



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!  
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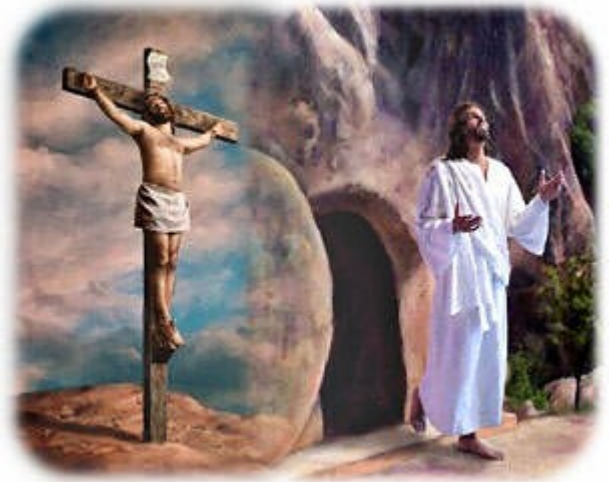
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**In our world, our most important relationships can be looked at from either a vertical point of view, with God, or from a horizontal one, with our neighbors.**

In today's readings from Scripture, the first reading shows the vertical dimension, the commandments Moses will give to his people, while the second, the letter to James, emphasizes the horizontal call to charity and service by the Christian community. The Gospel presents the quandary Jesus faced with the Pharisees, who insisted on honoring external commandments while keeping their hearts hardened by resentment and inflexibility. How can we evaluate our commitment to our own community? Do we keep the balance between the vertical and the horizontal in our lives of service, remembering the cross of the One who shows us the path of mercy and peace?



**En nuestro mundo, nuestras relaciones más importantes pueden verse desde un punto de vista vertical, con Dios, o desde uno horizontal,**

**con nuestro prójimo.** En las lecturas de la Escritura de hoy, la primera lectura muestra la dimensión vertical, los mandamientos que Moisés dará a su pueblo, mientras que la segunda, la carta a Santiago, enfatiza el llamado horizontal a la caridad y al nuestro compromiso con nuestra propia comunidad? ¿Mantenemos el equilibrio entre lo vertical y lo horizontal en nuestra vida de servicio, recordando la cruz de Aquel que nos muestra el camino de la misericordia y la paz?

To Observe the Labor Day Holiday  
**Parish Office will be Closed & No Additional Parish Activities**  
 Monday, September 2, 2024

## 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



**"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls".**

The word that Saint James speaks of is the word made flesh that came to dwell among us, Jesus Christ. Now that Jesus has ascended to the Right hand of the Father, the word takes the form of the Holy Spirit. We, whom have been baptized in Christ, have that word planted in us, and as long as we keep free from sin, that Word, which is Christ, will live in our hearts. If we listen to pop culture, we will believe that "God is watching us from a distance", when actually He is closer to us than our very selves. No, God is not watching us from a distance but is in our hearts, waiting and willing to guide us to a life of meaning and happiness if we would only allow Him to take the lead in our lives.

As I drove through the country on my way to Indianapolis, it seemed that the corn and the beans are doing well in some places. Think back to when those corn and beans were just seeds. Now image what God can do with you if you just let Him. The word of God is in you; humbly welcome Him and He will save your soul.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

## 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$55,629.00
Amount received 8/23/24)	\$30,384.00

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

August 19-25, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$6,972.00	\$1,364.06	\$50.00

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 9/2	1 COR 2:1-5	LK 4:16-30
Tues:9/3	1 COR 2:10B-16	Lk 4:31-37
Wed:9/4	1 COR 3:1-9	LK 4:38-44
Thu:9/5	1 Cor 3:18-23	Lk 5:1-11
Fri: 9/6	1 COR 4:1-5	LK 5:33-39
Sat: 9/7	1 COR 4:6b-15	LK 6:1-5
Sun:9/8	Is 35:4-7a Jas 2:1-5	Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Mk 7:31-37

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Sept 15	Sponsors Needed
Sept 22	Sponsors Needed
Sept 29	† Charles Kermes by Mary & family Additional Sponsors Needed



**Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, becoming Catholic or returning to their Catholic Faith?**

As we look forward to starting a new group, we ask all parishioners to pray for the process and to invite anyone who might be interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or considering returning to the Catholic Church to check out RCIA. No commitment is necessary. All that is required is an interest in exploring the Catholic faith. We are also pleased to announce that Eric Mickelson is joining our team this year and are excited to schedule individual meetings for those interested. Please contact Judy at 507 383 0955 or Gina at 507 369 4422 with your referrals or to set up a time that will work for you to meet.



**NOTICE:** There will be roadwork done at St. Theodore Cemetery in the upcoming weeks resulting in road closures.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Tues Sept 3</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Aristeo Martinez by family	Church Church
<b>Wed Sept 4</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Dick Mason by family	Church Church
<b>Thurs Sept 5</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Gary Altfillisch by family	Church Church
<b>Fri Sept 6</b>	8:30am 9:00am  9:30am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Felix Joe Luna by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson <b>First Friday Confession</b>	Church Church Church
<b>Sat Sept 7</b>	4:00pm 5:15pm	Confessions & Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Dalene Nistler by Robert	Church Church
<b>Sun Sept 8</b>	8:30am 9:00am  11:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Valentina Maribel by Angela <b>Spanish Mass</b> For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

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

- **Oliver Antonio & Jesus Daniel Cruz Maldonado** son of Lauro Cruz Vasques & Anayley Maldonado Aguilar

We celebrate the blessing of their beautiful eternal souls and may we help them grow to be the saints the Lord has called them to be.



paul koleske inspires

**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. 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!

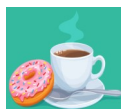
Hope to see you there!

