



St. Theodore Catholic Church ♦ Albert Lea, MN

August 2019 Update

St. Theodore Confession - Saturday 4pm
Mass - Saturday 5:15pm
Mass - Sunday 9am
Broadcast on KATE 1450AM
Mass - Sunday 11am Español

NOTES FROM THE *PASTOR*

Dear Parishioners

I begin this note to you as many of you prepare to send your children back to school. After the recent shootings in El Paso and Dayton it can't be easy for you to trust the instructions in place that are suppose to keep your children safe. Violence and hatred seem to have taken over many young men in our culture and there does not seem to be anything our government is willing or capable of doing to stop them from acting out. Although I find it difficult to approach this issue with you because I have no easy answers or guarantees that things are going to get better, I feel it is my duty to try to bring the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to where there is darkness.

Jesus tells us that where our treasure is so will our heart be. Saint Paul tells us the fruits of the Spirit bring life and the fruits of the flesh bring death. When we as a society take God out of the picture all hell breaks loose. When God is in the picture there is harmony and peace. While it is true that our country was founded on the principle of separation of Church and State. It was never their intention to take God out of society or modern day culture. They were concerned about their past experience of the infringement of people's right to worship freely by the government. Many people today interpret this principle as the obligation to remove religious influence from the public arena, including our schools. They not only object to religion being taught in schools, but also any mention of Judea-Christian moral values.

In my opinion this has led to a collapse of moral virtue in our public schools, where common respect and courtesy for others is hard to find. This culture leaves so many children feeling that their lives are worthless. Often these children turn to our culture for a solution to their problems in the music they listen to, in the video games they play or the movies and television they watch. Instead of being offered the Gospel of God's unconditional love and mercy, they are offered the solution of violence and hatred as a means of confronting their feeling of meaninglessness.

It has been my experience that our young people are very open to religion if it is presented in a way that leads directly to their situation in life. They are hungry for meaning and purpose and don't want to accept the lie that their lives are meaningless. They have been taught in school that there is no God, no heaven or hell, and that they have no soul. They are smart monkeys that die and are no more. This effort by our public school system to not offend based on religion has created a religion of its own. A religion of the world that brings death and not life. We must not be afraid of the Gospel, preach it and witness it to everything that we come in contact with. We also must be willing to stand against the secular spirit of this world that is trying to drive out God from our schools and the lives of our young people. I believe that God's love is the answer to removing the danger of violence in our schools. Hopefully love will find a way before violence and hatred does.

Sincerely

Father Kurt Farrell

Faith Formation

Welcome Back!!

How exiting another year is upon us. We are so blessed to have such a great church community!

Our Summer was a busy one! Our Mission Trip to Puerto Rico was a great success, we are so thankful to all of you who donated money and time to our team.

Our team of 14!! We became family during our time together.



In Dorado Puerto Rico we had Sunday Mass outside. praising God.



2019-At Home Mission Trip



This year was another success! We worked hard cleaning and sprucing up our Church. Thank you all who donated water & those who donated your time and energy to help.



Totus Tuus Vacation Bible School

God is Good
All the Time!!



Live out your
Faith
everyday!



Thank you to our Totus Tuus Team, Anna, Hailey, Teagan, & Eric. They made the week a wonderful experience for all of our youth. We are so blessed to have had such wonderful volunteers. A huge thank you to Gina Montero for all of her organizing of the fun activities and lining up volunteers for the this camp. Thank you to all of the parishioners who donated snacks for all our kids.



323 East Clark Street
Albert Lea, MN 56007
(507) 373-2987

August 2019

Dear Families,

This is a special invitation for you and your children! We are looking forward to beginning a new year of **Faith Formation at St. Theodore's for the 2019-2020** school year. There are lots of opportunities for your child to come to know, love and serve God!

