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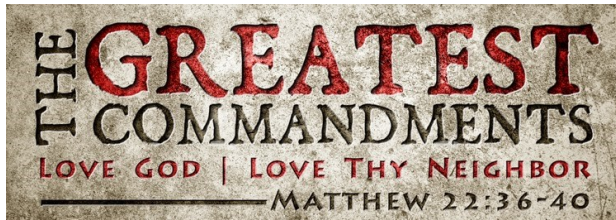
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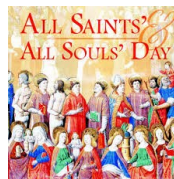
**In the Exodus tradition, we discover the mandate to care for and to treat one's neighbor with mercy and dignity.** Although many Jewish leaders would later on allow their hearts to be hardened, the prophets continue this tradition by announcing the disobedience of their kings and their lack of attention to the neediest among them. Before the insidious question of the Pharisee in today's Gospel, Jesus answers that while the first commandment is to love God, the second mandates us to love our neighbor. In his letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul exalts the lifestyle of the members of the community and praises how the words are hardly necessary, because they have become the living word in their works. These biblical texts, the homily, universal prayers and the musical repertoire for the liturgy should illustrate today how the word must be lived out in social settings so that its listeners may come in contact with the risen Lord and experience his transforming power; only then will they be able to translate his love and charity to all of their neighbors through the ministries of the community.



**En la tradición del Éxodo,** descubrimos el mandato de cuidar y tratar al prójimo con misericordia y dignidad. Aunque muchos líderes judíos más tarde permitieron que sus corazones se endurecieran, los profetas continúan esta tradición al anunciar la desobediencia de sus reyes y su falta de atención a los más necesitados. Ante la pregunta insidiosa del fariseo en el evangelio de hoy, Jesús responde que mientras el primer mandamiento es amar a Dios, el segundo nos manda amar al prójimo. En su carta a los Tesalonicenses, san Pablo exalta el estilo de vida de los miembros de la comunidad y alaba cómo las palabras apenas son necesarias, porque se han convertido en palabra viva en sus obras. Estos textos bíblicos, la homilía, las oraciones universales y el repertorio musical para la liturgia deben ilustrar hoy cómo se debe vivir la palabra en el ámbito social, para que sus oyentes entren en contacto con el Señor resucitado y experimenten su poder transformador; sólo así podrán traducir su amor y caridad a todos sus prójimos a través de los ministerios de la comunidad.

### All Saint's Day Mass

Wednesday, November 1, 2023  
 5:30-6:30pm



### All Souls Day

Thursday, November 2, 2023  
 9:00 am Anointing Mass

## 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

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## Parish Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday**  
 8:00 am-4:00 pm

**Closed Friday**

**Offices Close Daily**

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

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- 1:00-4:00 pm
- Monday-Thursday

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. KURT



*"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt".*

This scripture passage comes to us from the book of Exodus. The book of Exodus is a retelling of the history of the Hebrew people, told in order to teach and instruct the Hebrew people how they were to live in a manner that would correspond to their God given dignity. They were to remember that they themselves were once slaves, freed by the hand of God and to make sure that they never mistreated the foreigner the way they were mistreated.

As Americans it is important for us to remember that we were once also immigrants that came to this country seeking freedom to practice our faith and to live a God fearing life.

Therefore we must also be compassionate with the stranger and alien in our midst. We must treat them the way we would want to be treated if we were the stranger or alien. Let us remember that the golden rule applies to adults and well as it does to children. Treat others as you yourself wish to be treated.

Love of Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

## 2023 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,208.00
Amount received (10/20/23)	\$45,126.00

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

October 16 -23 , 2023

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$8,341.18	\$1,149.00	\$30.00

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 10/30	Rom 8:12-17	Lk 13:10-17
Tues: 10/31	Rom 8:18-25	Lk 13:18-21
Wed: 11/1	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14	Mt 5:1-12a
Thu: 11/3	Wis 3:1-9	Jn 6:37-40
Fri: 11/4	Rom 9:1-5	Lk 14:1-6
Sat: 11/5	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29	Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sun: 11/6	Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10	1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13,
	Ps 131:1, 2, 3	Mt 23:1-12

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Nov 12	In honor of Roger & Mary Jemming's 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Nov 19	In honor of John & Penee McGaughey 59 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
Nov 26	† Benny Scherb by Cindy Scherb <b>Additional Sponsors Needed</b>



### Box of Joy!

Please fill and return by November 1<sup>st</sup> to the Parish Office! Thank you!

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Oct 31	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Jack Bloomquist by Rosemary Bloomquist	Church Church
Wed Nov 1	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> For the Poor Souls in Purgatory	Church Church
	5:30pm	<b>Mass: All Saints Day</b> † Jean Haiar by family	Church
Thurs Nov 2	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Anointing Mass</b> † Glen & Delores Sherburne by family	Church Church
Fri Nov 3	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Juana Estevas by Gutierrez family	Church Church
	9:30am	First Friday Confessions	
Sat Nov 4	4-4:30pm 4:45 pm 5:15 pm	Confession Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Nobert & Kathy & MaryAnn by family	Church Church Church
Sun Nov 5	8:30 am 9:00 am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Karen Nyenhuis by Harry, Elise & Brady	Church Church
	11:00am	<b>Spanish Mass</b> For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church

### Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA) - \$9,405 yet to raise!

Big or small your donation truly helps! Please prayerfully consider how the Lord is calling you to help with this years appeal. Every dollar given before January 1, 2023 over our goals come directly back to us. Thank you to those that have already given. We are greatly blessed by your generosity.

