



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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## Today's texts clearly point out the theme of hospitality as something pleasing to God.

Abraham, in the first reading, shares this gift with God's messengers. So does Jesus when he talks with Martha and Mary at their home. Saint Paul brings out the theme in a special way when he writes to the Colossians and offers the hospitality of his heart because they are willing to hear the preaching of Christ through him. As we reflect on this theme, we should examine how open our parish ministries are to people who may want to join them as members from other cultures or races or as speakers of other languages. We should evaluate what the community can offer at this time in history when it seems that some feel their traditions are threatened by newcomers. The arrival of new members enthusiastic about the faith and the Church can lead to changes in a community. Communities should prepare for these changes with the help of the parish priest and other leaders who can advise them. Eventually, these changes can be reflected on during liturgical celebrations.



## Los textos de hoy señalan claramente el tema de la hospitalidad como algo agradable a Dios.

Abraham, en la primera lectura, comparte este don con los mensajeros de Dios. Lo mismo hace Jesús cuando habla con Marta y María en su casa. San Pablo resalta el tema de manera especial cuando escribe a los Colosenses y les ofrece la hospitalidad de su corazón porque están dispuestos a escuchar la predicación de Cristo a través de él. Al reflexionar sobre este tema, debemos examinar qué tan abiertos están nuestros ministerios parroquiales a las personas que quieran unirse a ellos como miembros de otras culturas o razas o como hablantes de otros idiomas. Deberíamos evaluar lo que la comunidad puede ofrecer en este momento de la historia en el que parece que algunos sienten que sus tradiciones están amenazadas por los recién llegados. La llegada de nuevos miembros entusiastas de la fe y de la Iglesia puede provocar cambios en una comunidad. Las comunidades deben prepararse para estos cambios con la ayuda del párroco y otros líderes que puedan asesorarlos. Con el tiempo, estos cambios pueden reflejarse durante las celebraciones litúrgicas.

## 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



**In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus has entered the house of his good friends Lazarus, Martha and Mary.** We don't learn a lot about their friendship, but it does appear that He occasions their home frequently.

In this particular occasion, Martha is busy getting the food together for the party, were as Mary is at the feet of Jesus listening to his every word. Martha becomes upset when she realizes this and begins to address Jesus about her complaint. Jesus says to her, Martha you are anxious about many things, Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken away from her.

Most of us can relate to Martha and feel her frustration with her sister for allowing her to bare the burden of preparing the meal, while Mary is free to be with Jesus.

Jesus is not saying that hospitality is unimportant, but that being with Him is more important. We should never use the excuse that we are too busy to pray. Jesus wants us to be with him and listen to His word, before we try to serve Him. Don't forget we can always order pizza.

Love of Christ  
Father Kurt Farrell

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Mon</b> July 21	11:00am	<b>Mass</b> † Manuela Martinez by family	Church
<b>Tues</b> July 22	11:00am	<b>Mass</b> † Manuela Martinez by family	Church
<b>Wed</b> July 23	11:00am	<b>Mass</b> For the health of Irma Marcial Chacon by Roberto Zamora	Church
<b>Thurs</b> July 24	11:00am	<b>Mass</b> † Odean Berg by Gerri	Church
<b>Fri</b> July 25	11:00am	<b>Mass</b> † Mary Ann Welter by family	Church
<b>Sat</b> July 26	4-4:40pm 5:15pm	Confessions Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Ricky Hernandez by family	Church Church Church
<b>Sun</b> July 27	8:30-8:40am 8:30-9am 9:00am  11:00am	Confessions Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Patrick Bergen by family † William & Ramona Boyer by family <b>Spanish Mass</b> For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church  Church

## 2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,952.00
Amount received 7/11/2025	\$26,737.00

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

July 7-13, 2025

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$7,708.50	\$1,328.25	\$612.00
Salvation Army Donations 7/14/25		32 lbs

## HVAC PROJECT (\$300,000 GOAL)

Amount received 7/14/2025	\$157,787.30
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## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon:7/21	Exodus 14:5-18	Matthew 12:38-42
Tue:7/22	Song of Songs 3:1-4b	John 20:1-2, 11-18
Wed:7/23	Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15	Matthew 13:1-9
Thu: 7/24	Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b	Matthew 13:10-17
Fri: 7/25	2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Matthew 20:20-28
Sat: 7/26	Exodus 24:3-8	Matthew 13:24-30
Sun: 7/27	Genesis 18:20-32, Colossians 2:12-14	Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8, Luke 11:1-13

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
<b>July 27</b>	† Patrick Bergen by family † William & Ramona Boyer by family
<b>Aug 3</b>	† Mike Moore by Suzanne & Family & Friends
<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>Sponsors Needed</b>

## The Holy Father's Intention for July 2025

### Formation in Discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Due to Totus Tuus, Daily 9AM Mass will be held at 11AM, Monday-Friday, July 21-25.

## REMINDER

August 8th we depart to enjoy the Twin's Baseball Game!

Bus Loads at 4:15pm (In front of Church)  
Departure at 4:30pm

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

- **Roberta Trupe** (died July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025)

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



## Knights of Columbus Meetings

Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:30PM-4th Degree Meet ♦ 7PM-Regular Meeting  
All Meetings Held In Church Basement



## Women's Christian Experience Weekend

September 12-14, 2025th 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@g.com


## MASS IN THE PARK

**AUGUST 17, 2025 ♦ 10:00 AM**  
Edgewater Park Band Shell & Main Pavilion  
Free lunch to follow  
Be sure to bring your lawn chair!


## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

<b>Mon July 21</b>	<b>Totus Tuus: K-6th Grade</b> 9am-2:30pm <b>Totus Tuus: 7-12 Grade</b> 6-8:15pm <b>Life in the Spirit Prayer Group</b> 6-7pm	Marian Hall  Marian Hall/ Church Chapel, Church
<b>Tues July 22</b>	<b>Totus Tuus: K-6th Grade</b> 9am-2:30pm <b>Totus Tuus: 7-12 Grade</b> 6-8:15pm <b>Hispanic Holy Spirit Adoration Group</b> 6-8pm	Marian Hall  Marian Hall/ Church Church
<b>Wed July 23</b>	<b>Morning Prayer Group</b> 6-7am <b>Totus Tuus: K-6th Grade</b> 9am-2:30pm <b>Parish-Wide POTLUCK SUPER</b> 5:00-6:00pm <b>Totus Tuus: 7-12 Grade</b> 6-8:15pm	Parish Meeting Room Marian Hall  Marian Hall  Marian Hall/ Church
<b>Thurs July 24</b>	<b>Chapel Adoration</b> 9:30-10:30am & 12:30-7:30pm <b>Totus Tuus: K-6th Grade</b> 9am-2:30pm <b>Totus Tuus: 7-12 Grade</b> 6-8:15pm <b>Parish Council Mass ♦ Picnic</b> 6-6:30pm ♦ 6:30-7:30pm <b>Hispanic Choir Practice/training</b> 6:30-8pm	Chapel  Marian Hall  Marian Hall/ Church Church/Parish Meeting Room Church
<b>Fri July 25</b>	<b>Happy Birthday Father Kurt!</b> <b>Totus Tuus: K-6th Grade</b> 9am-2:30pm <b>Totus Tuus: 7-12 Grade</b> 6-8:15pm <b>Adoration</b> 9:30-10:30 am & 12:30-6:30pm <b>Hispanic Adoration</b> 6:30-8pm	Marian Hall  Marian Hall/ Church Church  Church
<b>Sat July 26</b>	<b>Baptism Class</b> 1-2pm	Church Basement
<b>Sun July 27</b>	<b>No Additional Activities</b>	

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<b>Saturday July 26, 2025 5:15pm</b>	<b>Sunday July 27, 2025 9:00am</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch
<b>Cantor</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Lectors</b>	Kathleen Bleckeberg	Penny Jahnke
<b>Servers</b>	Servers Needed	Emilie & Sophia Troster

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS



**TOTUS TUUS ("Totally Yours")** A Catholic Summer Youth Program is coming to St. Theodore's the **Week in July!**  
**Cost: \$10 per child (\$30 max per family).**  
 Totus Tuus is open to youth entering K-6<sup>th</sup> gr. (**July 21-25**) and middle & high school youth entering 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr. (**July 20-24**).  
 Registration forms are located in the FF Info Station, on St. Theo's website, and in both the School and Parish Offices.

⇒ **Two volunteers are needed - two for the day time (Must be the age 18 or over with Virtus training) If volunteers cannot do all 5 days any day will be helpful.**

⇒ **Donations are needed for snacks and drinks.** If you are willing to help out with Totus Tuus please stop in or call the Gina at 507-279-8174

Contact the Parish Office at 507-373-0603 or Faithformation@sttheo.org



**Join us for a Parish –Wide  
POTLUCK SUPPER!**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00pm, Marian Hall**  
 Help us welcome the 2024 Totus Tuus Team to St. Theodore's.



Potluck

Please bring your favorite dish to share!  
 (All plates, silverware, etc. will be provided)

**Prayer leaning Opportunities**  
**Fr. Matt Fasnacht Talks**  
 St. Charles Borromeo, 1900 E. 6th Street, St. Charles, MN


**Contemplative Prayer**  
 Tuesday, July 29 & Monday, August 4, 6:30PM


**The 14 Rules of St. Ignatius**  
 Mondays, August 11 & 18 at 6:30 pm

Father Matt Fasnacht will be sharing lessons on prayer and you are invited. Father is the Director of Spiritual Life and works at Immaculate Heart Seminary in Winona with our Diocesan Seminarians. This is a great opportunity to learn about prayer and grow in relationship with our Lord. We Hope you can join us! (No Fee or Registration, just come!)


**SERVERS NEEDED**

CALLING all third grade students or older! We need your help with the Lord's work by becoming a Server. We need servers for all weekend Masses but ESPECIALLY for Saturday evening 5:15 pm Masses. Please contact the office at 507-373-0603.





**St. Joseph's Family Camp**  
**Sunday, August 24, 2025 ♦ 8:30am-4:00pm**  
 Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch in Stewartville, MN  
 Families are encouraged to register early as spots are limited. Register at [www.dowr.org](http://www.dowr.org)



**2025 Marriage Anniversary Mass**  
 Saturday, September 5, 2025 ♦ 10:00am  
 St. Rose of Lima Church, 180 S. Fremont St, Lewiston, MN  
 Followed by a light reception including presentation of anniversary certificates. Family and friend are encouraged to attend.



**Institute of Lay Formation (ILF)**  
**Accepting applications for the 2025-2028 lay cohort**

ILF exists to bring lay people into personal relationship with Jesus Christ so they can become His missionary disciples who go fourth to confidently proclaim the Gospel and drawing others into relationship with Jesus, and discipling them in the Christian life forming new disciples for the Church. Apply at <https://www.dowr.org> or access the website through QR code on the flyer located on our parish bulletin boards.

**The application deadline is on August 15**



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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”.