***"No Faith Formation program is successful unless it's taken back to the home."
We are still looking for Parents to volunteer with our Prek-4th graders & 5-10th graders.***

We continue to keep our registration costs down and pray that money will never be a factor of why your kids are not involved in our Faith Formation Program. If there is hardship please contact us.

We are having parent meetings to discuss our Faith Formation year and answer any questions. Please try to attend the parent meeting as it will be beneficial to you and your child.

Sunday, August 25th @ 3:00 pm in the Marian Hall: PreK-4th grade registration, which includes First Communion Students.

Wednesday, August 28th @ 6:00pm in Marian Hall: 5-11th graders & parents potluck.

This will be our registration day for students and important information for our 10th & 11th grade Confirmation Students. We will talk with the parents of the 5-9th graders on this night. We will have a potluck so please bring a dish to share. A-H=side dish, I-R=main dish, S-Z=desserts.

Father Kurt and I look forward to meeting with you all,

Kristy Minear
373-2987
kam@stteho.org

St. Theodore Faith Formation Registration

2019-2020

Please use this form to register all of your students for Faith Formation classes for the 2019-2020 year.

****This form due September 1st and Registration Fee due September 20th. ****

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Home Address _____

Name of Youth who are Participating:

	GRADE	STUDENT'S BIRTH DATE
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		

Parent's Email _____

Student's Email _____

Parent's Phone # _____

Student's Phone # _____

I give my permission for photos of my child (ren) to be posted on St. Theo's Youth Facebook page, bulletin, & newsletter. Please circle

Yes or No

We will be using REMIND to send text alerts.

Our household will participate in the following:

- _____ Family with 3 or more in Program Fee \$75.00/max
- _____ Preschool 3-5 year old (must be potty trained) Fee: \$15/person
- _____ Grade K & 1 Fee: \$30/person
- _____ Grade 2 (First Reconciliation and Eucharist) Fee: \$30/person
- _____ Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 Fee: \$30/person
- _____ Grades 7, 8 & 9 Fee: \$30/person
- _____ Grade 10 & 11 (Confirmation) Fee: \$30/person

Total amount due.....



St. Theodore School News

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING By Principal Sue Amundson

(E-mail: principal@sttheo.org) ♦ (School phone: 373-9657)

As we begin a new year, this quote came to mind: "In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact." - Les Brown

This could be a focus for anyone anywhere... so join us each day as we ponder... "What positive impact will I have on someone today?"

We kicked off our new school year with an ice cream social. It was wonderful to catch up with everyone and to meet our new families. We are excited to welcome two new* staff members. Our staff this year includes:

- Mary Tuohy (Kindergarten & First Grade)
- Natasha Clarey (2nd & 3rd Grade)
- Ryan Hillman (4th & 5th Grade)
- Sue Amundson (Pre-Kindergarten & Principal)
- Ann Fernandez (Morning supervisor & Full time aide in Kindergarten/1st Grade Room)
- Alejandra Gutierrez* (Spanish & Religion)
- Elisha Marin (Art & Music ~mornings~ and part-time aide in Kindergarten/1st Grade Room)
- Ellen Raleigh* (Phy Ed)
- Kristina Garcia (School Secretary)
- Jolene Dillmuth (Cook)
- Fr. Kurt (Religion)

The first day of school for K-5 was August 19th and the first day for our Pre-Kindergarten is August 27th.

We are looking for volunteers to help serve lunch. You would be here from approximately 11:35 am - 12:50 pm. If you are interested, please contact:

Sue Amundson, samundson@sttheoschool.org
Kristina Garcia, kgarcia@sttheoschool.org.

*You may also call us at 373-9657 and let us know. We would truly appreciate your help.

**All volunteers will need to be Virtus trained. Our next date for training is set for Thurs., Sept. 12th in Marian Hall from 6:00-8:00pm. You need to register for this online. Kristina can help you if you need any assistance.

