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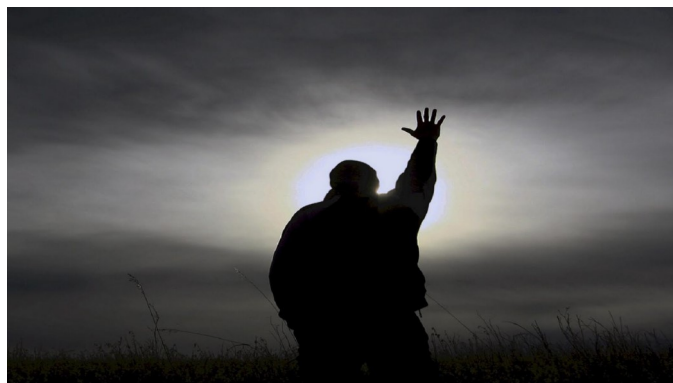
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There are many who don't believe in the power of prayer. Today's readings affirm that the Lord listens to those who pray. God sees the heart of those who are meek, are humble, and seek his assistance. Abraham, for example, is the great mediator who wants to save the two condemned cities in the book of Genesis; God responds with justice and mercy. Jesus, in the Gospel, wants to show us the Father and teaches us his prayer; with it, Jesus assures us that the Father will listen to us when we are in need. Saint Paul assures us that our fellowship gives us the right to address God as Father, for in Christ we have been reborn to a new life. There are many forms and styles of prayer. Today's texts address the prayer of petition. Each petition we make carries with it that significant phrase we repeat in the Our Father: "thy will be done." It is the Lord's will, not ours. Today is a good day to address the various styles of prayer either in the homily or throughout the week during discussions in community groups. These forms of prayer can enrich the spirituality of diverse people in a community.



Hay muchos que no creen en el poder de la oración.

Las lecturas de hoy afirman que el Señor escucha a quienes oran. Dios ve el corazón de los que son mansos, humildes y buscan su ayuda. Abraham, por ejemplo, es el gran mediador que quiere salvar las dos ciudades condenadas en el libro del Génesis; Dios responde con justicia y misericordia. Jesús, en el Evangelio, quiere mostrarnos al Padre y nos enseña su oración; con él, Jesús nos asegura que el Padre nos escuchará cuando estemos en necesidad. San Pablo nos asegura que nuestra comunión nos da el derecho de dirigirnos a Dios como Padre, porque en Cristo hemos renacido a una vida nueva. Hay muchas formas y estilos de oración. Los textos de hoy abordan la oración de petición. Cada petición que hacemos lleva consigo esa frase significativa que repetimos en el Padre Nuestro: "hágase tu voluntad". Es la voluntad del Señor, no la nuestra. Hoy es un buen día para abordar los diversos estilos de oración, ya sea en la homilía o durante la semana durante las discusiones en grupos comunitarios. Estas formas de oración pueden enriquecer la espiritualidad de diversas personas en una comunidad.

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



“For whoever asks, receives, whoever seeks, finds: whoever knocks, is admitted”.

When asked to pray for rain, one farmer told me he did not want to be greedy. In regards to placing faith and trust in God, be greedy. There is no way we could ever place too much faith in God. God wants us to ask for what we need even though He knows that we need it. God loves us and therefore wants us in His life. He is like a grandparent who wants His grandchildren to ask for their help. He is overjoyed when opportunities arise for Him to come to our aid when we ask.

The problem arises when we pray and God does not give us what we think we need, or does not give it to us when we expect him to. When we pray to God we must pray with faith that God knows best. If we don't receive what we ask for we must believe that it was only because God has something better waiting for us.

At his 25th anniversary Mass, Father Pat Arens mentioned that he had been amazed at the success of his efforts to establish opportunities for public persistent prayer. When two or three come together in His name, Jesus is in our midst. As Father Arens mentioned, public persistent prayer is a great way to cross off things on our list.

