



St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!
 ¡Invitando a las personas a participar activamente en la Vida de Cristo!

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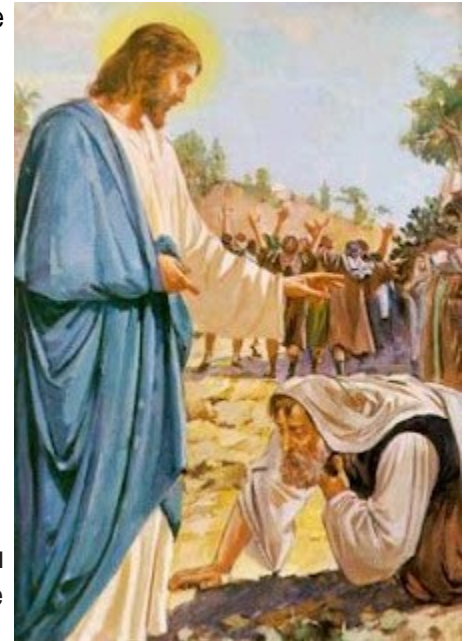
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God has touched the heart of many good people and invited them to be merciful with those who need their support and sustenance.

The disciples in today's Gospel complained to Jesus because there were others who were not part of "their" group and who "expelled demons." Jesus asks them not to prohibit them from doing so. For God, there are no favorites; Jesus surrendered himself for the salvation of all. The disciples called by the Lord to proclaim the kingdom of God have a special responsibility that does not exclude others from heeding the same call to make the signs of the kingdom visible. Pope Francis has urged us to work together to expel the "demons" of hunger, persecution, sickness, war, and terrorism from the lives of many in need. In our communities, we should ask ourselves, have we extended this same call to other Christian or non-Christian communities in our neighborhood so we can tackle these needs together?



Dios ha tocado el corazón de muchas personas buenas y las ha invitado a ser misericordiosas con quienes necesitan de su apoyo y sustento.

Los discípulos del evangelio de hoy se quejaron con Jesús porque había otros que no formaban parte de "su" grupo y que "expulsaban demonios". Jesús les pide que no se lo prohiban. Para Dios no hay favoritos; Jesús se entregó por la salvación de todos. Los discípulos llamados por el Señor a anunciar el reino de Dios tienen una responsabilidad especial que no excluye a otros de atender a la misma llamada de hacer visibles los signos del reino. El Papa Francisco nos ha instado a trabajar juntos para expulsar los "demonios" del hambre, la persecución, las enfermedades, la guerra y el terrorismo de las vidas de muchos necesitados. En nuestras comunidades, deberíamos preguntarnos: ¿hemos extendido este mismo llamado a otras comunidades cristianas o no cristianas de nuestro vecindario para que podamos abordar estas necesidades juntos?

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



Rationalization means to justify behavior that we know to be wrong or immoral, on account that it is desirable or advantageous to us.

If we grew up rationalizing bad or sinful behavior, there is a good chance that by the time we reach adulthood we are no longer even aware that the behavior is wrong or sinful. Once we accept sin as acceptable behavior we will teach others that this sin is ok.

In the Gospel, Jesus warns us of the danger of rationalization. He says that if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and thrown into the sea. For this reason it is very important that we do everything in our power to remove sinful habits from our lives so that we don't become bad influences to the young.

Love of Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

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| Goal | \$55,629.00 |
| Amount received 9/20/24) | \$33,399.00 |

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

September 9-15, 2024

| Adult Envelopes | Offertory | Improvement Fund |
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| \$7,643.00 | \$1,475.45 | \$10.00 |

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Mon: 9/30 | Jb 1:6-22 | Lk 9:46-50 |
| Tues: 10/1 | Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 | Lk 9:51-56 |
| Wed: 10/2 | Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 | Mt 18:1-5, 10 |
| Thu: 10/3 | Jb 19:21-27 | Lk 10:1-12 |
| Fri: 10/4 | Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 | Lk 10:13-16 |
| Sat: 10/5 | Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 | Lk 10:17-24 |
| Sun: 10/6 | Gn 2:18-24, Heb 2:9-11 | Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6, Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 |

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

| Date | Intention |
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| Oct 13 | Sponsors Needed |
| Oct 20 | Sponsors Needed |
| Oct 27 | † Josephine English & Patricia Rynerson by families Additional Sponsors Needed |



