



St. Theodore Catholic Church

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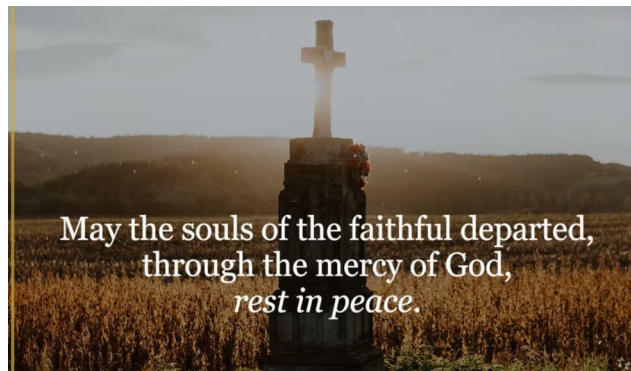
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The various texts for the liturgies of this feast proclaim the same mystery of faith:

death is not the end, but a transformation in the hands of God, because Jesus Christ rose from the dead so that we may also rise and live with him for eternity. In the Gospels, Jesus shows this transformation from death to life on various occasions. For example, Jesus restores life to the son of the widow of Nain. In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul writes that Christians live in hope because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Through God's love and mercy, we find meaning in the loss of our loved ones. As we commend them to the Lord, we hope to meet them again in eternal life. Today's celebrations should be filled with hope and peace, as we proclaim the love of God for all who profess faith in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life of the world.



Los diversos textos de las

liturgias de esta fiesta proclaman el mismo misterio de fe: la muerte no es el fin, sino una transformación en manos de Dios, porque Jesucristo resucitó de entre los muertos para que también nosotros podamos resucitar y vivir con él por la eternidad. En los evangelios, Jesús muestra en varias ocasiones esta transformación de la muerte a la vida. Por ejemplo, Jesús devuelve la vida al hijo de la viuda de Naín. En su carta a los Romanos, San Pablo escribe que los cristianos vivimos en la esperanza porque el amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo. A través del amor y la misericordia de Dios, encontramos significado a la pérdida de nuestros seres queridos. Al encomendarlos al Señor, esperamos encontrarlos nuevamente en la vida eterna. Las celebraciones de hoy deben estar llenas de esperanza y paz, mientras proclamamos el amor de Dios por todos los que profesan la fe en Jesucristo, la resurrección y la vida del mundo.

ALL SOULS DAY ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

All are invited to be a part of All Souls Day Rosary Pilgrimage on Sunday, November 2 at 2pm at St. Theodore Cemetery.

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



Saturday the Church celebrates All Saints Day.

Saints are those men and women that have been canonized by the Church, officially claiming that they are members of God's heavenly kingdom.

This Sunday we celebrate All Souls Day, exercising our belief that Jesus suffered and died for everybody and not just a select few.

All of us are called to be Saints, which is to respond to the grace of God given at our Baptism and live a life worthy of the call we have received.

Today we offer our prayers for those who we have loved that have gone to their eternal rest in the Lord. We have faith that our prayers mean something. God listens to them and responds to them in our favor, and in favor for those that we pray for.

Love of Christ
Father Kurt Farrell

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

October 20-26, 2025

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$19,831.50	\$1,874.79	\$125.00
HVAC PROJECT (\$300,000 GOAL)		
Amount received 10/20/2025		\$172,647.30

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,952.00
Amount received 10/24/2025	\$36,095.00

We're are getting closer to reach our goal with \$18,857 yet to collect. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us reach our CMA goal. Thank you for your continued generosity!

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 11/3	Romans 11:29-36	Luke 14:12-14
Tue: 11/4	Romans 12:5-16ab	Luke 14:15-24
Wed: 11/5	Romans 13:8-10	Luke 14:25-33
Thu: 11/6	Romans 14:7-12	Luke 15:1-10
Fri: 11/7	Romans 15:14-21	Luke 16:1-8
Sat: 11/8	Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27	Luke 16:9-15
Sun: 11/9	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17	Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, John 2:13-22

SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Nov 16	† Joann Johanning by family For the living and deceased family members of Roger & Mary Jemming
Nov 23	John & Penee McGaughey's 61 st Wedding Anniversary
Nov 30	† Polly Schlitz by family Additional Sponsors Needed

National Vocation (NVAW) is an celebration of the the United States promote vocations to ministry and consecrated life through prayer, invitation, and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering these vocations.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK
NOVEMBER 2-8, 2025

Awareness Week annual week-long Catholic Church in dedicated to ordained

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Tues Nov 4	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Mary Jane Fletcher by family	Church Church
Wed Nov 5	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † All Parishioners	Church Church
Thurs Nov 6	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary Mass † Annie Schleck's mother by "Life in the Spirit"	Church Church
Fri Nov 7	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	Rosary Mass † Cheryl Tenvoorde by family First Friday Confessions	Church Church Church
Sat Nov 8	4-4:40pm 4:45pm 5:15pm	Confessions Rosary Mass Memorial Association	Church Church Church
Sun Nov 9	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosary Mass † Donna Stapleton by Bill's family & friends 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.

- **Jazmin Ariana & Angel Reynaldo Ortiz Ortiz** children of Rafael & Francisca Ortiz Ortiz
- We celebrate the blessing of their beautiful eternal souls and may we help them grow to be the saints the Lord has called them to be.