Love of Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues July 29	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Odean Berg by Gerri	Church Church
Wed July 30	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ricky Hernandez by family	Church Church
Thurs July 31	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Philip Felber by friend	Church Church
Fri Aug 1	9:30am 8:30am 9:00am	First Friday Confessions Rosary Mass † Robert Probst by “Life in the Spirit Group”	Church
Sat Aug 2	4-4:40pm 4:45pm 5:15pm	Confessions Rosary Mass † Robert & Darlene Nistler by family	Church Church Church
Sun Aug 3	8:30- 8:40am 8:30-9am 9:00am 11:00am	Confessions Rosary Mass † Mike Moore by Suzanne, family & friends 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 7/18/2025	\$27,680.00

We've just reached half of our goal. We have 5 months remaining to reach our 2025-26 goal! Thank you for your continued generosity!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

July 14-20, 2025

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$7,241.50	\$1,282.07	\$505.00

HVAC PROJECT (\$300,000 GOAL)

Amount received 7/21/2025	\$160,487.30
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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon:7/28	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34	Matthew 13:31-35
Tue:7/29	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28	John 11:19-27
Wed:7/30	Ex 34:29-35	Matthew 13:44-46
Thu: 7/31	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38	Matthew 13:47-53
Fri: 8/1	Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37	Matthew 13:54-58
Sat: 8/2	Leviticus 25:1, 8-17	Matthew 14:1-12
Sun: 8/3	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11	Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17, Luke 12:13-21

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Aug 10	Sponsors Needed
Aug 17	† Bob & Darlene Nistler by family
Aug 24	Sponsors Needed



Loaves & Fishes back in action on August 1st, 2025!

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

- **Daniel Joseph Mines** (died July 11th, 2025)

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



REMINDER
August 8th,
Depart to enjoy Twin's Baseball Game!
Bus Loads at 4:15pm (In front of Church)
Departure at 4:30pm



Into the Breach Men's Group

Sunday, August 10, 2025

10:00-10:50am ♦ Church Basement

Into the Breach - a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues for a world in crisis.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME JOIN US!



Knights of Columbus Meetings

Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:30PM-4th Degree Meet ♦ 7PM-Regular Meeting

All Meetings Held In Church Basement



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		
Mon July 28	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group 6-7pm	Chapel, Church
Tues July 29	Parish Staff Meeting 1-2:30pm Hispanic Holy Spirit Adoration Group 6-8pm	Parish Meeting Room Church
Wed July 30	Morning Prayer Group 6-7am	Parish Meeting Room
Thurs July 31	Chapel Adoration 9:30am - 7:30pm Hispanic Choir Practice/training 6:30-8pm	Chapel Church
Fri Aug 1	Adoration 9:30am - 6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Church Church
Sat Aug 2	Baptism 10-11am	Church
Sun Aug 3	No Additional Activities	

Parish Kitchen & School Gym Closed this Week,
July 28-Aug 1, 2025

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



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





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



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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS		
	Saturday August 2, 2025 5:15pm	Sunday August 3, 2025 9:00am
Accompanist	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch
Cantor	TBD	TBD
Lectors	Mary Larscheid	Therese Saindon
Servers	Servers Needed	Ethan Crissinger & Gage Kermes

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation classes will be starting soon!
Watch for 2025-2026 Registration information in the Parish Newsletter coming soon in August!
Forms will also be available online, in both the Parish and School Office, and the Faith Formation Information Station.



We would like to welcome our new Coordinator of Evangelization and Discipleship for Youth and Family!
Nidia Andrade De Leon
Nidia is a hometown girl that has returned and settled back in Albert Lea. She is so on fire for the Lord and is looking forward to helping and walking along side our youth and families as they build a personal and lasting relationship with the Lord. Please extend our St. Theodore hospitality by welcoming her into our Parish Family!
Contact the Parish Office at 507-373-0603 or Faithformation@sttheo.org

HVAC Candle Raffle
August 3rd Weekend Winner
CONGRATULATIONS
Alex Gutierrez
Next drawing for the weekend of September 7. Keep sending in your donations! We're chipping away at our goal little by little.




American Legion Post 56
Monthly Fundraising Breakfasts.
Purpose of the breakfast is to raise funds for various community youth causes. Your support of the American Legion Post 56 Sunday Breakfast can earn \$1.00 that can come back to St. Theodore.



Promote Life August 5-10th
Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) is seeking pro-life volunteers (mature students - adults) to help in our booth at the Mower County Fair. Please prayerfully consider giving a few hours of your time to help protect the lives of mothers, babies, elderly, and disabled persons. Day and evening shifts are available and no prior experience is necessary.
The 2025 Mower County Fair runs August 5-10.
Please call Beth Drees at (507) 434-9141 for more information or to volunteer.

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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 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”.