I would also like to say "THANK YOU" to all those that volunteer their time, talents, resources, or help provide things from our "Giving Tree". "THANK YOU" to those that help through the SCRIP program, donate to our Adopt-A-Student fund, and send us donations.

*If you would like to make a donation to our Adopt-A-Student, please give Sue Amundson a call or email. Donations can be brought into the office or sent to:

St. Theodore School
323 East Clark Street
Albert Lea, MN 56007

If you would like to enroll your child, call 373-9657 or stop in and get them registered today.

Some upcoming events include:

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| Sept. 12 | Virtus Training (6 pm Marian Hall) |
| Sept. 13 | Our first PAKET Day (Parents and Kids Eat Together) |
| Sept. 27 | Marathon for Nonpublic Schools (Kindergarten – 5 th grade walk the lake) |

For more information you can read the attached State of the School letter.

God Bless!
Sue Amundson

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MISSION STATEMENT

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State of the School
St. Theodore Elementary School
2018-2019 School Year

Shaping, thriving and inspiring the youth of our parish and community.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it,” Proverbs 22:6. Not only does St. Theodore School help shape the children it educates today, we also attempt to provide a life-long impact on their lives academically, spiritually and emotionally.

The 2018-2019 academic year has seen many successes once again. It was decided to combine classrooms. Combination classes are not a new concept or even new to our school. Mr. Hillman has been successfully educating our children in a combination 4/5 for many years. This year we have every grade level combined. The teachers embraced this challenge and the transition was very successful as evidenced in our testing scores. We are grateful to our dedicated staff for making success for each student a reality. We are likewise appreciative for the trust each parent has placed in our school as these changes were implemented. For many, this was a leap of faith. Our school is made stronger through the support of many but we honestly couldn't do what we do without our staff, students and their families as well as our extended Parish family.

Accreditation must be maintained and we are happy to say that we remain accredited with no difficulties. Mrs. Amundson has done a spectacular job with the help of all of the staff at focusing careful attention to the details so that inspections went smoothly, including a rigorous evaluation of our Pre-K program. While all programs are current and the required documentation complete, a safe environment remains a priority for all students. Policies and procedures have been updated along with additional facility changes and ongoing training for our staff and those having direct student contact. We are committed to ensuring the safety of all who enter our facility. Additionally, all staff are CPR trained along with basic first aid. Any additional student health needs are met through individual plans.

How is success measured? Testing and evaluation for sure. Academic success is important and goals should be established and met. Student success can be measured by personal growth in confidence and comfort to become who God created them to be. St. Theodore School provides many opportunities to develop personal skills through cooperative learning with fellow classmates, classroom and school service projects, and individual participation in parish life opportunities including weekly Mass, Christmas program, Stations of the Cross and service projects. Students learn to recognize their gifts and talents and have the opportunity to share with others in a variety of ways throughout the school year. Kind, compassionate, giving, happy, engaged, caring, generous, and respectful are all words used to describe the students of our school and we are very proud of this success!

Our students have strengthened and shared their many gifts and talents by participating in our enrichment programs including music, art and Spanish. Exploring nature and the world around them was possible through school outings to the Historical Society, participation in the farm tours and interaction with parishioners. We have been pleased to continue to offer all of our great programs with state of the art educational materials and technology.

The school board is working to establish three committees to strategically guide our school. We have three committees being formed including finance, marketing (enrollment, public relations, development) and planning (policy and curriculum). We recognize the need to provide a sound structure for the school moving forward in all of these areas. By developing goals with measurable outcomes, we can provide the direction for the school well into the future. Change is the only constant and planning for change rather than reacting to the change is necessary for the health of our school. We believe the success of our school will be defined by our participation in these three areas and welcome active participation in these three areas for the ongoing development of our school.

This year we are providing additional information that will help summarize the overall health of our school. Please see the following graphics which demonstrate our current financial year as well as the academic success of our students. As a board, we carefully watch our enrollment trends and develop our budget according to the needs of our students and school. We believe in our mission, **To promote excellence through a well-rounded academic curriculum in a Christ-centered environment for children of all faiths**. School members become a family and active participation strengthens the family. There is room to join our school family.