### Immediate Job Position Opening Administrative Assistant-Bookkeeper

The Tri-Parish Catholic Faith Community-St. Casimir's and the School site has an opening for a part-time, 25 hour/week Bookkeeper in Wells, Mn. This position requires some knowledge of bookkeeping skills, computer knowledge, organizational and communication skills. Experience in Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, and other bookkeeping related programs is helpful. If you are interested please stop by the rectory for an application or call for one to be emailed to you. St. Casimir rectory hours are 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Please email résumé and cover letter to:

Rev. Greg Havel

Tri-Parish Office

[Triparish.priest@gmail.com](mailto:Triparish.priest@gmail.com)



Many thanks to Teresa Schiltz, Ann Crowley and the St. Theodore Quilting Group for the donation of 34 handmade quilts of various sizes for Thorne Crest residents to enjoy! We appreciate you sharing your talents and creativity with our residents!

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## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Monday <b>Oct 30</b>	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Jesus in the Eucharist Group Study</b> 1:30-3:30pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study</b> 6-8pm <b>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group</b> 6-7pm	Marian Hall  Parish Meeting Room Church Basement Church
Tues <b>Oct 31</b>	<b>No Additional Parish Activities</b>	
Wed <b>Nov 1</b>	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7am <b>Faith Formation Class 5-11 grade</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Faith Formation Adoration</b> 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room School/Church/ Marian Hall/Gym Church
Thurs <b>Nov 2</b>	<b>Father Teaches 4-5th Grade</b> 8:25-8:45am <b>Quilting Group</b> 1-4pm <b>Hispanic Choir Practice</b> 6:30-8pm	School  Church Basement Church Basement
Fri <b>Nov 3</b>	<b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm	Chapel  Church
Sat <b>Nov 4</b>	<b>Purse Bingo</b> 12-4pm	Marian Hall
Sun <b>Nov 5</b>	<b>Faith Formation Class Pre-K-4th</b> 10:00-10:55am	School

## Liturgical Ministers

	<b>Saturday, Nov 4, 2023</b>	<b>Sunday, Nov 5, 2023</b>	
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>11:am</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Aaron Bartz	TBD	Please check the Hispanic bulletin for details
<b>Cantor</b>	TBD	TBD	
<b>Lectors</b>	Lois Ahern	School Children	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Evalyn Holcomb	St. Theodore School Children	
<b>5:30 PM ♦ All Saints Day ♦ November 2, 2023</b>			
<b>Accompanist</b>	Aaron Bartz	<b>Lector</b>	Lois Ahern
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Please come forward if available		
<b>9:00 AM ♦ All Souls Day ♦ November 2, 2023</b>			
Anointing Mass <b>Lector: Joanne Tibodeau</b>			

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Seeking a Faith Formation Co-teacher for the 11<sup>th</sup> gr. Confirmation-Year 2 class! Must be a Confirmed adult and available Wednesday evenings 7-8pm.**

**All Saints Day ♦ Holy Day of Obligation  
Wednesday, November 1st, 2023**

Please attend Mass with your family at **5:30 pm**. After Mass, students gather in Marian Hall to enjoy a pizza dinner with sides and a beverage before Faith Formation classes begin.

All parish youth are welcome to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant! First practice will be Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm. Please contact Irene to sign up!



### First Reconciliation Centers

**All students preparing for their First Communion must attend with a parent or Godparent! Please note DATE change!**  
 Saturday, **November 11<sup>th</sup>** from 9-11am in Marian Hall.  
 Light breakfast & refreshments will be provided.

### Confirmation Students! November 12<sup>th</sup> is an important day!

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Rite of Commitment during 9am or 11am Mass.  
 Sponsor(s) must attend Mass with you!  
**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Candidate & Sponsor Session, 2-4pm, Marian Hall  
 Let your Sponsor(s) know!

**Irene Nelson**, Faith Formation Director - [ian@sttheo.org](mailto:ian@sttheo.org) 507-373-5254

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS



One week left to purchase your tickets for our Purse Bingo event on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>! We have less than 50 tickets left, so get them while you still can!  
 Tickets are available in the School and Parish offices and are \$35 each. We will have Pulled Pork Sandwiches with a side for purchase and a Cash Bar available.

Have a blessed weekend,  
 St. Theodore Catholic School



If you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 373-0603.



### Diocese of Winona-Rochester Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employees, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy).

Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 507-454-2270, Extension 255. A caller will be asked to provide his or her name and telephone number.

Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. The Diocese of Winona-Rochester is committed to protecting children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. The diocesan policy is available on the diocesan web site at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org) under the Safe Environment Program. If you have any questions about the Diocese of Winona's implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Mary Hamann, at 507-858-1244, or [mhamann@dowr.org](mailto:mhamann@dowr.org).

### Embracing Freedom: Unbound Prayer Day Conference November 4 ♦ 9am-3pm ♦ St. Mary's Church/Winona.



The Diocese of Winona-Rochester's Unbound Ministry will be teaching Unbound Prayer's "Five Keys": repentance and faith, forgiveness, renunciation, authority, and the Father's blessing. After lunch (free will offering), trained prayer teams from across the diocese will be available to help people pray Unbound prayer. This powerful mini-conference opens people to living in greater clarity and spiritual freedom. Learn more about Unbound at <https://heartofthefather.com/> and register for this mini-conference at <https://DOWR.Flocknote.Com/SignUp/137139>. Contact Susan Windley-Daoust ([swindley@dowr.org](mailto:swindley@dowr.org)) with questions.

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