We pray for the following families who mourn the loss of their loved ones:

- **Thomas Sawyer** (died October 25, 2025)
- **Sandra Schaefer** (died October 13, 2025)

We pray the Lord will bring their souls peace, mercy and eternal rest and comfort for their families during this difficult time.



10th Annual Christmas Bake Sale

St. Theodore School Gym

Saturday, December 6th ♦ 2-7pm

Sunday, December 7th ♦ 9am until supplies last

Help support this wonderful event by donating homemade baked goods, groceries for baking, holiday trays & containers, or monetary donations. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Thursday.



Hark! Hear the Bells!

The St. Theodore **Handbell Choir** will once again be ringing out joy for our Christmas Eve 10 pm Mass with carols starting at 9:30pm. If you are interested in joining the group for Christmas, please reach out to Ada Theusch at 507-402-5434 to add your name to the list of ringers! Experienced and new members are welcome! Rehearsals will be held on the following Wednesdays in the church basement from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on November 19, 26, December 3, 10, and 17 to prepare for Christmas Eve. Hope to see the faces of new and familiar ringers!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Nov 3	Loaves & Fishes 4:45-5:30pm Life in the Spirit Group 6-7pm	Marian Hall Church/Chapel
Tues Nov 4	Guadalupe Dance Practice 4:15-5:30pm Hispanic Holy Spirit Adoration Group 6-8pm	Church Church
Wed Nov 5	Morning Prayer Group 6-7pm	Parish Meeting Group
Thurs Nov 6	Father Teaches 4-5 Grades 8:20-8:50am Chapel Adoration 9:30am - 7:30pm Quilting Group 1-4pm Guadalupe Dance Practice 4:15-5:30pm Hispanic Choir Practice/training 6:30-8pm Music Committee Group 6:30-8pm	School Chapel Church Basement Church Church Parish Meeting Room
Fri Nov 7	Adoration 9:30am-6:30pm Hispanic Adoration 6:30-8pm	Church/Chapel Church
Sat Nov 8	OCIA 9-10am Purse Bingo 1-4pm	Parish Meeting Room Marian Hall
Sun Nov 9	Faith Formation Class PreK-5th Grades 10:05-10:55am KC Auxiliary Coffee & Rolls 10-11pm & 12-1pm	School Church Access



Knights of Columbus Meetings

Thursday, November 13, 2025

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

Sunday, November 16, 2025

After Spanish Mass ♦ KC Round Table Meeting

All Meetings Held In Church Basement

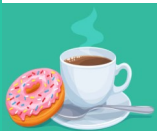


Into the Breach Men's Group

Sunday, November 16, 2025

10:00-10:50am ♦ Church Basement

Into the Breach - is a call to battle for Catholic men to wholeheartedly embrace masculine virtues for a world in crisis. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Knight's of Columbus 1590 Women's Auxiliary Coffee & Donuts Sunday, November 9, after 9 & 11am Masses!

All are welcome for fellowship in the Church Access Area.
Free-will donations are greatly appreciated!

The Pope's Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray for those struggling with suicidal thoughts may they find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and to be open to the beauty of life.

Servers NEEDED For All Weekend Masses

Please contact the office at 507-373-0603.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	Saturday November 8, 2025 5:15pm	Sunday November 9, 2025 9:00am
Accompanist	Diane Heaney	TBD
Cantor	TBD	Jodi Blong
Lectors	Terri Campbell	Penny Jahnke
Servers	Ethan Haag, Melody Clark	Servers Needed

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

9th and 10th grade Confirmation and Sponsor Rite of Commitment

Date: November 2nd, 2025

Time: 5pm Revival Mass (tentative dismissal 7pm)

What: Sponsor/Candidate Meal and Information Session to follow

2025-26 Class Registrations closing in November!
Please submit payments that are pending

Please contact Parish Office, Nidia with questions/concerns
nidiaadl@sttheo.org or 507-402-5299
In office -Tuesday from 8am-4pm

ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS



Purse Bingo

Saturday, November 8, 2025

12:00pm Doors open ♦ 1:00pm games begin

Snacks and a Cash Bar available. This is a cash only event.

Game Certificates can be purchased in the School or Parish Offices.
We still have some Purse Bingo Game Certificates available! If you are unable to attend this event but would still like to support the school, you can sponsor an accessory or purse. If interested, please drop off your donation at the school or parish offices by Monday, November 3rd.

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

Registration for the 2026 Annual Walk to Mary Pilgrimage is open!

Don't miss out on the early bird price!

Register here: <https://www.dowr.org/event-details/3789>

2026 ADULT FAITH AND LAY FORMATION



Walk to Mary

MAY 1-3, 2026 | OUR LADY OF CHAMPION, WISCONSIN



I would like to **Thank Everyone** for all the cards, gifts and well wishes as I retire from my position here at St. Theodore's. Over the years I have met and worked with many wonderful people, I have wonderful memories of fun times spent with so many. I will always treasure these moments! I may be leaving the job but I will be seeing you around.

A special thank you to Terri Campbell, Annie Schleck, Mary & Bill Daly for baking the wonderful cake and cookies and hosting the reception last Saturday evening. Love you Guys!

Blessings to you All, Jolene Dillemonth

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Diocese of Winona-Rochester Child Sexual Abuse Policy Information

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”.