Please pray for our school, the students and their families. If you have a school age child, prayerfully consider joining our family! Look to the future and consider allowing St. Theodore Catholic School become an influence on your child's future, joining you in training them in the way they should go for a lifetime.

Respectfully submitted,

2018-2019 School Board: Mike Johnson, Alma Guerra, Deanne Zogg, Mandy Grzybowski, Erin Haag, Melissa Wittmer, Brie Tubbs, Kevin Poppel

State of the School Stats:

Enrollment:

2019-2020 ~ projected 65 (*Currently have 61 enrolled in May 2019)
 2018-2019 ~ September 2018 = 55
 2017-2018 ~ September 2017 = 65
 2016-2017 ~ September 2016 = 57
 2015-2016 ~ September 2015 = 55
 2014-2015 ~ September 2014 = 57

NWEA:

Our students have been taking NWEA tests for the past several years. The data from the tests are reviewed by staff to determine what areas are weaker and where individual students may need extra instruction then they work on helping them develop the skills to be more successful. Our Kindergarten through Fifth Grade take tests for reading and math and Third through Fifth Grade also take a Language Arts test. Our stats for the past few years are as follows:

Spring 2019 ~

Reading ~ 77% of our Kindergarten-5th Grade are at or above national norm
 Language Arts ~ 62% of our 3rd-5th Grade are at or above national norm
 Math ~ 60.4% of our Kindergarten-5th Grade are at or above national norm

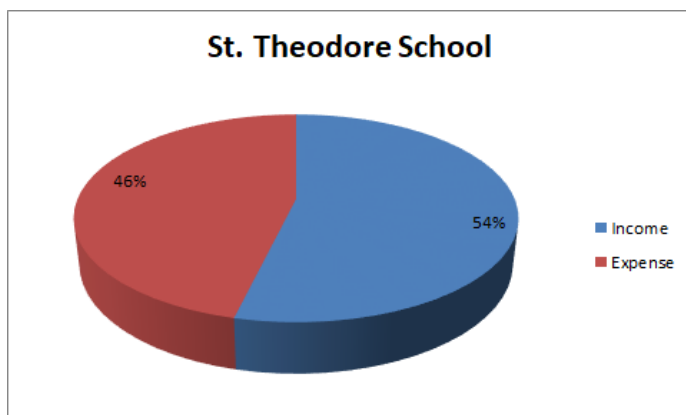
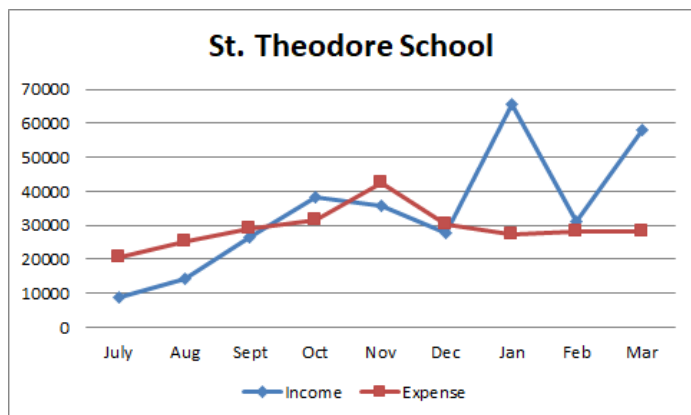
Spring 2018 ~

Reading ~ 71.4 % of our Kindergarten-5th Grade are at or above national norm
 Language Arts ~ 90.5 % of our 3rd-5th Grade are at or above national norm
 Math ~ 63.3 % of our Kindergarten-5th Grade are at or above national norm

