



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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**It is human to look for God in "miraculous signs," especially when crises arise along the path of life.** Today we read that when the people of Israel complained about their hunger and feared perishing in the desert, God sent them "bread from heaven." In today's Gospel, however, Jesus warns his followers that they should not satisfy their needs by only looking for these signs; they should, rather, patiently look in their hearts because there is much more worth finding. It is better to look for nourishment that lasts forever, that is eternal. To find it, we must accept the transformation that, as Saint Paul says, the Holy Spirit brings about "in righteousness and holiness of truth." There are many people today who believe God talks to them and that they can interact with the transcendent divine through magic or superstition. The word needs to illuminate this search for God. Jesus invites them to discover in their hearts a new hope born out of a belief in the resurrection and always proclaimed by the Church. How do the servants in your community prepare to address this topic, not only in the liturgy but also in weekly group meetings, so that this message can be shared without prejudice or attitudes that condemn those who live in this world of the "miraculous"?

**Es humano buscar a Dios en "signos milagrosos", especialmente cuando surgen crisis en el camino de la vida.** Hoy leemos que cuando el pueblo de Israel se quejaba de su hambre y temía perecer en el desierto, Dios les envió "pan del cielo". En el evangelio de hoy, sin embargo, Jesús advierte a sus seguidores que no deben satisfacer sus necesidades sólo buscando estas señales; más bien deberían buscar pacientemente en sus corazones porque hay mucho más que vale la pena encontrar. Es mejor buscar un alimento que dure para siempre, que sea eterno. Para encontrarlo, debemos aceptar la transformación que, como dice san Pablo, el Espíritu Santo realiza "en justicia y santidad de verdad". Hay muchas personas hoy en día que creen que Dios les habla y que pueden interactuar con lo divino trascendente a través de la magia o la superstición. La palabra necesita iluminar esta búsqueda de Dios. Jesús los invita a descubrir en sus corazones una nueva esperanza nacida de la creencia en la resurrección y siempre proclamada por la Iglesia. ¿Cómo se preparan los servidores de su comunidad para abordar este tema, no sólo en la liturgia sino también en las reuniones semanales de grupo, para que este mensaje pueda ser compartido sin prejuicios ni actitudes que condenen a quienes viven en este mundo de lo "milagroso"?



**Feast of the Assumption Mass Times**  
 Wednesday, August 14 ♦ Vigil Mass 5:30pm  
 Thursday, August 15 ♦ 9:00am

## 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**

**Offices Close Daily**

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

The Catholic Shoppe ♦ Parish Office

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

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. KURT



**Jesus is the true bread that comes down from heaven.**

Hunger is an experience that all human beings can identify with. No matter what race, color, sex or religion, every one knows the feeling of being hungry. All of us have unmet needs that we desire to be fulfilled.

The scripture readings for this Sunday address this common human experience. In the Gospel, Jesus presents himself to the people as the true bread of life that has come down from heaven to give life to all who will receive it. Jesus is this true bread that has come down from heaven and he offers himself to us for our nourishment. However, one must choose his or her diet. In order for us to receive the spiritual nourishment that comes from the Eucharist, we must purify our desires. Just as healthy foods will not help someone who is also eating poison, so to, will the Eucharist be for us if we refuse to remove sinful desires from our lives.

That is why the Church asks us to receive that Sacrament of Reconciliation before we receive the Eucharist if we are conscience of a mortal sin on our soul. Let us make sure we are not receiving the bread of life in vain by removing sin from our lives and taking advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Mon Aug 5</b>		No Rosary <b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tues Aug 6</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Darlene Trease	Church Church
<b>Wed Aug 7</b>	8:30am 9:00am	<b>Mass</b> † MaryAnn Wilder by family	Church
<b>Thurs Aug 8</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Enrique Rosas Murga by the Lazarro Gutierrez family	Church Church
<b>Fri Aug 9</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Kathryn Ann Szymanski by John & family	Church Church
<b>Sat Aug 10</b>	4:00pm 5:15pm	Confessions & Rosary <b>Mass</b> Memorial Mass Association	Church Church
<b>Sun Aug 11</b>	8:30am 9:00am  11:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † William & Ramona Boyer by family <b>Spanish Mass</b> For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church  Church

## 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$55,629.00
Amount received 7/26/24)	\$27,339.00

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

July 22-28, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$5,438.50	\$1,216.50	\$10.00

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 8/5	Jer 28:1-17	Mt 14:13-21
Tues: 8/6	DN 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 PT 1:16-19	PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 9, Mk 9:2-10
Wed: 8/7	JER 31:1-7	MT 15:21-28
Thu: 8/8	Jer 31:31-34	Mt 16:13-23
Fri: 8/9	NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7	MT 16:24-28
Sat: 8/10	2 COR 9:6-10	JN 12:24-26
Sun: 8/11	1 Kgs 19:4-8, Eph 4:30—5:2	Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Jn 6:41-51

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Aug 18	Sponsors Needed
Aug 25	For the family of Henry & Margaret Savelkoul
Sept 1	Sponsors Needed
Sept 8	Sponsors Needed

**MASS IN THE PARK**  
**AUGUST 18, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

FREE LUNCH TO FOLLOW  
EDGEWATER PARK BAND SHELL AND MAIN PAVILION

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
and be sure to bring your lawn chair!

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

- **Emily Sophia Cerezo Pineda** daughter of Sabos Corezo Rodriguez & Fidelia Pineda Priego



We celebrate the blessing of her beautiful eternal soul and may we help her grow to be the saint the Lord has called her to be.



