



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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**As is customary, the texts chosen for the final Sundays in Ordinary Time point toward the second coming of the Lord when the final harvest will take place.** For many, these texts can incite fear or insecurity; in fact, we have witnessed religious groups and movements that, along with astrologists, have set dates for this time. The biblical texts, however, do not pretend to be either horoscopes or warnings of the future. The word of God awakens the faith of believers and invites them to recognize that the path to the future, where the Lord will embrace us forever, is in the present; as today's psalm proclaims, it is the Lord who shows us "the path to life." Those who live in the Lord always have nothing to fear; his life is ours from our baptism and confirmation. How can we fear the one who sanctifies us daily in the Eucharist? As Saint Paul would say, "Who can separate us from the love of Christ?" It is worthwhile for members of the community to discuss this topic of the second coming of the Lord, or the end times. Some people live, at times, influenced or pressured by those who, via the media, announce doctrines foreign to Catholicism and fill the lives of the faithful with fear and negativity. The homily and group meetings both lend themselves well for this discussion.



**Como es costumbre, los textos elegidos para los últimos domingos del Tiempo Ordinario apuntan hacia la segunda venida del Señor, cuando tendrá lugar la cosecha final.** Para muchos, estos textos pueden incitar miedo o inseguridad;

de hecho, hemos sido testigos de grupos y movimientos religiosos que, junto con los astrólogos, han fijado fechas para esta época. Los textos bíblicos, sin embargo, no pretenden ser ni horóscopos ni advertencias del futuro. La palabra de Dios despierta la fe de los creyentes y los invita a reconocer que el camino hacia el futuro, donde el Señor nos abrazará por siempre, está en el presente; Como proclama el salmo de hoy, es el Señor quien nos muestra "el camino de la vida". Los que viven en el Señor no tienen siempre nada que temer; su vida es nuestra desde nuestro bautismo y confirmación. ¿Cómo podemos temer a Aquel que nos santifica diariamente en la Eucaristía? Como diría San Pablo: "¿Quién podrá separarnos del amor de Cristo?" Vale la pena que los miembros de la comunidad discutan este tema de la segunda venida del Señor, o el fin de los tiempos. Algunas personas viven, a veces, influenciadas o presionadas por quienes, a través de los medios de comunicación, anuncian doctrinas ajenas al catolicismo y llenan la vida de los fieles de miedo y negatividad. Tanto la homilía como las reuniones de grupo se prestan bien para esta discusión.

## 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



"Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God." Hebrews 10:11-14.

In the past I have had the opportunity to talk with groups of young people who were very interested in my vocation as a priest. They asked me a lot of questions that helped me reflect on my identity as a priest. One of those questions was why are only Catholic clergy called Priests? The answer has to do with the Catholic understanding of Priesthood and the scripture verse written above, found in the first reading today.

A priest is one who offers sacrifice for sin. Jesus Christ is the one true priest who offered himself on a cross for the forgiveness of our sins. The Catholic Church was founded on this belief and the ministry given to the Apostles to carry this truth to the foundation of the world. The Apostles and their successors were not only given the task of proclaiming this mystery of salvation with their mouths, but were also called to join in the mystery through their lives and in their deaths. As a priest of Jesus, I am called to continue the work of the Apostles, which is the work of Christ. The sacrifice of Christ is one but continues to be carried out over time in each Mass that is said. As a priest I am called to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, but also I am called to offer the one sacrifice of Christ for the salvation of the world through the Mass.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Tues</b> <b>Nov 19</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Eufemia Domingez by family	Church Church
<b>Wed</b> <b>Nov 20</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Ron Grein by family	Church Church
<b>Thurs</b> <b>Nov 21</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Dave Welber by Joyce & Rick	Church Church
<b>Fri</b> <b>Nov 22</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Charles Perry by family	Church Church
<b>Sat</b> <b>Nov 23</b>	4:00pm 5:15pm	Confessions & Rosary <b>Mass</b> For all Parishioners	Church Church
<b>Sun</b> <b>Nov 24</b>	8:30am 9:00am  11:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> In honor of John & Penee McGaughey's 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary <b>Spanish Mass</b> For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church  Church

## 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Time to help us reach our goal is getting limited. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord is calling you to help with this year's appeal. We have **\$15,650** yet to collect before January 1, 2025. Please Give!

Goal	\$55,629.00
Amount received 11/8/24)	\$39,979.00

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

November 4-10, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$6,470.78	\$1,554.80	\$915.00

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon:11/18	RV 1:1-4; 2:1-5	LK 18:35-43
Tues:11/19	RV 3:1-6, 14-22	LK 19:1-10
Wed:11/20	Rv 4:1-11	Lk 19:11-28
Thu:11/21	RV 5:1-10	LK 19:41-44
Fri: 11/22	RV 10:8-11	LK 19:45-48
Sat: 11/23	Rv 11:4-12	Lk 20:27-40
Sun:11/24	Dn 7:13-14, Rv 1:5-8	Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5, Jn 18:33b-37

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
<b>Dec 1</b>	† Charles Kermes by Mary & family † Richard & Dorrene Walker by family
<b>Dec 8</b>	Sponsors Needed
<b>Dec 15</b>	Sponsors Needed

## The Holy Father's Intention for November 2024 For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



**United Way Winter Gear Drive** drop off boxes are located in the parish office, back access of the church, and the school from November to January. Anything designed to keep a person warm during our cold Minnesota winters will be accepted. This would include coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, snowsuits, boots and more.



