



# St. Theodore Catholic Church

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**In this solemnity that concludes the liturgical year, we reflect on the images of the king and the shepherd.** We first saw these images with David, the second king of Israel, who is chosen by God through Samuel to shepherd his people to new horizons. Today, these images acquire a deeper meaning in Jesus Christ. When Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, asked Jesus if he was the king of the Jews, he answered that his kingdom was not of this world. At the crucifixion, those present could see the sign on the cross that identified him Jesus as king in three languages. But before he died, it was one of the thieves who defined his kingdom with the words, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). The assembly should listen to the second reading, the christological hymn of the Colossians, keeping in mind these dramatic scenes of the Lord's passion. The homily, prayers of the faithful, reflections, and catechetical programs of this week should carefully explore these texts in order to better understand the intimate relationship that Paul and the early church had with the resurrected Christ, a relationship that stands as an inspiration for us all.



**En esta solemnidad que concluye el año litúrgico, reflexionamos sobre las imágenes del rey y del pastor.** La primera vez que vimos estas imágenes fue con David, el segundo rey de Israel, elegido por Dios a través de Samuel para guiar a su pueblo hacia nuevos horizontes. Hoy, estas imágenes adquieren un significado más profundo en Jesucristo. Cuando Poncio Pilato, el gobernador romano, le preguntó a Jesús si él era el rey de los judíos, él respondió que su reino no era de este mundo. En la crucifixión, los presentes pudieron ver la señal en la cruz que lo identificaba a Jesús como rey en tres idiomas. Pero antes de morir, fue uno de los ladrones quien definió su reino con las palabras: "Jesús, acuérdate de mí cuando entres en tu reino" (Lucas 23:42). La asamblea debe escuchar la segunda lectura, el himno cristológico de los Colosenses, teniendo presentes estas dramáticas escenas de la pasión del Señor. La homilía, las oraciones de los fieles, las reflexiones y los programas catequéticos de esta semana deben explorar cuidadosamente estos textos para comprender mejor la relación íntima que Pablo y la iglesia primitiva tenían con el Cristo resucitado, una relación que constituye una inspiración para todos nosotros.

**Parish Office Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday**

Thursday, November 27, 2025

## 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

This is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. It is also a special celebration of Jesus' being a certain kind of King.

We of the United States will celebrate a National Day of Thanksgiving next week. In this weekend's liturgy we come together to celebrate thankfully the Lordship of Jesus.

There is so much suffering in our world today. Some of it may be due to our tendency to rely on material goods and other temporal realities as source of our security and happiness. When hard times come and the things we relied on are not there, sadness and despair can set in.

If we make Jesus our King, we will not have to worry about bad economic times or other types of hardships destroying our inner happiness. No matter how bad things get we will not despair, because we know that we have a King that will provide for us.

This Thursday when we gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, let's make sure we know who we really need to thank.

Love of Christ

Father Kurt Farrell

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

November 10-16, 2025

Adult Envelopes	Offertory	Improvement Fund
\$5,755.50	\$1,647.00	\$15.00

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

Amount received 10/20/2025 \$189,322.30

## 2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

Goal	\$54,952.00
Amount received 11/14/2025	\$40,490.00

We're still chipping away at our goal but we still have \$14,462 yet to collect. We will have to pay the balance from our general budget so please help us reach our goal. Thank you for your generosity!

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: 11/24	Dan 1:1-6, 8-20	Luke 21:1-4
Tue: 11/25	Dan 2:31-45	Luke 21:5-11
Wed: 11/26	Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28	Luke 21:12-19
Thu: 11/27	Sir 50:22-24,	Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11,
Thanksgiving	1 Cor 1:3-9	Luke 17:11-19
Fri: 11/28	Dan 7:2-14	Luke 21:29-33
Sat: 11/29	Dan 7:15-27	Luke 21:34-36
Sun: 11/30	Isa 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14	Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Matthew 24:37-44

## SUNDAY BROADCAST SPONSORS

Date	Intention
Dec 7	† Ryan Moore by Suzanne & family & friends
Dec 14	† Edward & Margorie Staloch and Jacob Knutson by Ross & Joanne Knutson <b>Additional Sponsors Needed</b>
Dec 21	† Harry, John & Thomas Attig by family <b>Additional Sponsors Needed</b>



DO NOT respond to emails that have Fr. Kurt asking for help. Please **BLOCK** and **DELETE** them. They are **SCAMS**.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

<b>Tues</b> Nov 25	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Avice Kunkel by family	Church Church
<b>Wed</b> Nov 26	8:30am 9:00am 5:30pm	Rosary <b>Mass</b> <b>Thanksgiving Mass</b> † Thomas Dzuira by LoAnn Stoen	Church Church
<b>Thurs</b> Nov 27	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Ray & Lucy Luna & family by Mary Larson & Trista Thofson	Church Church
<b>Fri</b> Nov 28	8:30am 9:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Happy 1 <sup>st</sup> heavenly birthday Terry Vandersnick	Church Church Church
<b>Sat</b> Nov 29	4-4:40pm 4:45pm 5:15pm	Confessions Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Robert Probst by "Life in the Spirit Group"	Church Church Church
<b>Sun</b> Nov 30	8:30am 9:00am  11:00am	Rosary <b>Mass</b> † Polly Schiltz by Family † Jacob Knutson by Ross & Joanne Knutson † Deceased members of the Harvey & Schiltz family by family <b>Spanish Mass</b> For all Parishioners and those listed in our book of intentions	Church Church  Church

