



St. Theodore Catholic Church

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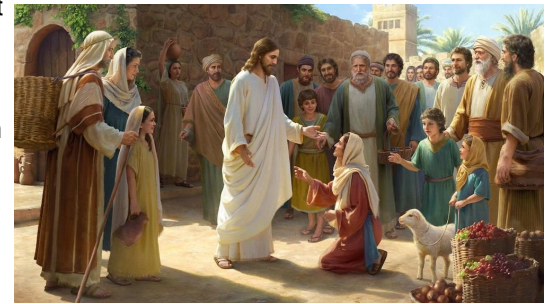
PRAYER CHAIN

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Which of the following gifts from God do we appreciate the most: physical or spiritual healing? For us, healing is a mystery that we can only begin to understand with God's help. A miraculous physical healing reflects a divine interruption of scientific laws, and spiritual healing is evident by a complete change of heart and behavior, or metanoia. Spiritual healing is brought about by an encounter with Jesus Christ, who will always walk with those who live in his presence because they accept his new covenant of love.

Today's scripture readings give a few examples of these healings. The prophet Elisha witnesses God's healing gift in Naaman, who comes to recognize the God of Israel as the one true God. In the Gospel this week, Jesus acknowledges that the spiritual gift of faith has healed the ten lepers, even though it was only the Samaritan who returned to thank him. Today, let us pray for those who are sick and whose suffering is incomprehensible. The Church's mission is to accompany them in the faith and in hope that they accept God's will. Lay ministers of Holy Communion who visit the sick at homes or in hospitals can use the themes from these readings in their service. Coordinators of the ministry may share their experiences in light of these readings in a meeting during the week.



Cuál de los siguientes regalos de Dios apreciamos más: la sanación física o espiritual? Para nosotros, la curación es un misterio que sólo podemos empezar a comprender con la ayuda de Dios. Una curación física milagrosa refleja una interrupción divina de las leyes científicas, y la curación espiritual es evidente por un cambio completo de corazón y comportamiento, o metanoia. La curación espiritual se logra mediante el encuentro con Jesucristo, quien siempre caminará con quienes viven en su presencia porque aceptan su nueva alianza de amor.

Las lecturas de las Escrituras de hoy dan algunos ejemplos de estas sanidades. El profeta Eliseo es testigo del don sanador de Dios en Naamán, quien llega a reconocer al Dios de Israel como el único Dios verdadero. En el Evangelio de esta semana, Jesús reconoce que el don espiritual de la fe ha sanado a los diez leprosos, aunque solo el samaritano regresó para agradecerle. Hoy oremos por aquellos que están enfermos y cuyo sufrimiento es incomprendible. La misión de la Iglesia es acompañarlos en la fe y en la esperanza de que acepten la voluntad de Dios. Los ministros laicos de la Sagrada Comunión que visitan a los enfermos en hogares o hospitales pueden utilizar los temas de estas lecturas en su servicio. Los coordinadores del ministerio podrán compartir sus experiencias a la luz de estas lecturas en una reunión durante la semana.

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 today only one of the ten lepers returned to Jesus to give thanks after realizing he has been healed.

The Eucharist actually means "thanksgiving". It is the most precious gift we have received from God, and often we are like the nine lepers in the Gospel who fail to return and give thanks for such a wonderful gift.

This past week, our Bishop and priests of the Diocese gathered in Okoboji, Iowa to discuss various concerns of the Diocese. The number one concern that the bishop has for our diocese in the number of Catholics who no longer attend Sunday Mass. There is number of reasons for this, such as Catholics leaving for other religions, others staying home and watching it on TV or listening to it on the radio, or others simple deciding not to attend at all. Whatever the reason might be, the overall decline in Mass attendance demonstrates a lack of true understanding and appreciation for the incredible gift of the Eucharist. When we eat the body of Christ and drink his blood, we share in the heavenly banquet which Jesus is preparing for all who love Him. Let us not forget to return and thank God for all that He has done for us by attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

September 29-October 6, 2025

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$7,455.50	\$1,628.35	\$65.00

HVAC PROJECT (\$300,000 GOAL)

Amount received 10/05/2025 \$172,447.30

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,952.00
Amount received 10/3/2025	\$31,640.00

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 10/13	Romans 1:1-7	Luke 11:29-32
Tue: 10/14	Romans 1:16-25	Luke 11:37-41
Wed: 10/15	Romans 2:1-11	Luke 11:42-46
Thu: 10/16	Romans 4:1-8	Luke 11:47-54
Fri: 10/17	Romans 3:21-30	Luke 12:1-7
Sat: 10/18	2 Timothy 4:10-17b	Luke 10:1-9
Sun: 10/19	2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 Exodus 17:8-13	Psalms 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Luke 18:1-8

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Oct 26	† Diane Renee Schultz by Ilda Reyerson & family † Patricia Rynerson & family by the Boyer family
Nov 2	Sponsors Needed
Nov 9	† Donna Stapleton by Bill & family & friends

Servers NEEDED For All Weekend Masses

Please contact the office at 507-373-0603.



