



St. Theodore Catholic Church

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God is the creator, redeemer, and sanctifier of all humanity. Today's readings lead us to recognize the communion of God in love. The Father sent the Son, whom he made a "little less than the angels" so that, by dying and rising, he would be crowned in glory. This intimate communion the Holy Spirit creates becomes present as a sign in every sacrament the Church celebrates. In today's Gospel, Jesus affirms the union of man and woman before God, a sign the Church has declared as the sacrament of marriage. Faced with the many options for human relationships that society offers us today, we can neither forget the origin of the human family nor the holiness of married life. It is important to have the various groups of the community, especially the youth groups, discuss the significant value of Christian marriage.



Dios es el creador, redentor y santificador de toda la humanidad. Las lecturas de hoy nos llevan a reconocer la comunión de Dios en el amor. El Padre envió al Hijo, al que hizo "un poco menor que los ángeles" para que, muriendo y resucitando, fuera coronado de gloria. Esta comunión íntima que crea el Espíritu Santo se hace presente como signo en cada sacramento que celebra la Iglesia. En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús afirma la unión del hombre y la mujer ante Dios, signo que la Iglesia ha declarado como sacramento del matrimonio. Ante las múltiples opciones de relaciones humanas que la sociedad nos ofrece hoy, no podemos olvidar el origen de la familia humana ni la santidad de la vida matrimonial. Es importante que los diversos grupos de la comunidad, especialmente los grupos de jóvenes, discutan el valor significativo del matrimonio cristiano.



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



In the first reading for this Sunday, we hear God declare that it is not good for Man to be alone. Therefore, God creates woman as his suitable partner and from this creation we have the formation of natural marriage. A man shall leave his mother and father and join to his wife and the two shall become one flesh.

Jesus goes on to teach in the Gospel that what God has joined together man should not separate.

Jesus uses this rationale to answer the question of whether it is lawful for a man to divorce his wife. The Church follows the teaching of Jesus and does not recognize civil divorce as grounds to allow for remarriage. Many find this teaching very difficult and often find themselves frustrated by their inability to fully participate in their Catholic faith when they remarry after being divorced.

One answer to this frustration is to investigate the Catholic Church's Annulment process. An annulment is not a Catholic divorce but a declaration from the Church, after careful investigation, that there was something from the beginning that prevented the union from becoming a sacrament. If you are interested in learning more about what this process is or would entail, please contact me.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Oct 8	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Gary Altfillisch by family	Church Church
Wed Oct 9	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Charles Perry by family	Church Church
Thurs Oct 10	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ryan Moore by Suzanne Moore & family	Church Church
Fri Oct 11	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Bob Lauer by the Tibodeau's	Church Church
Sat Oct 12	4:00pm 5:15pm	Confessions & Rosary Memorial Mass Association	Church Church
Sun Oct 13	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosary Mass: Baptism Welcome Blessing for First Reconciliation Families † For all Parishioners Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$55,629.00
Amount received 9/27/24)	\$33,544.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

September 23-29, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$5,377.50	\$1,848.00	\$5.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 10/7	GAL 1:6-12	LK 10:25-37
Tues: 10/8	GAL 1:13-24	LK 10:38-42
Wed: 10/9	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14	Lk 11:1-4
Thu: 10/10	GAL 3:1-5	LK 11:5-13
Fri: 10/11	GAL 3:7-14	LK 11:15-26
Sat: 10/12	GAL 3:22-29	LK 11:27-28
Sun: 10/13	Wis 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13	Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Oct 20	Sponsors Needed
Oct 27	† Josephine English & Patricia Rynerson by families Additional Sponsors Needed
Nov 3	† Louise Yost by family & friends † Cynthia Trebil by family Additional Sponsors Needed



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

Sunday, October 13 after 9am Mass!

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

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

- **Adela Emina Begic:** daughter of Hasan Begic & Anne Elizabeth Studer

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.



BAPTISM

Baby Bottle Campaign

Supports New and Expectant Parents

Catholic Charities supports confident pregnancies and stable beginnings through financial assistance, free baby items, pregnancy counseling, parenting education, and adoption planning and placement. We need your help in meeting the needs of new and expectant parents in difficult situations. Every dollar donated through the Baby Bottle Campaign is used for rent or utilities for women who are pregnant or have a new baby at home. While applying for assistance, women learn about adoption and parenting supports in order to feel confident carrying their baby to term. Your gift offers a tangible gift of hope during a crisis.