Spring 2017 ~

Reading ~ 72 % of our Kindergarten-5th Grade are at or above national norm
 Language Arts ~ 71.4 % of our 3rd-5th Grade are at or above national norm
 Math ~ 66 % of our Kindergarten-5th Grade are at or above national norm

Use of Financial Resources: 2018-2019 School Year



Summary of SSP progress:

2018- 2019 ~

- Mr. Marin, our Music teacher, helped our students learn a variety of Praise and Worship songs to share with the St. Theodore Parish at some of our Saturday evening Masses this year.
- School hired Pantheon to assist in technological needs get smart boards up-to-date, updated computers in lab, updated and fixed I pads, improved WIFI to eliminate dead spots in building.
- The church's building and grounds committee went through the school and church to assess the needs. A plan is being developed along with plans for paying for the projects.
- New Brochure was created by our Marketing team
- Completed tuck pointing on a portion of the school

Upcoming improvement initiatives:

Upcoming plans ~ (none are definite and are dependent on revenue)

- The church is in the process of replacing the heating and cooling units.
- Replace sliding partition in the school lunchroom
- Replace ceiling tiles in the classrooms
- Upgrade school lighting to LED/energy efficient fixtures
- Replace uni-vents in classrooms
- Upgrade fencing and playground areas

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Leo, our head custodian, and his team for working so hard to help make our school clean and shiny for the first day and every day!

We are also grateful for keeping our church environment clean and ready to praise the Lord!

Get to know your church councils !

School Board

Erin Haag- *Chair*
Leda Troster
Gary Nyquist
Mike Johnson
Tyler Nelson
Brie Tubbs

Janet Hartman
Melissa Wittmer
Sue Amundson - *Principal*
Cindy Merfeld - *Parish Council*
Linda Cruz-Lares - *Trustee*
John Forman - *Trustee*
Fr. Kurt Farrell - *Pastor*

Endowment Board

Russ Nemec
Sue VanVooren
Mary Larscheid
Kelly Goskeson
Angie Kolker - *Admin Support*
Amanda Grzyboski - *SCRIP Coord*
Fr. Kurt Farrell - *Pastor*

Parish Council

Betsy Schultz - *Chair*
Loren Lair - *Vice Chair*
Cheryll Intihar- *Secretary*
Darren Schone
Gina Montero
Carmen Bueno
Harold Kermes
Lucy Rentera
Cindy Merfeld
Jeff Jimenez
Linda Cruz-Lares - *Trustee*
John Forman - *Trustee*
Father Kurt Farrell - *Pastor*

Building & Grounds

John Forman - *Chair*
Rick Harves - *Co-Chair*
Terry Fox - *Secretary*
Doug Conn
Dick Freese
Leonel Lopez-Ortiz - *Staff*
Loren Lair - *Parish Council*
Fr. Kurt Farrell - *Pastor*

Finance Council

Rick Harves - *Chair*
Kim Otten - *Secretary*
Bob Blong
Doreen Dieser
Francisco Lopez
Henry Savelkoul
Dan Bodensteiner - *Staff*
Harold Kermes - *Parish Council*
Linda Cruz-Lares - *Trustee*
John Forman - *Trustee*
Sue Miller - *Parish Admin*
Fr. Kurt Farrell - *Pastor*

Volunteer Opportunities

As Catholics we are called to serve in ways that will utilize and celebrate the gifts, time, talents and blessings given to us by the Lord. Below are multiple ways that you can become an active member within our parish community. If you are interested in serving, please call the parish office at 507-373-0603 to get more information.