Baby Bottle Campaign

Provides Help and Creates Hope

Help Catholic Charities provide assistance to new and expectant parents through the Mother and Child Assistance Fund by taking a baby bottle home on Respect Life Sunday, October 6th and filling it with your spare change during the month of October. Donations go directly to assisting women across Southern Minnesota who are choosing life for their babies. Every gift makes a difference! If you are unable to pick up a bottle, please mail your donation directly to Catholic Charities Baby Bottle Campaign, PO Box 379, Winona, MN 55987 or give online at www.ccsomn.org/donate and designate your donation to the Baby Bottle Campaign in the notes section. Bottles will need to be return by October 31.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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| Tues Oct 1 | 8:30am 9:00am | Rosary Mass † Mark Claassen by Margaret Savekoul | Church Church |
| Wed Oct 2 | 8:30am 9:00am | Rosary Mass † Darlene Trease | Church Church |
| Thurs Oct 3 | 8:30am 9:00am | Rosary Mass † Collen Jacobson by Gerry Berg | Church Church |
| Fri Oct 4 | 8:30am 9:00am 9:30am | Rosary Mass † Mark Claassen First Friday Confession | Church Church Church |
| Sat Oct 5 | 4:00pm 5:15pm | Confessions & Rosary Mass † Darlene Nistler by Robert | Church Church |
| Sun Oct 6 | 8:30am 9:00am 11:00am | Rosary Mass: Baptism † Mark Edward Claassen by Jeffrey Kopseng † Buboltz & Seykora families by family Spanish Mass: Baptism For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions | Church Church Church |

Welcome: This weekend we welcome the following into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

- **Ryan John Kay** son of Gay Reh & Ah May Si
- **Diamond Shee** son of Shee Lo & Carla Moo

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.



The Albert Lea Knights of Columbus Council 1590 received the Father McGivney Award for 2023 - 2024. This award is given to the K/C council with the highest recruitment of new members. This is the FIRST time that the Albert Lea Knights of Columbus has ever received this award. Thank you to all the new members and brother Knights who worked to make this happen. The award will be on display in the K/C cabinet, down in the lower access.

El Consejo Albert Lea Caballeros de Colón 1590 recibió el Premio Padre McGivney, para 2023 - 2024. Este premio se otorga al consejo K/C con el mayor reclutamiento de nuevos miembros. Esta es la PRIMERA vez que los Caballeros de Colón Albert Lea reciben este premio. Gracias a todos los nuevos miembros y a los hermanos Caballeros que ayudaron a que esto sucediera. El premio estará expuesto en el gabinete K/C, abajo en el acceso inferior.

The Holy Father's Intention for October 2024


For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

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| Mon Sept 30 | <p>Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm</p> <p>School Picture Retakes 8am-3pm</p> <p>Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm</p> <p>School Fundraising Meeting 6:30-7:30pm</p> | <p>Marian Hall</p> <p>Marian Hall</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Marian Hall</p> |
| Tues Oct 1 | <p>Hispanic Holy Spirit Group 6-8pm</p> | Church |
| Wed Oct 2 | <p>Morning Prayer Group 6-7am</p> <p>Faith Formation Class: 5th-11th gr. 6:30-8pm</p> <p>Faith Formation Adoration 7-8pm</p> | <p>Parish Meeting Room School</p> <p>Church</p> |
| Thurs Oct 3 | <p>Quilting Group 1-4pm</p> <p>Hispanic Choir Practice/training 6:30-8pm</p> | <p>Church Basement</p> <p>Church</p> |
| Fri Oct 4 | <p>Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm</p> <p>The Blessing of Animals 5:30pm</p> <p>Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm</p> | <p>Church</p> <p>W. Parking Lot</p> <p>Church</p> |
| Sat Oct 5 | No Additional Activities | |
| Sun Oct 6 | <p>Faith Formation Class PreK-4th Grade 10:05-10:55am</p> | School/Church |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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|  | Saturday October 5, 2024 5:15pm | Sunday October 6, 2024 9:00am |
| Accompanist | Ada Theusch | Ada Theusch |
| Cantor | TBD | Betsy Schultz |
| Lectors | Mary Larscheid | Nicole Eckstrom |
| Servers | Ethan Haag & Kyle Steffl | Emilie & Sophia Troster |

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Classes have started!

PreK- 4th grade and ALL First Communion students:

Sunday mornings between Masses: 10:05-10:55am

5th-11th grade: Wednesday evenings: 6:30-8pm.

All Forms & Fees are due Sunday, Sept. 29th! Thank you!

