



St. Theodore Catholic Church

Inviting people to actively participate in the Life of Christ!
 ¡Invitando a las personas a participar activamente en la Vida de Cristo!

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Today, the word challenges all of those who come together to pray each day and strive to transform their prayers into action.

At times we may feel like the apostles in today's Gospel and ask the Lord for an increase of faith, because we feel tired or frustrated with our work, but the Lord invites us to live our faith anyway. The Lord encourages us to remember the strength of the Spirit, which requires that we go beyond the expectations of our duties. In the second reading, Saint Paul writes of the hardship and suffering that may come as a result of moving beyond our strengths. But he reminds us that both God's strength and human suffering are gifts that God gives to his people. This week, parish ministers, servants of the community, and even members of the clergy would do well to discuss these themes of God's strength in the face of our human weakness.



Hoy, la palabra desafía a todos aquellos que se reúnen para orar cada día y se esfuerzan por transformar sus oraciones en acción.

Por momentos podemos sentirnos como los apóstoles del Evangelio de hoy y pedirle al Señor un aumento de fe, porque nos sentimos cansados o frustrados con nuestro trabajo, pero el Señor nos invita a vivir nuestra fe de todos modos. El Señor nos anima a recordar la fuerza del Espíritu, que exige que vayamos más allá de las expectativas de nuestros deberes. En la segunda lectura, San Pablo escribe sobre las dificultades y el sufrimiento que pueden surgir como resultado de ir más allá de nuestras fortalezas. Pero nos recuerda que tanto la fuerza de Dios como el sufrimiento humano son regalos que Dios da a su pueblo. Esta semana, los ministros parroquiales, los servidores de la comunidad e incluso los miembros del clero harían bien en discutir estos temas de la fuerza de Dios frente a nuestra debilidad humana.

REMINDER
Wednesday 9AM Mass ONLY
 For the safety of our school children attending Mass
ALL doors will be LOCK at 8:45AM!
 Please enter through the Electric door from 8-8:45 am.

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



Prayer For Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength their need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

September 22-28, 2025

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$5,630.00	\$2,282.75	\$135.00
Salvation Army Donation 9.29.25		33 lbs

HVAC PROJECT (\$300,000 GOAL)

Amount received 9/25/2025 \$170,942.30

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,952.00
Amount received 9/26/2025	\$31,615.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 10/6	Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11	Luke 10:25-37
Tue: 10/7	Jonah 3:1-10	Luke 10:38-42
Wed: 10/8	Jonah 4:1-11	Luke 11:1-4
Thu: 10/9	Malachi 3:13-20b	Luke 11:5-13
Fri: 10/10	Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2	Luke 11:15-26
Sat: 10/11	Joel 4:12-21	Luke 11:27-28
Sun: 10/14	2 Kings 5:14-17 2 Timothy 2:8-13	Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 Luke 17:11-19

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Oct 19	† Leon Steffen by your wife Laura Additional Sponsors Needed
Oct 26	† Diane Renee Schultz by Ilda Reyerson & family † Patricia Rynerson & family by the Boyer family
Nov 2	Sponsors Needed

The Pope's Intention for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Oct 7	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ron & Donna Grein by family	Church Church
Wed Oct 8	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Minerva Guerra Garza by Guerra family	Church Church
Thurs Oct 9	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Darlene Trease	Church Church
Fri Oct 10	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Robert Probst by "Life in the Spirit"	Church Church Church
Sat Oct 11	4-4:40pm 4:45pm 5:15pm	Confessions Rosary Mass Memorial Mass Association	Church Church Church
Sun Oct 12	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosary Mass † Ryan Moore by Suzanne, Family & Friends Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

Baby Bottle Campaign

Baby Bottle Campaign Supports New and Expectant Parents



Catholic Charities supports confident pregnancies and stable beginnings through financial assistance, free baby items, pregnancy counseling, parenting education, and adoption planning and placement. We need your help in meeting the needs of new and expectant parents in difficult situations. Every dollar donated through the Baby Bottle Campaign is used for rent or utilities for women who are pregnant or have a new baby at home. While applying for assistance, women learn about adoption and parenting supports in order to feel confident carrying their baby to term. Your gift offers a tangible gift of hope during a crisis.

Thank you for supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign!

October 11, 2025

12:00 Noon

St. Theo West Parking Lot

ROSARY FOR OUR NATION



Red Cross Blood Drive

October 16 ♦ 11am

St. Theodore Marian Hall



Call for an appointment at 800-RED-CROSS.

Walk-ins welcomed!



Don't Forget Your Box!