## Knight's of Columbus 1590 Women's Auxiliary

Coffee & Donuts

**Sunday, September 8 after 9am Mass!**

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




**Your Talent is Gods gift to you. What you do with it, is your gift to the world.**

Contact the parish office to find a way to share your gift!

507-373-0603

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS		
Mon Sept 2	<b>Labor Day</b> <b>No School</b> <b>Parish Office Closed ♦ No Additional Activities</b> <b>No Loaves &amp; Fishes</b>	
Tues Sept 3	<b>Hispanic Holy Spirit Group</b> 6-8pm	Church
Wed Sept 4	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7am <b>Mass ♦ 12th Grade Confirmation</b> <b>Rehearsal &amp; Confession</b> 5pm Mass ♦ 7pm Rehearsal & Confession	Parish Meeting Room Church/ Church Basement
Thurs Sept 5	<b>Father Teaches 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> 8:25-8:45am <b>Hispanic Choir Practice/training</b> 6:30-8pm	School  Church
Fri Sept 6	<b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm	Church  Church
Sat Sept 7	<b>Baptism</b> 3pm	Church
Sun Sept 8	<b>Auxiliary Coffee &amp; Rolls</b> 10-11am	Access

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		
	<b>Saturday</b> <b>September 7, 2024</b> 5:15pm	<b>Sunday</b> <b>September 8, 2024</b> 9:00am
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch
<b>Cantor</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Lectors</b>	Kathleen Bleckeberg	Nick Schiltz
<b>Servers</b>	Grace Haag & Melody Clark	Ethan Chrissinger & Matthew Rende

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Faith Formation classes will be starting soon!**

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

**Please Register today!**

**Registration Forms are available...**

- ♦ in the August Parish Newsletter
- ♦ online: [www.sttheo.org](http://www.sttheo.org) or <https://forms.gle/wwtZhyy3cZfVnpex7>
- ♦ in both the Parish & School Offices
- ♦ the Faith Formation Information Station
- ♦ the front church entrance area

**We are still seeking a Catechist for 9th grade and a Classroom Aides for 9th & 11th grade!**

Please contact Irene if interested in helping!

**Congratulations**

*to our youth who were anointed with the Sacred Chrism in the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Wednesday. May they daily continue to seek true life in Christ and grow deeper in their love for Him and His Church.*

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



**TUNE IN & SUPPORT**

the **Fall** live drive

**SEPT 10-12**  
7 am - 7 pm

- Local impactful stories of faith and hope
- Broadcasting network-wide
- Daily prizes!





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# Open House & Dedication

OF THE NEW  
DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER CHANCERY

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 | 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.**  
A RIBBON CUTTING AND BLESSING OF THE BUILDING WILL BEGIN AT 3:00 P.M.

2907 JEREMIAH LANE NW, ROCHESTER, MN 55901

## Joy in the Journey

DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER  
**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONVENTION**  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024  
 CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, ROCHESTER, 1600 11TH AVE SE

7:45am breakfast, 8:40am Rosary, 9:00am Welcome, 2:45pm closing prayer  
 \$30 for adults & \$7 for students - Fee includes lunch.  
 Registration forms can be found at each access area.

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

**And just like that school is in full swing!**

We have a great event coming up.

- **MUM Flower Sale:** Saturday, Sept. 14, 4:00pm-7:00pm in front of St. Theodore School. Each Mum will be \$20. Have a blessed Weekend, St. Theodore Catholic School

**Season of Creation Sept 1-Oct 4**

All of creation is God's art, freely given to us for our enjoyment, and it's the responsibility of everyone to care for it. Pope Francis

**The Holy Father's Intention for September 2024**  
**FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



**No Loaves & Fishes on Labor Day**

<p><b>CPA</b> Hill, Benda, Skov &amp; Bernau, P.A. Certified Public Accountants 507-377-1333</p> <p>Accounting Services Bookkeeping, Payroll, &amp; Tax Preparation Heather Benda-Parishioner ♦ Lance Skov ♦ Andrew Bernau</p> <p>1206 W. Front St., Suite 1 Albert Lea, MN 56007</p>	<p><b>PLAZA MORENA</b> MEXICAN RESTAURANT</p> <p>507-373-9194 www.plazamorenarestaurant.com</p> <p>Northbridge Mall 2588 Bridge Ave. Albert Lea, MN 2588 Northbridge</p> <p>Rafael Herrera General Manager Parishioner</p>	<p><b>Struggling? Let's Talk</b></p> <p>Dr. Brenden Troster, PhD Licensed Therapist Parishioner Call: 507-216-4949 brendentroster.com</p>	<p><b>St. Theodore Catholic School</b></p> <p>Accepting Registrations for Pre-K - Grade 5</p> <p>Stop in or call us at 373-9657.</p>
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<p><b>Senior Resources</b> of Freeborn County Call us at 377-7433</p> <p>Serving Seniors in programs of Ride Services Advocacy Chore</p>	<p><b>SOUTHSIDE CUSTOM</b> 507-373-4164</p> <p>Mechanic Collision Repair ♦ Insurance Estimates 1401 S.E. Broadway, Albert Lea</p>	<p>Helping to beautifully preserve your memories.</p> <p><b>Mandy Grzybowski</b> Creative Memories Consultant 507-383-1558 agrzybow@me.com</p>	<p><b>Charlene's BEAUTY SALON</b> 373-1731 2306 Milo Ave. Albert Lea, MN 56007 Charlene Kukuzke Owner &amp; Parishioner</p> <p>Your Family Hair Care Center</p>
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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> 