Registration Form Locations

- ◆ Parish Newsletter
- ◆ Parish and School Offices
- ◆ Faith Formation Info Station
- ◆ Church entrance by the chapel
- ◆ Download from: www.sttheo.org (under the Faith Formation tab)

◆ Online: click/follow this link:
<https://forms.gle/jjMyDpePUeWux9nBz5>

Or... scan this QR Code!




IMPORTANT! First Communion PARENTS:

Please attend a **FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATIONAL MEETING:**
Sunday, Sept. 29th, Marian Hall, 10-11am

Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director - ian@sttheo.org 507-373-5254

Church Giving Envelopes


 To ensure we are accurate with our spending, as a practice, if a church envelope number hasn't been used two years or more, or they weren't pick up at all from the year before, we cease to order envelopes for them unless contacted. Please be sure to let us know if you no longer want to receive your envelopes.

If you haven't received a box of Church giving envelopes and would like your own box, please contact the parish office and we'll be sure to add your name to the order. We submit our order October 14th!

IMMEDIATE OPENING

A full-time School Custodian
40 afternoon and evening hours per week.
Some hours may be short notice or weekend

If interested please contact the parish office for an application at 507-373-0603. Applications can also be obtained at sttheo.org and will be accepted until the position is filled.




Schedule your appointment:
Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesday, October 17, 2024 ♦ 11 am - 5 pm
in Marian Hall.

Call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to redcrossblood.org to make an appointment!


ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS



Thank you for all the great Apple Tree donations! - 4th and 5th grade

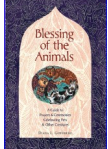
We would like to give a HUGE thank you to everyone that has donated an apple from our "Apple Tree". This helps our teachers with out-of-pocket costs that they put into their classrooms. Thank you so much for helping our school! We will be removing the Apple Tree Monday, September 30.

Have a blessed weekend,
St. Theodore Catholic School



Spend time with God in prayer
and God will certainly speak.

Friday Adoration has multiple time slots available. Please consider signing up to spend some time with Jesus. Sign up sheets are located at the chapel back access area.



The Blessing of the Animals

Friday, October 4th, 2024 ♦ 8:00am
West Parking Lot

To prevent biting, it's important to please keep your pet restrained while the blessing is taking place.

Season of Creation Sept 1-Oct 4

RESPOND to the cry of the Poor
RESPOND to the cry of the Earth, Pope Francis

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Diocese of Winona-Rochester Child Sexual Abuse Policy

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 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 Michael Gerard, at 507-361-3377, or mgerard@dowr.org.

Anyone working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school is a mandated reporter. Anyone who knows or has reason to believe that a minor (a person under the age of 18) or vulnerable adult is or has been abused or neglected, must report all suspected abuse or neglect to proper civil authorities/law enforcement within 24 hours of the abuse or neglect becoming known to him or her and must also follow up with a written report to civil authorities within 72 hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays. Many people working or volunteering in a Catholic parish or school, including clergy, are mandated reporters under state law.

Procedimientos Diocesanos Para Hacer Frente al Abuso Sexual de Menores

La Diócesis de Winona-Rochester se ha comprometido a proteger a los niños, los jóvenes y otras personas vulnerables en nuestras escuelas, parroquias y actividades apostólicas. Tenemos un cuidado especial y la intención permanente de atender eventuales víctimas de abuso sexual y sus familias. Para informarnos sobre alegaciones actuales de abuso sexual por parte de miembros del clero o empleados laicos o voluntarios en la Diócesis de Winona-Rochester contacte: 507-454-2270, Extensión 255 Víctimas de abuso sexual, además de contactar a las autoridades civiles, se les pide de dirigirse a la diócesis para recibir asistencia pastoral. El Coordinado de Asistencia a la Víctima le proveerá tal asistencia.

"Cualquier persona que trabaje o sea voluntario en una parroquia o escuela católica, tiene la obligación de reportar o denunciar abusos o negligencias. Cualquier persona que sepa o tenga razones para creer que un menor (una persona menor de 18 años) o un adulto vulnerable es o ha sido abusado o ignorado, debe denunciar toda sospecha de abuso o abandono a las autoridades civiles o autoridades policiales pertinentes dentro de las 24 horas desde que tuvo conocimiento del asunto y además deberá dar seguimiento haciendo un informe escrito a las autoridades civiles dentro de un margen de 72 horas, excluyendo fines de semana y feriados".

<http://www.dowr.org/offices/safe-environment/report-a-complaint.html>