 56007  
 (507)-373-6650  
 www.albertleaelectric.com


**Senior Resources**  
 of Freeborn County  
 Call us at 377-7433

Serving Seniors in programs of  
 Ride Services Advocacy Chore  
 Guardianship RSVP

**SOUTHSIDE CUSTOM**  
 507-373-4164

Mechanic  
 Collision Repair ♦ Insurance Estimates  
 1401 S.E. Broadway, Albert Lea

**Abortion stops a beating heart**



*Charlene's* BEAUTY  
 373-1731

2306 Milo Ave.  
 Albert Lea, MN 56007  
 Charlene Kukuzke  
 Owner & Parishioner

Your Family Hair Care Cen-

**Bisek Gardens**  
**Sweet Corn** Linda Bisek  
 Sweet Bicolors 425 W. 11th St.  
 In Season Albert Lea  
 Open daily noon-6pm 373-4566

**CHURCH**  
 OFFSET PRINTING, INC.

(507) 373-6485  
 1731 Margaretha Avenue  
 Albert Lea, MN 56007

**Steam Brothers** The  
 Cleaning  
 Experts

373-9850

WE SPECIALIZE IN  
 WATER, SMOKE, SOOT, DAMAGE CLEAN-UP  
 COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL

**BONNERUP**  
 FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES

2210 E. Main St., Albert Lea  
 Phone: 373-2461 • 1-800-204-2461

**JIM & DUDE'S**  
 PLUMBING • HEATING • BOILING

24/7  
**Emergency Service**  
 724 W. Clark St.  
 373-6161

Helping to beautifully preserve your memories.

**cm**

**Mandy Grzybowski**  
 Creative Memories  
 Consultant  
 507-383-1558  
 agrzybow@me.com

**Raleigh's ACE Hardware**

**REGAL**

2525 Bridge Ave.  
 507-377-8636  
 Peggy Raleigh  
 Parishioner

**SAVELKOUL LAW OFFICE**  
**Donald W. Savelkoul**  
 Parishioner

2302 E. Main St. 507.552.5291  
 dsavelkoul@savelkoullaw.com

**Please Support Our Advertisers**

**PETERSON, KOLKER, HAEDT & BENDA, LTD.**  
 Attorneys

Finding Solutions...  
 One Client At A Time.

1811 Broadway Ave. SE  
 Albert Lea  
 albertlealaw.com  
 373-6491

Daniel Kolker • Matthew Benda  
 Parishioners

**Come Home to an Award Winning Community!**

Contact  
**Catherine Buboltz**  
 (507) 373-2311  
 www.ThorneCrest.net



**THORNE CREST**  
 SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

**H O P E**  
 AFTER ABORTION  
 project rachel

Peace starts here

Email: [respectlife@archspm.org](mailto:respectlife@archspm.org)  
 Website: [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org)

**COLDWELL BANKER** MOVING YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION is only a phone call away.

RIVER VALLEY

**TERRY FOX** REALTOR®  
 204 S. Washington  
 (507) 373-8963 BUSINESS  
 1-888-373-8963 TOLL FREE  
 (507) 373-0115 CELL  
 tmfox@me.com

Each Office is independently Owned and Operated. 

**Knights of Columbus**  
 Council 1590

Albert Lea, MN  
 A Catholic Fraternal Organization  
 373-5678

**Knights of Columbus**  
 1590 Women's Auxiliary


Open to all Catholic  
 Women 18 & over

**Semcac**  
 People Are Our Business

2202 Stevens St  
 Albert Lea, MN  
 373-1329



**Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Kids under 5?**

YOU may be eligible for the  
**WIC Program!**  
 WIC provides Nutritious  
 Food & Nutrition  
 Information  
 Call 507-377-5289



**ST. THEODORE PRAYER CHAIN**

**Norma Kane**  
 507-279-9828  
 Jkane\_1981@yahoo.com  
 Can also take requests in Spanish

**St. Theodore Catholic School**

Accepting Registrations for  
 Pre-K - Grade 5  
 Stop in or call us at  
 373-9657.

**Albert Lea**



**AM Online Auction**

Contact No. 507-552-3911 • Mobile No. 507-318-0783  
 Website: [www.amonlineauction.hibid.com](http://www.amonlineauction.hibid.com)  
 Email: [amonlineauction@yahoo.com](mailto:amonlineauction@yahoo.com)

- Consignment Auction
- Estate Sale Auction
- Charity Auction

**Lance & Mimey Anspach**  
 525 Prospect Ave.  
 Albert Lea, MN 56007