Thank you for supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign!



THERE HERE!

Fifty Boxes of Joy await individuals to help fill and return by November 1st!

Even though Christmas is months away, now is the time to fill our boxes so they get into the hands of children for Christmas! When you take a box to fill, please put your name, phone number and box number on the sign out sheet provided. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

Mon Oct 7	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Hispanic Bible Study 6-8pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm	Marian Hall Church Basement Church
Tues Oct 8	Eucharistic Revival Team Meeting 10:30-11am Scholastic Book Fair 3:30-7:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7pm Endowment Board Meeting 5:15-7:15pm Hispanic Holy Spirit Group 6-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church School Parish Meeting Room Church
Wed Oct 9	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Scholastic Book Fair 3-5pm Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-4:40pm Special Faith Formation Supper & Class for Parents/Students 5-11 grades 6:30-8pm Faith Formation Adoration 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room School School Marian Hall/ School Church
Thurs Oct 10	Scholastic Book Fair 3-7:30pm Father Teaches 2-3 Grade 8:25-8:45am Parent/Teacher Conference 3:30-7:00pm Hispanic Choir Practice/training 6:30-8pm Knights Meeting 6:30-8pm	School School Church Church Church Basement
Fri Oct 11	No School Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm Overnight Vigil (Day 1/2) 10pm-midnight	Church/Chapel Church Church
Sat Oct 12	Overnight Vigil (Day 2/2) Midnight-5am Baptism Class 10-11am Rosary of our Nation 12-1pm	Church Rectory Dining Room West Parking Lot
Sun Oct 13	Faith Formation Class PreK-4th Grade 10:05-10:55am Auxiliary Coffee & Rolls 10-11am KC Roundtable Meeting 12-1pm	School Access Area Church Basement

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday October 12, 2024 5:15pm	Sunday October 13, 2024 9:00am
Accompanist	Diane Heaney	Diane Heaney
Cantor	Jodi Blong	TBD
Lectors	Deb Schatz	Penny Jahnke
Servers	Grace Haag & Melody Clark	Ethan Chrissinger & Blake Redman

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

10th & 11th Grade Confirmation Students!...

Service Hours: There are several opportunities available for you to obtain your required service hours! Check the Faith Formation Info Station for a list of events you can sign up for.

Homily Notes: Reminder! You need to do them every weekend!

Please Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, Oct. 9th: Family Supper for all 5th-11th grade Faith Formation students and their families. We invite you to attend a complimentary meal at 6:30pm in Marian Hall. Following dinner, parents are welcome to stay for a short program regarding several awesome, upcoming opportunities that your child(ren) can participate in! Students will have class from 7-8pm.

Sunday, Oct. 13th: Welcoming Blessing for all First Communion students. Please choose to attend the 9am or 11am Mass. Students, their families & Godparents/Sponsors are encouraged to sit in the front, reserved pews.

2024-2025 Registration Forms and Fees are now due!

Please contact Irene to get your child registered or for more info.

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

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS





Mark your calendar! All are welcome to our **Scholastic Book Fair** next week in Marian Hall. There will be many children's books to choose from. This is a great opportunity to pick up some books for gifts.


Book Fair Hours

Tuesday, October 8th ♦ 3:30pm-7:00pm
 Wednesday, October 9th ♦ 3:30pm-4:40pm
 Thursday, October 10th ♦ 3:30pm-7:00pm

Have a great weekend! ♦ St. Theodore Catholic School

	KC Meeting Thursday, October 10, 2024 6:30-8:00pm ♦ Church Basement KC Roundtable Meeting Sunday, October 13, 2024 Noon After Spanish Mass - Church Basement	
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Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost." Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Amen. Pope Francis

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Red Cross Blood Drive</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">October 17 ♦ 11am</p> <p style="margin: 0;">St. Theodore Marian Hall</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Call for an appointment at 800-RED-CROSS. Walk-ins welcomed!</p>
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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".

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