## 2025 OCTOBER PARISH FINANCE

Income	Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
	\$70,211.33	\$71,675.02	\$251,661.03	\$286,700.08
Expense	Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
	\$107,108.27	\$71,589.25	\$336,594.21	\$286,357.00
October 2025 INCOME-EXPENSE				
	Month Actual	Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
	(\$36,896.94)	\$85.77	(\$84,933.18)	\$348.08

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

- **Hugh Edward O'Byrne** (died November 13, 2025)
- **Alice Van Vooren** (died November 16, 2025)
- **Mary Zenk** (died November 18, 2025)



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



## Communal Penance

Sunday, December 7, 2025

3:00 PM: Sacrament for First Communicants

3:30 PM Sacrament for Parishioners


Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass  
Monday, December 9 ♦ 5:30pm



## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES & REMINDERS

Mon Nov 24	<b>Funeral:</b> Hugh O'Byrne 11am <b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> 4:45-5:30pm <b>Life in the Spirit Group</b> 6-7pm	Church  Marian Hall  Church/Chapel
Tues Nov 25	<b>Guadalupe Dance Practice</b> 4:15-5:30pm <b>Hispanic Holy Spirit Adoration Group</b> 6-8pm	Church  Church
Wed Nov 26	<b>No additional Activities</b>	
Thurs Nov 27	<b>Church &amp; Office Closed</b> <b>No additional Activities</b>	
Fri Nov 28	<b>Church &amp; Office Closed</b> <b>No additional Activities</b>	
Sat Nov 29	<b>Baptism:</b> Arellano 3-4pm	Church
Sun Nov 30	<b>No additional Activities</b>	

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<b>Saturday</b> November 22, 2025 5:15pm	<b>Sunday</b> November 23, 2025 9:00am
<b>Accompanist</b>	Diane Heaney	Ada Theusch
<b>Cantor</b>	TBD	TBD
<b>Lectors</b>	Lois Ahern	Therese Salazar
<b>Servers</b>	Melody Clark, Keagan Winslow	Matthew Minear <b>Servers Needed</b>

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### Thanksgiving Break Dates:

Wednesday, November 26– No Class

Sunday, November 30– No Class

**Changes have been made to the recent Faith Formation Calendar so if you haven't picked up a new calendar please do so. The most recent calendar is also on the website.**


### Children's Christmas Pageant Practice... begins

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> , 1-3pm in the church.**

All PreK-12th grade 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.

**2025-26 Faith Formation Class Registration now closed. Please submit pending payments in a sealed envelope with your family name on the front, to the Parish office or Faith Formation Station mailbox.**


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



### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Bake Sale

St. Theodore School Gym  
**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> ♦ 2-7pm**  
**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> ♦ 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.



## Salvation Army Angel Tree

Please consider making a local child's Christmas magical by taking a tag or 2 from the Angel Tree in the church access area. Instructions for gift drop-off are included on each tag. The Angel Tree deadline is December 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity this Christmas season! Questions? Please contact Nidia at nidiaadl@sttheo.org or 507-402-5299



## ST. THEODORE SCHOOL NEWS



### Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

St. Theodore Catholic School

### Poinsettias for Christmas!



Addie's Floral & Gifts is filling orders for poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas until December 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Addie's Floral directly at 377-2081. You may designate your plants as either a memorial or in honor of for the following costs:


**6 1/2" pot single plant - \$13.00 or 8" pot two plants - \$30.00**

Donors may take their plants home after the 1/8/26 weekend Masses.

### Winter Weather Closing Practice

Now that we're starting to feel winter temperatures, it's important that everyone is aware of our closing practice.

- ◆ In the event that school is canceled, all parish activities are also canceled and the parish office is also closed.
- ◆ If school starts late or closes early, the parish will follow the same practice.
- ◆ We will also advertise closings through KATE Radio 1450 AM, KAAL TV, Flocknote Text & emails, Facebook & Signs on Doors.



Holidays are around the corner and script gift cards are popular this time of the year. We have a limited number of gift cards in our inventory so if you need a large amount please email Mandy Grzybowski: [agrzybow@mecom](mailto:agrzybow@mecom) Thank you!



### The Nativity House of Austin

Queen of Angels—Door #1 along 1st Ave. NE  
Austin, MN 55912

The Austin Knights of Columbus council would like to invite everyone to visit the Nativity House of Austin. Come see this incredible collection celebrating the birth of Jesus. With over 900 nativity sets, this is believed to be the largest in Minnesota and among the largest in the United States and Canada.

#### Schedule for Viewing

November 30-January 11

Saturdays: Noon - 5:00PM ♦ Sundays: 10:00AM - 5:00PM

**United Way Winter Gear Drive** drop off boxes are located in the parish office, back access of the church, and the school from November to January. Anything designed to keep a person warm during our cold Minnesota winters will be accepted. This includes coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, snowsuits, boots and more.



Due to daylight saving time change "Life in the Spirit Group" will be canceled until further notice.

<p><b>CPA</b> Hill, Benda, Skov &amp; Bernau, P.A. Certified Public Accountants 507-377-1333</p> <p>Accounting Services Bookkeeping, Payroll, &amp; Tax Preparation Heather Benda-Parishioner ◊ Lance Skov ◊ Andrew Bernau</p> <p>1206 W. Front St., Suite 1 Albert Lea, MN 56007</p>	<p><b>PLAZA MORENA</b> 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><b>Struggling? Let's Talk</b></p> <p>Dr. Brenden Troster, PhD Licensed Therapist Parishioner Call: 507-216-4949 brendentroster.com</p>	<p><b>St Theodore Catholic School</b></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 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](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”.