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According to today's Gospel, the mystery the wise men of the East wished to solve was the birthplace of the King of the Jews.

For Saint Paul, the mystery revealed by the Holy Spirit consists in that "the Gentiles are coheirs" of the same inheritance God promised. Today, on this great solemnity of Epiphany, the Church celebrates the revelation of our Savior to all nations, represented by the encounter with the three wise men who travel from the East to see the newborn babe in the manger in Bethlehem. Customary symbols accompany the celebration: the star that guides the wise men, the light the Child Jesus is for all who search for peace, and the meeting of believers and non-believers. God calls us together to gather us in his love, and he calls us to become one family where peace and reconciliation reign. How do we welcome our neighbors and friends who do not share our faith? Have we tried meeting with the leaders of other communities, Christian and non-Christian alike, to give thanks to God for all the good things we share in our society?



Según el evangelio de hoy, el misterio que querían resolver los sabios de Oriente era el lugar de nacimiento del rey de los judíos.

Para san Pablo, el misterio revelado por el Espíritu Santo consiste en que "los gentiles son coherederos" de la misma herencia que Dios prometió. Hoy, en esta gran solemnidad de la Epifanía, la Iglesia celebra la revelación de nuestro Salvador a todas las naciones, representada por el encuentro con los tres reyes magos que viajan desde Oriente para ver al recién nacido en el pesebre de Belén. Símbolos habituales acompañan la celebración: la estrella que guía a los Reyes Magos, la luz que el Niño Jesús es para todos los que buscan la paz y el encuentro de creyentes y no creyentes. Dios nos llama a reunirnos en su amor, y nos llama a convertirnos en una sola familia donde reine la paz y la reconciliación. ¿Cómo damos la bienvenida a nuestros vecinos y amigos que no comparten nuestra fe? ¿Hemos intentado reunirnos con los líderes de otras comunidades, tanto cristianas como no cristianas, para darle gracias a Dios por todas las cosas buenas que compartimos en nuestra sociedad?

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 celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, which means that God is made manifest.

There are traditionally three events that are associated with this feast, the arrival of the three Kings, the Baptism of our Lord, and the wedding feast of Cana. These events all reveal God being made manifest to us in the person of his Son Jesus Christ. Gift giving, baptisms, and weddings are times when we can feel love being generated and this makes us feel good and happy.

God wants us to have a similar experience as we celebrate together. God manifesting himself amongst us in the Mass, by sharing with us His body and His Blood.

In this sometimes cruel world that we live in, it can be difficult to imagine a God who is pure love. Yet if we allow ourselves to be embraced by the manifestation of God's love for us, we in turn can be the manifestation of God's love for others.

In so many ways I witness each of you manifesting God's love for your families, and for the needs of others. You inspire me to keep the faith, and continue my own efforts to be the manifestation of love as a priest. I also want to personally thank all of you for the wonderful expression of love for me this Christmas, and for all the wonderful gifts, cards and goodies.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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| Tues Jan 7 | 8:30am 9:00am | Rosary Mass † For all Parishioners | Church Church |
| Wed Jan 8 | 8:30am 9:00am | Rosary Mass: Solemnity of Mary † Robert Stencil by Don & Elaine Ehrich | Church Church |
| Thurs Jan 9 | 8:30am 9:00am | Rosary Mass † For all the Poor Souls in Purgatory | Church Church |
| Fri Jan 10 | 8:30am 9:30am 9:00am | Rosary Mass † For all Parishioners | Church Church Church |
| Sat Jan 11 | 4:00pm 5:15pm | Confessions & Rosary Memorial Mass Association | Church Church |
| Sun Jan 12 | 8:30am 9:00am 11:00am | Rosary Mass † Hubert Chablis by family Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions | Church Church Church |

Welcome: We welcome the following into the church families through the Sacrament of Baptisms.

- **Mateo Andrew Hector Olvera**
son of Noah Robert Olvera & Alexia Marie Thomas
- **Emiliana Kamilah Flores Mascote**
daughter of Marco Antonio Flores & Isis Violeta Mascote

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.



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

- **Denny Edward Lowe** (died December 28, 2024)

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



2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Thanks to a Christmas Miracle, someone came in and helped us reach our goal! Thanks also to the many who were part in helping us reach our goal this year. We are greatly blessed!

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| Goal | \$55,629.00 |
| Amount received (Yet to be verified) | \$55,629.00 |

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

December 23-29, 2024

| Adult Envelopes | Offertory | Christmas |
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| \$7546.50 | \$1,133.05 | \$19,470.16 |
| Salvation Army Donation 12/24/25 | | 37lbs |

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| Mon:1/6 | 1 John 3:22-4:6 | Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25 |
| Tues:1/7 | 1 John 4:7-10 | Mark 6:34-44 |
| Wed:1/8 | 1 John 4:11-18 | Mark 6:45-52 |
| Thu:1/9 | 1 John 4:19-5:4 | Luke 4:14-22 |
| Fri: 1/10 | 1 John 5:5-13 | Luke 5:12-16 |
| Sat: 1/11 | 1 John 5:14-21 | John 3:22-30 |
| Sun:1/12 | Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 | Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 |

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

| Date | Intention |
|---------------|---|
| Jan 19 | † Jose Fransico Magdalero by his wife and children Additional Sponsors Needed |
| Jan 26 | Sponsors Needed |
| Feb 2 | Sponsors Needed |
| Feb 9 | Sponsors Needed |

Offering Envelopes

Please be sure to pick up your box of envelopes located in the lower church access area. Thank You.

