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Congratulations
2025
First Communicants

*Christ is the bread of life and the cup of eternal Salvation.
May you always live as a child of God!*



<i>Everett Bartelt</i>	<i>Solomon Mickelson</i>
<i>Raymond Clark</i>	<i>Ah Mu</i>
<i>John Fehrenbacher</i>	<i>Emmy Olson</i>
<i>Anthony Flores</i>	<i>Edgar Peralta-Linares</i>
<i>Kiara Flores</i>	<i>Harrison Perez</i>
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<i>Giovanni Reyes</i>	<i>Joshua Perez Palestino</i>
<i>John Lazaro</i>	<i>Isarel Quintana</i>
<i>Jordy Lazaro</i>	<i>Luke Raleigh</i>
<i>Lilleana Lazaro</i>	<i>Calvin Schewe</i>
<i>Nelly Lazaro</i>	<i>Henry Shee</i>
<i>David Lazaro Ceronio</i>	<i>Calvin Wah</i>
<i>Maite Linares Lara</i>	<i>Riley Culhane</i>

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

507-373-0603

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



Traditionally the second Sunday of Easter is known as "Divine Mercy Sunday".

The reason for this is because it concludes the octave of Easter, in which we have celebrated for eight days the victory the Lord has won for us over sin, by His suffering, death and resurrection.

In the Gospel this Sunday, when Jesus appears to the apostles for the first time, the apostle Thomas is not there. When the other Apostles tell Thomas that they have seen the Lord, he does not believe them. It is not until Jesus appears to Thomas and allows him to put his hand in his wounds, does Thomas finally get on his knees and say, "My Lord and my God."

For some people it takes more than others to come to believe and place their life in the hands of Jesus. The story of Thomas helps us realize that it does not matter so much, how long it takes us to get there, but that we get there. Jesus is very patient with us, but sooner or later, if we want to receive the mercy of God, we are going to have to get down on our knees and say, "My Lord and my God".

As you may already be aware that our beloved Pope Francis has died. He will be known as the Pope of Mercy for his dedication to the poor and marginalized. Please keep him and the Church in your prayers.

Come join us for the Divine Mercy Sunday service at 2:00pm, all are welcome to come and celebrate God's Divine Mercy.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues April 29	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass For all Parishioners	Church Church
Wed April 30	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Bob Schultz by Elaine & Don Ehrich	Church Church
Thurs May 1	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Elizabeth & James Herplinck by family	Church Church
Fri May 2	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	Rosary Mass † Robert Probst by Life in the Spirit Group First Friday Confessions	Church Church Church
Sat May 3	4:45pm 5:15pm	Confessions & Rosary Mass † Robert & Darlene Nistler by family	Church Church
Sun May 4	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosary Mass † For all the pour souls in purgatory Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,952.00
Amount received 4/17/2025	\$21,965.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

April 14-2025

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$7,172.50	\$2,687.81	\$45.00

HVAC PROJECT (\$300,000 GOAL)

Amount received 4/7/2025	\$141,117.30
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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 4/28	Acts 4:23-31	John 3:1-8
Tues: 4/29	Acts 4:32-37	John 3:7b-15
Wed: 4/30	Acts 5:17-26	John 3:16-21
Thu: 5/1	Acts 5:27-33	John 3:31-36
Fri: 5/2	Acts 5:34-42	John 6:1-15
Sat: 5/3	1 Corinthians 15:1-8	John 14:6-14
Sun: 5/4	Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41, Revelation 5:11-14	Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13, John 21:1-19

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
May 11	KC Auxiliary Mother's Day
May 18	† Polly Schiltz by family
May 25	† Robert & Darlene Nistler by their family

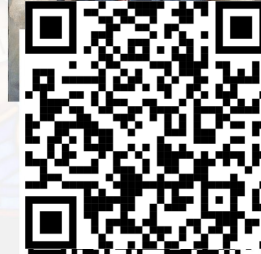


Diocesan Ordinations

Saturday, May 24 - Ordination to the Diaconate
10am, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Winona
Friday, May 30 - Ordination of the Presbyterate
2pm, Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Winona



We invite every member of the local church to participate in this preparatory phase by completing the survey on evangelization and vocations, which can be accessed by visiting our Synod website (downsynod.my.canva.site) or by scanning the QR code.



Synod Regional Gathering
May 3, 2025 ♦ 8:30 am Mass
Gathering to follow in Marian Hall

The purpose of the Diocesan Synod is to ensure that all people of good faith be invited to participate in the process by taking the survey or attending a regional gather to ensure your voices and experiences are represented to the following discussion prompts:

SCAN HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY

1. What practical steps can be taken (at home, in my parish, in the diocese) to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ?
2. What steps can be taken (at home, in my parish, in the diocese) to encourage young men to consider a call to the priesthood?

