



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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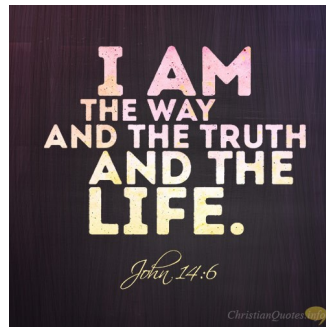
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**Jesus proclaimed the announcement of the kingdom of God**, but he never recognized himself as king. His followers in the Church, however, have always recognized him as such; Saint John in the second reading today declares Jesus "ruler of the kings of the earth." Jesus' sovereignty, however, hasn't been based on a strict authority that accumulates treasures and soldiers to impress other nations. Jesus' real authority is his love, with which he purified us when he gave his life for all on the wood of the cross and resurrected to open for us the path to salvation. Today, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, recognizes Jesus Christ as king. The Gospel presents Jesus as a prisoner of death before Pilate, who asks him if he is the king of the Jews. Jesus clarifies that his kingdom isn't of this world and that he prefers to say he is here to "to testify to the truth." We can, then, ask ourselves, do we live to testify the truth in a world that appears to proclaim and disseminate the truth but that sometimes hides it? What does living as a witness of the truth consist of at home, at work, in our church communities, at confession, in the word? The problem is not lying; the biggest challenge is being a witness to the truth because the truth is hard and being a witness sometimes requires living the sacrifice that took Jesus to Calvary.



**Jesús proclamó el anuncio del reino de Dios**, pero nunca se reconoció rey. Sus seguidores en la Iglesia, sin embargo, siempre lo han reconocido como tal; San Juan en la segunda lectura de hoy declara a Jesús "gobernante de los reyes de la tierra". La soberanía de Jesús, sin embargo, no se ha basado en una autoridad estricta que acumula tesoros y soldados para impresionar a otras naciones. La verdadera autoridad de Jesús es su amor, con el que nos purificó cuando entregó su vida por todos en el madero de la cruz y resucitó para abrirnos el camino de la salvación. Hoy, último domingo del año litúrgico, se reconoce a Jesucristo como rey. El Evangelio presenta a Jesús como prisionero de muerte ante Pilato, quien le pregunta si es el rey de los judíos. Jesús aclara que su reino no es de este mundo y que prefiere decir que está aquí para "dar testimonio de la verdad". Podemos entonces preguntarnos: ¿vivimos para testificar la verdad en un mundo que parece proclamar y difundir la verdad pero que a veces la oculta? ¿En qué consiste vivir como testigo de la verdad en el hogar, en el trabajo, en nuestras comunidades eclesiales, en la confesión, en la palabra? El problema no es mentir; el mayor desafío es ser testigo de la verdad porque la verdad es dura y ser testigo a veces requiere vivir el sacrificio que llevó a Jesús al Calvario.

## 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



Today we honor Jesus as our King!

I went to my little nephew's play, and it was reminiscing about the days when the United States was under the authority of the King of England. The people did not like being taxed without representation, but many still took pride in their King.

Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses don't really exist much any more today but we still seem to grasp the idea of royalty and long for it. The memories of being called "my prince" or "my princess" as a child meant something very special to us. All of us want to be something special, it's in our nature and tells us who we are.

This feast of Christ our King clearly reaffirms that we are something very special and that we belong to a royal family. Christ is our King and through baptism we are made princes and princesses of God our heavenly Father. Let us never forget who we are or where we come from and be ready to treat all our brothers and sisters as members of the royal family.

Love of Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

## 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 **\$14,955** yet to collect before January 1, 2025. Please Give!

Goal	\$55,629.00
Amount received 11/15/24)	\$40,674.00

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

November 11-17, 2024

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$4,876.50	\$1,371.35	\$365.00
Salvation Army Donation 11/14/24		114 lbs

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon:11/25	RV 14:1-3, 4b-5	LK 21:1-4
Tues:11/26	RV 14:14-19	LK 21:5-11
Wed:11/27	RV 15:1-4	LK 21:12-19
Thu:11/28	RV 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9A,	LK 21:20-28
Fri: 11/29	RV 20:1-4, 11—21:2	LK 21:29-33
Sat: 11/30	ROM 10:9-18	MT 4:18-22
Sun:12/1	JER 33:14-16, 1 THES 3:12—4:2	PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14, LK 21:25-28, 34-36

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Dec 8	Sponsors Needed
Dec 15	Sponsors Needed
Dec 22	Sponsors Needed
Dec 29	Sponsors Needed