- ◆ Sacristan
- ◆ Lectors
- ◆ Ushers
- ◆ Servers
- ◆ Church Cleaning
- ◆ Funeral Meal Helper
- ◆ School Lunchroom Helper
- ◆ School Office Volunteer Sub



- ◆ Loaves and Fishes Volunteer
- ◆ Adult Choir Members
- ◆ Accompanist for Weekend Masses
- ◆ Faith Formation Helper
- ◆ Homebound Eucharistic Minister
- ◆ Nursing Home Eucharistic Minister
- ◆ Hospital Eucharistic Minister
- ◆ Eucharistic Minister

Sacraments May - July 2019

Baptisms

- Frank Gael Mendoza Ortiz (05/04/19)
- Yamila Garcia (05/18/19)
- Lilleana Lazaro (05/18/19)
- Riley Lincoln Myers (06/09/19)
- Mike Ambriz (06/23/19)
- Camila Gutierrez (06/23/19)
- Mila Rae Gutierrez (07/13/19)
- Daleyza Aislynn Reyes (07/27/19)
- Cesar Ramon Reyes (07/27/19)

Confirmation

September 7, 2019

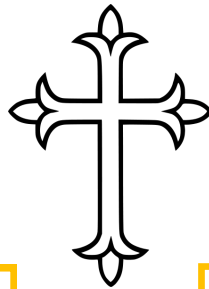
Marriages

June 22, 2019

Christopher Allen Gliko
Joy Christine

Deaths

- Michael Paul Kruse (05/20/19)
- Gary A. Felber (01/17/19)
- Orren Eldred Olson (05/22/19)
- James Joseph Koziolk (05/27/19)
- Patricia N. Waters (06/13/19)
- Maria Gonzales Adams (06/17/19)
- Nilda Melendez (06/17/19)
- Marie A. Charlson (06/14/19)
- Thomas J. Reiland (06/24/19)
- James Tobiasen (06/27/19)



Weekend Mass Times

- Saturday.....5:15 pm
- Sunday.....9:00 am
- Broadcast on KATE Radio 1450AM
- Español.....11:00am

Weekday Mass Times

- Monday.....No Mass
- Tuesday.....9:00 am
- Wednesday.....9:00 am
- 1st Thursday.....9:00 am
- 2nd Thursday.....2:00 pm - Good Samaritan
- 3rd Thursday.....2:00 pm - Thorne Crest
- 4th Thursday.....9:00 am
- 5th Thursday.....9:00 am
- Friday.....9:00 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Began August 19, 2019

Monday - Thursday:

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Closed for lunch 12:00- 1:00 pm

Closed Wednesday 9:00-9:45 so staff can attend Mass.

Friday.....8:00-12:00

Reconciliation

- Saturday** 4:00 pm
- Sunday** 1/2 hour before Masses
- By Appointment** Call 507-373-0603