## Hark! Hear the Bells!

The St. Theodore **Handbell Choir** will once again be ringing out joy for our Christmas Eve 10 p.m. Mass with carols beforehand. If you are interested in joining the group for this Christmas, please reach out to Ada Theusch at 507-402-5434 to add your name to the list of ringers! Experienced and new members are welcome! Rehearsals will be held in the church basement from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on November 20, 27, December 4, 11, and 18. Hope to see the faces of new and familiar ringers!

## Winter Weather Closing Practice

Now that we're starting to feel winter temperatures, it's important that everyone is aware of our closing practice.

- ◆ In the event that school is canceled, all parish activities are also canceled and the parish office is also closed.
- ◆ If school starts late or closes early, the parish will follow the same practice.
- ◆ We will also advertise closings through KATE Radio 1450 AM, KAAL TV, Flocknote Text & emails, Facebook & Signs on Doors.

We pray for the following family who mourns the loss of their loved one:

- **Miguel Angel Chavez-Lopes** (died November 1, 2024)



We pray the Lord will bring his soul peace, mercy and eternal rest and comfort for his family during this difficult time.




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

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Nov 18	<b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Hispanic Bible Study/Aztec Dance Practice</b> 6-8pm <b>Life in the Spirit Group</b> 6-7pm <b>OCIA Regional Gathering</b> 7-8:30pm	Marian Hall Church Chapel Parish Meeting Room
Tues Nov 19	<b>Church Dusting</b> 9:30-10:30am <b>Aztec Dance Practice</b> 5-6pm <b>Hispanic Holy Spirit Group</b> 6-8pm <b>School Board Meeting</b> 6-8pm	Church Church Church Marian Hall
Wed Nov 20	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7am <b>Handbell Practice</b> 5:30-6:30pm <b>Faith Formation Class grades 5-11</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Faith Formation Adoration</b> 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church Basement Church Marian Hall
Thurs Nov 21	<b>Father Teaches K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b> 8:25-8:45am <b>Quilting Group</b> 1-4pm <b>KC Auxiliary Meeting</b> 5:30-8pm <b>Hispanic Choir/Aztec Dance Practice</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Finance Council Meeting</b> 6:30-7:30pm	School Church Basement Marian Hall Church Parish Meeting Room
Fri Nov 22	<b>Adoration</b> 9:30am-6:30pm <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm	Church Church
Sat Nov 23	<b>OCIA/RCIA</b> 8:30-11am <b>First Reconciliation Centers</b> 9-11am	Parish Meeting Room Marian Hall
Sun Nov 24	<b>Faith Formation Class PreK-4th Grade</b> 10-11am <b>Christmas Pageant Practice</b> 2-4pm	School Church

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<b>Saturday</b> November 23, 2024 5:15pm	<b>Sunday</b> November 24, 2024 9:00am
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch
<b>Cantor</b>	Peter Sullivan	Jodi Blong
<b>Lectors</b>	Deb Schatz	Carol Thompson
<b>Servers</b>	Keagan Winslow & Kyle Ramirez	Ethan Chrissinger & Matthew Minear

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**2024 Children's Christmas Pageant!**

 All PreK-12th grade St. Theo youth are welcome to participate! There are plenty of parts and roles to fill! Adult volunteers as well as Middle/High School students are needed! If interested in participating in or helping with this highly anticipated event, contact Irene to sign up or for more information. Next practices are as follows: **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm in the church. Thank you!**

**Confirmation Students! November 17<sup>th</sup> is an important day!**

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rite of Commitment**, during 9am or 11am Mass.  
Your Sponsor(s) must attend Mass with you!

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Candidate & Sponsor Session**, 2-4pm, in Marian Hall. This event is required for Confirmation! Let your Sponsor(s) know!

**First Reconciliation Centers**

All students preparing for their First Reconciliation must attend this event with a parent or Godparent! **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9-11am**, Marian Hall. Light breakfast & refreshments will be provided.

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

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

**Hey, 7th-12th Graders! Youth Group is back in session!**

Join us Sunday, **November 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8pm** in Marian Hall & the Gym for a fun evening of dodgeball, food, prayer/reflection, & Minute-To-Win-It games! For more info please contact Irene: 507-373-5254, [ian@sttheo.org](mailto:ian@sttheo.org).

**Adults, this group needs your assistance & leadership!**  
Contact Irene today to sign up for this terrific volunteer service opportunity!

## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

**ATTENTION!** We are beginning the process of seeking Elementary school teachers for the 2025/2026 school year. We have plans to split our classrooms back to single grade rooms, and will be looking for multiple teachers to fill the need. If you or anyone you know would like to come teach at St. Theodore School, please send your resume to Sue Amundson at [samundson@sttheoschool.org](mailto:samundson@sttheoschool.org).

Have a blessed weekend,  
St. Theodore Catholic School



**Adoracion para Viernes:** Para mayor comodidad, las hojas de inscripción para la adoración del Viernes ahora están ubicadas en las áreas de acceso frontal y posterior.

**Friday Adoration:** For convenience, Friday adoration sign up sheets are now located in the front and back access areas.

**The Catholic Shoppe**

St. Theodore Parish Office ♦ Open Monday-Thursday ♦ 8AM-4PM

New Advent and Christmas items added to our store!

**Salvation Army Angel Tree**

 Please consider making a local child's Christmas magical by taking a tag (or 2!) from the Angel Tree in the church entrance. Instructions for gift drop-off are included on each tag. The Angel Tree deadline is Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity this Christmas season! Questions? Please contact Irene Nelson, Faith Formation Director - [ian@sttheo.org](mailto:ian@sttheo.org) 507-373-5254

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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](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 Michael Gerard, at 507-361-3377, or [mgerard@dowr.org](mailto: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.

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

### 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”.**