## Schedule for Friday, August 9, 2024

- 3:45 pm Load Coach Bus St. Theodore Church
- 4:00 pm departure from St. Theodore Church
- Bring your own food to eat on bus or purchase at the stadium

**Big Lots in Albert Lea is closing & our Scrip box has some gift cards left. Please consider purchasing cards to help reduce our inventory! You can purchase them in \$25 or \$100 value. Thank you for your help!**



## St. Theodore Shrub Trimming Day!

August 10, 2024 ♦ 8:30AM-12:00PM

Please bring your hedge trimmers and/or rakes to help! DONATIONS of water and Gatorade can be dropped off at the parish office and would be greatly appreciated to keep our hard working disciples hydrated.  
**COME HELP SERVE YOUR CHURCH**

## The Holy Father's Intention for August 2024 FOR POLITICAL LEADERS

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Aug 5	<b>Loave &amp; Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Life in the Spirit Group</b> 6-7pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study</b> 6-8pm	Marian Hall  Church  Church Basement
Tues Aug 6	<b>Hispanic Holy Spirit Group</b> 6-8pm	Church
Wed Aug 7	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7am	Parish Meeting Room
Thurs Aug 8	<b>Hispanic Choir Practice/training</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Knights of Columbus Meeting</b> 6:30-8pm	Church  Church Basement
Fri Aug 9	<b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Overnight Vigil</b> 8pm-8am	Church  Church  Church
Sat Aug 10	<b>Overnight Vigil</b> 8am <b>Baptism Class</b> 10-11am	Church  Rectory Dining Room
Sun Aug 11	<b>Auxiliary Coffee &amp; Rolls</b> 10-11am <b>KC Roundtable Meeting</b> 12-1pm	Access  Church Basement



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	5:15 pm ♦ Aug 10, 2024 Saturday	9:00am ♦ Aug 11, 2024 Sunday
Accompanist	Diane Heaney	Diane Heaney
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Lectors	Mary Larscheid	Otten's
Servers	Ethan Haag & Kyle Steffl	Evalyn & Elizabeth Holcomb

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Reminders!

- ♦ First Communion Pictures are ready for pick up! Please stop by the Parish Office, 8am-4pm (closed for lunch: 12pm-1pm), Mon-Thurs.
- ♦ Confirmation is Wednesday, September 4th. Rehearsal will be at 5pm, Confession at 5:30pm, and Mass will be at 7pm. A detailed letter and an email was sent to each candidate and their families.

### Faith Formation classes will be starting soon!

- Wednesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> for 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> gr., 6:30-8pm
- Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> for PreK-4<sup>th</sup> gr. and ALL First Reconciliation/First Communion students, 10:05-10:55am

Watch for 2024-2025 Registration information in the August Parish Newsletter coming soon! Forms will also be available online, in both the Parish & School Office, and Faith Formation Information Station.

### Seeking catechists & assistants for the following classes:

- ♦ First Reconciliation/First Communion (for students 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - ♦ 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - ♦ 11<sup>th</sup> grade (assistant)
  - ♦ Kgrtn & 1<sup>st</sup> gr (assistant)

Contact Irene if interested in helping!

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

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

Hope your summer is going well!

We still have room for more students in Pre-k, Kindergarten and First Grade. If you are **interested in enrolling** your child, please call 507-373-9657 and talk to Kristina.

**NOW HIRING:** We are looking for a part time Music teacher. If you are interested, please contact Sue Amundson at [principal@sttheodoreschool.org](mailto:principal@sttheodoreschool.org) or call 507-373-9657.

St. Theodore Catholic School

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**YOU TO BELIEVE!**



### Mark Your Calendars to Attend!

Paul Koleske - Igniting the Light of Christ Within You  
Catholic Concert & Reflection  
6:00 PM ♦ Sunday, September 22, 2024  
St. Theodore Church

Paul Koleske is a contemporary Christian singer, songwriter and speaker. He does church concerts and reflections with a spiritual emphasis and has inspired millions across the United States. He offers a scripturally sound way to increase your spiritual awareness and growth allowing you to feel an increased presence of the Holy Spirit within you!  
Hope to see you there!



Knight's of Columbus 1590 Women's Auxiliary  
**Coffee & Donuts**

**Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, after 9am Mass!**

All are welcome for fellowship in the Church Access Area &/or Marian Hall.  
Your free-will donation is greatly appreciated!



KC Meeting ♦ Thursday, August 8, 2024

6:30-8pm - Church Basement

KC Roundtable Meeting ♦ Sunday, August 11, 2024

Noon after Spanish Mass - Church Basement



American Red Cross

**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**thanks everyone who donated blood!**

The Red Cross Blood Drive collected 23 pints of blood for the month of July.

### St. Joseph's Family Camp

For Catholics Living with Disabilities  
August 18, 2024 ♦ 9am-4pm  
Ironwood Springs ♦ Stewartville, MN  
More information scan the QR code.



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<p><b>The Catholic Shoppe</b> Located in St. Theodore Parish Office Open Monday-Thursday ♦ 8:00AM-12:00pm then 1:00 PM-4:00PM Come and check out our selection!</p>			<p><i>Are you or a loved one experiencing same sex attraction and looking for answers?</i></p> <p><b>DOW-R Office of Life, Marriage &amp; Family</b> Scan the QR code, 507-858-1273 or Email: courage@dowr.org Contact us for more information!</p> 