Red Cross Blood Drive
Thursday, October 16 ♦ 11am
St. Theodore Marian Hall

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Oct 14	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Isabel Guerra-Avelar by Guerra family	Church Church
Wed Oct 15	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Ron & Donna Grein by family	Church Church
Thurs Oct 16	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Annie Schleck's mother by "Life in the Spirit"	Church Church
Fri Oct 17	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Annie Schleck's mother by "Life in the Spirit"	Church Church Church
Sat Oct 18	4-4:40pm 4:45pm 5:15pm	Confessions Rosary Mass † Bob & Darlene Nistler by family	Church Church Church
Sun Oct 19	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosary Mass † Leon Steffen by Luara † Rodolfo Villacorta Birthday by Marylou Kwapick Spanish Mass For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church Church

Welcome: We welcome the following into the church family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

- **Maddyson Arleth Chavarria Acahoa** daughter of Jagdin Chavarria Castillo and Ximena Acahoa
- We celebrate the blessing of her beautiful eternal soul and may we help her grow to be the saint the Lord has called her to be.



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

- **Thomas Dziura** (died September 27, 2025)

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



Baby Bottle Campaign



Baby Bottle Campaign Supports Alternatives to Abortion

Financial concerns are one of the common reasons why women have abortions. This makes your financial support for pregnant women vital for encouraging the choice for life.

The 19th annual Baby Bottle Campaign is raising funds across the Diocese. When everyone takes home a bottle and fills it with change, Catholic Charities can use those funds to support women who are choosing life for their baby. Financial assistance provides tangible hope as they create a plan for the future.

Emma and Chris are living paycheck to paycheck and expecting their first baby this winter. They had cut out as many expenses as they could before their car broke down. The car repair cost hundreds of dollars, leaving them short for the next month's rent. Catholic Charities was not only able to provide them with \$800 towards the next month's rent, but also helped with diapers and wipes each month after their little one was born.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS			LITURGICAL MINISTERS			
Mon Oct 13	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm	Marian Hall		Saturday October 18, 2025 5:15pm	Sunday October 19, 2025 9:00am	
	Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm	Chapel/Church		Accompanist	Ada Theusch	Ada Theusch
	Fundraising Group Meeting 6-7pm	Marian Hall		Cantor	TBD	TBD
Tues Oct 14	Endowment Board Meeting 5:30-7pm	Parish Meeting Room Church	Lectors	Axtman's	Sue Admundson	
	Hispanic Holy Spirit Adoration Group 6-8pm		Servers	Lillian Raleigh, Melody Clark	Sophia Lares & Emery Bartelt	
Wed Oct 15	Morning Prayer Group 6-7pm	Parish Meeting Group Church Basement	FAITH FORMATION NEWS			
	Quilting Group 1-4pm		<p>Please Mark Your Calendars!</p> <p>No Class!... Wednesday, Oct. 15th & Sunday, Oct. 19th Enjoy your Fall Break! (Classes resume 10/22 and 10/26)</p> <p>Children's Christmas Pageant Practice... begins Sunday, Dec. 7th, 1-3pm in the church. All PreK-12th grade St. Theo's youth are welcome, as well as adult volunteers! If interested in participating in or helping with this year's Christmas Pageant, please contact Nidia to sign up or for more information.</p> <p>2025-2026 Registration Forms and Fees are now due! Please contact Nidia to get your child registered or for more info.</p> <p>Contact: Nidia Andrade de Leon nidiaadl@sttheo.org or 507-402-5299 In office -Tuesday from 8am-4pm</p>			
Thurs Oct 16	No School	Chapel Marian Hall Church Basement Parish Meeting Room	<p>ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS</p> <p>St. Theodore School Purse Bingo Saturday, November 8th. Doors Open 12:00 pm ♦ Games begin 1:00 pm Game Certificates can be purchased at the School or Parish Offices. Snacks and a Cash Bar we be available. This is a cash only event. Get your certificates now before we fill up!</p> <p>Winter Porch Pot DIY bundles Go on sale October 9, 2025 You can order your bundles with a St. Theo student or at the school or parish offices. Orders must be in by October 22nd, they will be ready for pick up on Friday, November 14th at St. Theodore School from 3:00pm-4:00pm.</p> <p>Thank you all for your continued support of our school! Have a blessed weekend, St. Theodore Catholic School</p>			
	Chapel Adoration 9:30am - 7:30pm					
	Red Cross Blood Drive 11am-5pm					
	Hispanic Choir Practice/training 6:30-8pm					
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	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm					
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	Funeral: Elaine Peterson 1pm					
Sun Oct 19	Baptism: Garcia 3-4pm	No Additional Activities	<p>St. Theodore School Purse Bingo Saturday, November 8th. Doors Open 12:00 pm ♦ Games begin 1:00 pm Game Certificates can be purchased at the School or Parish Offices. Snacks and a Cash Bar we be available. This is a cash only event. Get your certificates now before we fill up!</p> <p>Winter Porch Pot DIY bundles Go on sale October 9, 2025 You can order your bundles with a St. Theo student or at the school or parish offices. Orders must be in by October 22nd, they will be ready for pick up on Friday, November 14th at St. Theodore School from 3:00pm-4:00pm.</p> <p>Thank you all for your continued support of our school! Have a blessed weekend, St. Theodore Catholic School</p>			
	Finance Council Meeting 6:30-7:30pm					



HVAC Candle Raffle
October 5 Weekend Winner
CONGRATULATIONS
Marissa Lopez Grande
 We're chipping away at our goal little by little.



Don't Forget Your Box!
 A few boxes remain so don't miss your opportunity to give a child a wonderful Christmas by filling a Box of Joy. To ensure children get a Box of Joy by Christmas, please return you box by November 1st! Thank you for your generosity and support

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.

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.



October
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

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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”.