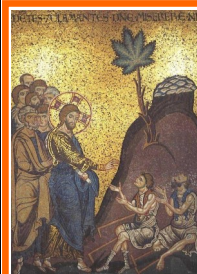


Join thousands of pro-life Minnesotans for the remembrance of lives lost and call to rebuild a Minnesota where human life is valued and loved!

For more information: mcccl.org/march

MN State Capitol

January 22, 2025 ♦ 12-1pm



Jesus Christ Brings Healing Christ the Healer Workshop

January 11, 2025

9am-2:30pm

Please RSVP: Eventrite.com


St. Augustine Church, Austin Mn

All are welcome

The Holy Father's Intention for January 2025

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

| THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS | | |
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| Mon Jan 6 | Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm | Church Church |
| Tues Jan 7 | Endowment Board Meeting 5:30-7pm Hispanic Holy Spirit Group 6-8pm | Parish Meeting Room Church |
| Wed Jan 8 | Morning Prayer Group 6-7am Faith Formation Class 5-11 Grades 6:30-8pm Faith Formation Adoration 7-8pm | Parish Meeting Room Church/School Church |
| Thurs Jan 9 | Father Teaches 2 nd -3 rd Grades 8:25-8:45am Quilting Group 1-4pm KC Meeting 6:30-8pm Hispanic Choir Practice/Training 6:30-8pm | School Church Basement Church Basement Church |
| Fri Jan 10 | Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm Overnight Vigil 10pm-5am | Church Church Church |
| Sat Jan 11 | Overnight Vigil 10pm-5am OCIA 8:30-11am | Church Parish Meeting Room |
| Sun Jan 12 | Auxiliary Coffee & Rolls 10-11am Faith Formation Class PreK-4th Grade 10-11am Christmas Decorations Take Down 12-2pm KC Roundtable Meeting 12-1pm | Church Access School Church Church Basement |

| LITURGICAL MINISTERS | | |
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|  | Saturday January 11, 2025 5:15pm | Sunday January 12, 2025 9:00am |
| Accompanist | Ada Theusch | Ada Theusch |
| Cantor | TBD | Betsy Schultz |
| Lectors | Grzybowski's | Nicole Eckstrom |
| Servers | Grace Haag & Kyle Ramirez & Melody Clark | Ethan Chrissinger & Blake Redman & Sophia Lares |

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**Hoping your family had a blessed, magical Christmas!
We wish all our families a joyful and safe New Years!**

Faith Formation Classes resume on the following dates:
♦ Wednesday, January 8th ♦ Sunday, January 12th

Save the Date!

Special Faith Formation Supper for Parents & Students 5th-11th gr.
Wednesday, January 22nd. Meal at 6:30pm!
Class at 7:00pm & Program for parents to follow. 8:00pm Dismissal

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




ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

**New
Employment
Opportunities!**



St. Theodore School is seeking multiple Elementary school teachers for the 2025/2026 school year. We want to return to single grade Classrooms and will have positions to fill! If interested in teaching at St. Theodore School please send your resume to sue.amundson@sttheoschool.org, or contact the school at 507-373-9657 with questions.

Have a blessed weekend,
St. Theodore Catholic School



**Knight's of Columbus 1590 Women's Auxiliary
Coffee & Donuts**
Sunday, January 12th after 9am Mass!
All are welcome for fellowship in the Church Access Area.
Free-will donations are greatly appreciated!



Knight of Columbus Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2024
6:30-8pm ♦ Church Basement

KC Roundtable Meeting
Sunday, January 12, 2024
After Spanish Mass - Church Basement

Help Needed to take down Church Decorations
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
5:30-6:30pm

Please contact the parish office if you're able to help or just come the actual day and pitch in! Thank you!



In Winter and Spring 2025, the Diocese of Winona-Rochester will be offering a series of retreats and a pilgrimage for its Catholic Adult population. These opportunities will deepen the knowledge, understanding and appreciation for the Catholic faith for the laity. More details about each even will be coming soon and made available on the diocesan website.

- **Holy Family Retreat**
♦ February 8, 9am-3pm, St. Edwards Parish, Austin
- **St. Joseph Retreat**
♦ March 15, 9am-3pm, St. Joseph Parish, Owatonna
- **St. Mary Retreat**
♦ April 12, 9am-3pm, St. SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Blue Earth
- **Walk to Mary Pilgrimage**
♦ May 2-4, Champion, WI

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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. Cualquiera 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”.