A few boxes remain so be sure to pick up your Box of Joy to help fill and return by November 1st! Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS			LITURGICAL MINISTERS		
Mon Oct 6	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm	Marian Hall Chapel/Church		Saturday October 11, 2025 5:15pm	Sunday October 12, 2025 9:00am
Tues Oct 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7pm Endowment Board Meeting 5:30-7pm Hispanic Holy Spirit Adoration Group 6-8pm	School Parish Meeting Room Church	Accompanist	Diane Heaney	Jodi Blong
			Cantor	TBD	
			Lectors	Robert Steffl	Carol Thompson
Wed Oct 8	Morning Prayer Group 6-7pm No Life Teen & Edge Night 6th-11th grades	Parish Meeting Group	Servers	Melody Clark, Additional Servers Needed	Gage Kermes, Additional Servers Needed
Thurs Oct 9	Father Teaches 3rd grade 8:20-8:50am Chapel Adoration 9:30am - 7:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7pm Hispanic Choir Practice/training 6:30-8pm Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30-8pm	School Chapel School Church/Parish Church Basement	Classes Have Begun!		
			Sundays ♦ PreK– 5 th grades ♦ 10:05-10:55 AM		
			Wednesdays ♦ 6 th -11 th grades ♦ 6:15-8 PM		
			The 2025-2026 Registrations are still available online, at Parish & School Offices, or the Faith Formation Information Station		
			Please sign up/return payments ASAP!		
Fri Oct 10	No School Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm Overnight Vigil 10pm-Midnight	Church/Chapel Church Church	Gladly receiving snack & beverage donations		
			Please drop off at the school/parish office or with the students on Wednesday or Sunday class times.		
			Contact Nidia Andrade de Leon nidiaadl@sttheo.org or 507-402-5299 In office -Tuesday from 8am-4pm		
Sat Oct 11	Overnight Vigil Midnight-5:50am OCIA 9am-12pm	Church Parish Meeting Room	ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS		
Sun Oct 12	KC Auxiliary Coffee & Rolls 10-1pm Into the Breach Men's Group 10-10:50am Faith Formation Class Prek-5th grades 10:05-10:55am KC Roundtable Meeting 12-1pm	Access Church Basement Marian Hall Church Basement		We will be selling our Winter Porch Pot DIY bundles starting October 9. You can order with a student or at the School or Parish Offices. Orders must be in by October 22 and will be ready for pick up November. 14 at St. Theodore School.	


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 October 7 & 9: Scholastic Book Fair.
Marian Hall from 3:30pm-7:30pm.

 November 8: Purse Bingo.
Marian Hall details are coming soon.

Thank you all for your continued support of our school!
Have a blessed weekend,
St. Theodore Catholic School

Knights of Columbus Meetings


 Thursday, October 8, 2025
6:30PM-4th Degree Meet ♦ 7PM-Regular Meeting

 Sunday, October 12, 2025
After Spanish Mass ♦ KC Round Table Meeting
All Meetings Held In Church Basement

Into the Breach Men's Group


 Sunday, September 12, 2025
10:00-10:50am ♦ Church Basement
Into the Breach - a call to battle for Catholic men to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues for a world in crisis.
ALL ARE WELCOME!


Knights of Columbus 1590

 **Women's Auxiliary Coffee & Donuts**
Sunday, October 12, 2025 after 9am Mass!
All are welcome for fellowship in the Church Access Area.
Free-will donations are greatly appreciated!

October is Respect Life Month

At every age and stage, life matters.
Respect Life Month Novena: October 22-30, 2024
Join thousands of Catholics praying a Respect Life Month novena starting Wednesday, October 22.
Get daily prayers, reflections, and more.
Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate. View, download, and order Respect Life materials at www.respectlife.org



 **Winona-Rochester Diocese CCW Convention**
Saturday, October 11, 2025
St. Adrian Catholic Church, Adrian, MN
Registration & Breakfast begins at 7:45am

<p>CPA Hill, Benda, Skov & Bernau, P.A. Certified Public Accountants 507-377-1333</p> <p>Accounting Services Bookkeeping, Payroll, & Tax Preparation Heather Benda-Parishioner ◊ Lance Skov ◊ Andrew Bernau</p> <p>1206 W. Front St., Suite 1 Albert Lea, MN 56007</p>	<p>PLAZA MORENA MEXICAN RESTAURANT</p> <p>507-373-9194 www.plazamorenarestaurant.com</p> <p>Northbridge Mall 2588 Bridge Ave. Albert Lea, MN 2588 Northbridge</p> <p>Rafael Herrera General Manager Parishioner</p>	<p>Struggling? Let's Talk</p> <p>Dr. Brenden Troster, PhD Licensed Therapist Parishioner Call: 507-216-4949 brendentroster.com</p>	<p>St Theodore Catholic School</p> <p>Accepting Registrations for Pre-K - Grade 5</p> <p>Stop in or call us at 373-9657.</p>
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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”.