**Immaculate Conception**  
Monday, December 9  
9:00am &  
Vigil Mass 5:30pm



## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Tues</b> Nov 26	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Andrew Luna by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson	Church Church
<b>Wed</b> Nov 27	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Ray & Lucy Luna family & Steve Hendrickson by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson	Church Church
<b>Thurs</b> Nov 28	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass: Thanksgiving</b> † Polly Schiltz by family	Church Church
<b>Fri</b> Nov 29	8:30am 9:00am	No Rosary <b>No Mass</b> Intention for Avaice Kunkel moved to Saturday, November 30.	Church Church
<b>Sat</b> Nov 30	4:00pm 5:15pm	Confessions & Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Avaice Kunkel by family	Church Church
<b>Sun</b> Dec 1	8:30am 9:00am  11:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Charles Kermes by Mary & family † Richard & Dorrene Walker by family <b>Spanish Mass</b> For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church  Church

## 2024 OCTOBER PARISH FINANCE

Income	Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
	\$70,466.04	\$68,408.37	\$265,330.52	\$273,633.48
Expense	Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
	\$76,654.13	\$70,877.93	\$287,584.01	\$283,511.72
OCTOBER 2024 INCOME-EXPENSE				
	Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
	<b>(\$6,488.09)</b>	<b>(\$12,469.56)</b>	<b>(\$22,253.49)</b>	<b>(\$9,878.24)</b>

Based on our October financials, our Year to Date Actual (YTD) is over \$20,000 short. Even though we usually get a "bump" in income over Thanksgiving and Christmas, this "bump" needs to meet our shortage and then carry us through until Easter. The increase that we usually receive for Easter has fallen short of getting us through May and June, when giving is significantly reduced.

Below shows we had a \$29,361.06 shortfall for the 2023-24 fiscal year. A full detail of the 2023-2024 financials was included in our November Newsletter that was sent out recently.


## 2023-24 PARISH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Actual Total Annual Income	Actual Total Annual Expenses	Total Income - Expenses
<b>\$794,296.12</b>	<b>\$823,657.15</b>	<b>(\$29,361.06)</b>




2025 Calendars are here! Both English & Spanish versions are in the access areas.

Los calendarios 2025 ya están aquí! Tanto la versión en inglés y español se encuentran en las áreas de acceso.


THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS		
Mon Nov 25	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm	Marian Hall  Chapel
Tues Nov 26	Parish Staff Meeting/Office Closed 1-2:30pm Aztec Dance Practice 5-6pm Hispanic Holy Spirit Group 6-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church  Church
Wed Nov 27	No School Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Handbell Practice 5:30-6:30pm No Faith Formation Class grades 5-11 6:30-8pm No Faith Formation Adoration 7-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church Basement  School  Church
Thurs Nov 28	Parish Office Closed No Additional Activities as Parish is closed after 9am Mass.	
Fri Nov 29	PARISH CLOSED NO ADORATION	
Sat Nov 30	Baptism 3:00pm	Church
Sun Dec 1	Special Family Advent Day Prek-4 <sup>th</sup> Grade 10-11am	School/Church

**Parish Office Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday**  
Thursday, November 28, 2024



### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Bake Sale

St. Theodore School Gym  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-7pm  
Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am until gone




Help support this wonderful event by donating homemade baked goods, holiday trays & containers, or monetary donations. Bring donations to the parish office during office hours. Baked items can be dropped off at the gym from 4-7pm on Thursday, December 5 and Friday, December 6.

## The Catholic Shoppe



Will be selling items at the Bake Sale  
December 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> ♦ 2-7pm ♦ Marian Hall  
A little bit of everything and some will be make great Christmas Gifts.

**Advent Bible Study**  
Monday nights at 7pm starting December 2nd.  
For more information contact: Maria with Parish Social Ministries at 507-905-8602 or by email at [MAHMED@CCSOMN.ORG](mailto:MAHMED@CCSOMN.ORG)




### Offering Envelopes Have Arrived!

Envelopes are located in the lower church access area. Please be sure to pick up your box.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		
	<b>Saturday</b> November 30, 2024 5:15pm	<b>Sunday</b> December 1, 2024 9:00am
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch
<b>Cantor</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Lectors</b>	Kathleen Bleckeberg	Nicole Eckstrom
<b>Servers</b>	Grace Haag & Melody Clark	Blake Redman & Matthew Minear & Sophia Lares
<b>November 28 Thanksgiving</b>	 9:00 am Lector: Nick Schultz ♦ Cantor: Brain Zogg	

## 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

## 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

### Poinsettias for Christmas!

 Addie's Floral & Gifts is filling orders for poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas until December 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Addie's Floral directly at 377-2081. You may designate your plants as either a memorial or in honor of, for the following costs:

**6 1/2" pot single plant - \$13.00 or 8" pot two plants - \$25.00**

Donors may take their plant home after the 1/5/25 weekend Masses.

### Advent Communal Penance Service

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

3:00-3:30 PM: Sacrament of Reconciliation for First Communicants  
3:30-4:30pm: Communal Penance

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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.

### 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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