Mass for a New Pope

Saturday, May 3 ♦ 8:30 am

As we host one of the Sessions for the Synod in our area of the Diocese, we will begin with a Mass for a New Pope. During the time between the death of Pope Francis and the election of his successor, Bishops and priests in every parish are asked to offer a special Mass for either the death of the Pope or for the election of the new Pope.


Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota's Annual Appeal, Mother's Day Weekend ♦ May 10 & 11

Your support is critical to the success of the appeal. Every dollar raised stays in Southern Minnesota. Thank you for your Support!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon April 28	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7pm	Marian Hall Chapel
Tues April 29	Parish Staff Meeting-Office Closed 1-2:30pm Hispanic Holy Spirit Adoration Group 6-8pm	Church Church
Wed April 30	Morning Prayer Group 6-7pm NET Ministries Retreat for 10th & 11th gr 4-9pm	Parish Meeting Room Marian Hall
Thurs May 1	Father teaches 4th & 5th Grade 8:25-8:45am Quilting Group 1-4pm Hispanic Choir Practice/Training 6:30-8pm	School Church Basement Church
Fri May 2	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Church Church
Sat May 3	Synod Regional Gathering 8:30 Mass ♦ 9-11am Session	Church/Marian Hall
Sun May 4	Baccalaureate Mass ♦ Senior Brunch 9-10am ♦ 10-11am KC Silver Rose Prayer Service 12:15pm	Church/Marian Hall Church

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday May 3, 2025 5:15pm	Sunday May 4, 2025 9:00am
Accompanist	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch
Cantor	Jodi Blong	Betsy Schultz
Lectors	Grzybowski's	Penny Jahnke
Servers	Grace Haag & Kyle Ramirez	Emilie & Sophia Troster

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



St. Theodore H.S. Seniors & Guests! You're invited!
Baccalaureate Mass: Sunday, May 4th at 9am with a Celebration Brunch to follow in Marian Hall.
Please RSVP by Friday, April 25th!


Save these Dates!

April 27: First Communion at 9am or 11am Mass; Pictures at 10am!
April 30: NET Ministries Retreat for all 10th & 11th graders! 4-9pm
May 4: Baccalaureate Mass at 9am & Senior Brunch following Mass.

Check out these **2025 SUMMER CAMP opportunities!** Find info in the Faith Formation Info Station or on our parish website: www.sttheo.org

- ♦ **Steubenville Conference:** July 11-13, in Rochester, MN
Students entering 9th-12th gr. **Hurry! Deadline to register is May 7th!**
- ♦ **TOTUS TUUS:** July 20-25, at St. Theodore
Students entering Kgrtn-6th (Elem program), & 7th-12th gr (MS & HS)





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OCIA Candidates

Congratulations to all the OCIA candidates whom fully enter in the Catholic faith and also to the sponsors and the ones who made this happened Eric Mickelson, Judy Popp-Andersen and Lucy Villagomez Renteria.

- **Nathalie Dissalima Lombena** Baptized and received the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation.
- **Aaron Christenson, Lindsay Kramer and Cassandra McIntyre** are fully joined the Catholic Church.
- **Cecilia Linares Villalva and Mario Linares Villalva** received their confirmation.

Silver Rose Prayer Service
Sunday, May 4, 2025
 12:15 pm ♦ St. Theodore Church




The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Silver Rose, that is traveling from Manitoba, Canada be presented in the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe on her Feast day of December 12th. More info at kofc.org/silverrose

The Silver Rose program demonstrate the unity between the Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer service promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Every stop is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Save the Date
Women's Christian Experience Weekend
September 12-14, 2025
 Good Earth Village, Spring Valley


This can be a life-changing weekend to deepen your relationship with God. For more information:
 763-607-8424 or Klundholm@q.com



The Walk to Mary Pilgrimage
Friday, May 2nd - Sunday, May 4th

In May, the Diocese of Winona-Rochester is offering a pilgrimage experience for its Catholic adult population. Pilgrims from our diocese will participate in the annual Walk to Mary, a twenty-one-mile pilgrimage walk that journeys to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin. This shrine is the only Church-approved Marian apparition site in the United States of America. Every year, people of various ages, races, and nationalities all come together to participate in this sacred pilgrimage experience.

For more information about the pilgrimage or to register for it, please go to the diocese's website or scan the QR code. We hope you will attend this pilgrimage and journey with us!



ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS

Mark your calendars!
Our Annual Golf Outing is set for July 20!
 Check upcoming bulletins for more information.

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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”.