Memorial Mass Association

SEPTEMBER

For living & deceased members of the Borland & Haas families

by MaryLou Borland

For deceased members of the Johnson, Schilken & Gentile families

by Lenore Fries

In memory of George Murphy

by Margaret Murphy

For living & deceased members of the Krenik & Nevins families

by John & Betty Nevins

In memory of Dale Peters

by Pat Peters

In memory of Eva Priebe

by Bernard Priebe

In memory of Peter & Marlene Tautges

by Larry Tautges

For deceased members of the Alvarado, Gari, & Ramirez families

by Marina Gillard

In memory of Henry Kalis

by Violet Kalis

OCTOBER

In memory of Lyle, Mardell, Don & David McCullough

by Doris Callahan

In memory of Edward H. Claassen

by his family

In memory of Bernard Heilmann & family

by Lorraine Heilmann

In memory of Peter Templeman

by Marcia Templeman

In memory of Jody Templeman-Murat

by Marcia Templeman

In memory of David Johannsen

by Patricia Johannsen

In memory of Marvin F. Stenzel

by Joyce & family

In memory of Ann Grund

by Lewis & Sons

In memory of Howard Attig

by Imogene

In memory of Dennis L. Smith

By Keiko Smith

NOVEMBER

In memory of Leo, Murph & Pat Donovan, and extended family

by Donovan family

In memory of Dennis Raleigh

by Amanda & John Grzybowski

In memory of David & Carol Becker

by their children & grandchildren

In memory of Ryan Michaelis

by Julie & Dennis & Jill Michaelis

In memory of Helen & the Rudolph & Skochenski families

by Arthur Rudolph

In memory of the souls of Gregory & Frances Leiferman

by their daughter, Sandy

In memory of Joan Soller

by Victor Soller

The living & deceased members of the Sullivan & Cogley families

by Pat & Joan Sullivan

For deceased family members of Irvin & Mary Zenk

by Irvin & Mary Zenk

In memory of Virgil Ryan, granddaughter Bridget Hale & great-

granddaughter Ashely Mandler:

by Shirley Ryan & Dave & Vicky Book

In memory of Eddie Staloch

by his wife, Janie Staloch

In memory of Ray Nemec

by Russ & Sheri Nemec

DECEMBER

For the Dolan and Burns families

by Jim & Marilyn Burns

In memory of Ray Roberts and the deceased members of the

Roberts, Victor and Ochocki families

In memory of Eldon Boom

by Don & Sharyl Boom

In memory of Gerald Rollinger

by Karen & family

In memory of John & Mary Crusier

by Joan-Anne & Lenny Shelhammer

In memory of Leonard, Irene & Daniel Enstad

by Diane Schlosser

For the parents & Adam, grandson of Charles & Betty Wencil

by Charles & Betty Wencil

JANUARY

In memory of Luella & Robert Bergen

by their children

In memory of Mark & Avice Kunkel and Jean Haiar

by family

In memory of Vernon & Tricia Nelson

by Pearl & family

For a Special Intention

by Pearl & family

In memory of Francis P. Chicos

by the Francis Chicos family

For a donation of \$60 (per listing) one Mass each month for a year will be said for all those who are enrolled individually or as a family. Enrollment may begin at any time during the year. Our Memorial Mass is said the second Saturday of the month at the

5:15 pm Mass.

FEBRUARY

For the deceased **Brackey & Wendell** family members

by Brackey family

Ruben Anderson

by Judy Popp-Anderson

For the living & deceased family members of **Judy Popp-Anderson**

by Judy Popp-Anderson

In memory of Gwen Tatarek

by Andy & family

In memory of Peter & Marlene Tautges

by Larry Tautges

In memory of Casper Jacobs

by wife, Thelma

In memory of Herman & Leola Wach

by Leo & Elaine, & Lars Wach

In memory of Lars & Ruth Mogensen

by Leo & Elaine, & Lars Wach

In memory of Rose Pederson

by her sister, Margaret Murphy

In memory of Robert W. Krenik

by John & Betty Nevins

MARCH

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Peterson

by their daughter Margaret Newell

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. F.D. Newell

by their son Thomas Newell

In memory of Lillian Cisewski

by her family & friends

In memory of Jeanne Johnson

by Lloyd I. Johnson

In memory of Stan Kukuzke

by Charlene Kukuzke

In memory of Becky Knipping

by Bernice & Alice VanVooren & family

In memory of Paul Murphy

by Margaret Murphy

For the living & deceased members of the **Stegenga & Balfe** families

by James & Christin Stegenga

In memory of Elaine Nemeč

by Russ & Sheri Nemeč

APRIL

In memory of Robert Schultz & Becky Weigel

by Evelyn Schultz

In memory of Henry & Florence Stephan

by Pat Johannsen

For the living and deceased members of the **Meyer & Holl** families

by Leo & Marilyn Holl

MAY

In memory of James Fobair by his wife & family

For the **Schleck & Schmidt** families by Tom & Annie Schleck

In memory of Bill & Mary Moore by Michael & Susan Moore

In memory of Rolland & Margaret Baudoin

by Craig & Kathy (Baudion) Miller

In memory of Terry Blong by friends

In memory of Phil Kermes by Pat

For the **Sinclair & Wyman** families by Kim Wyman

JUNE

In memory of **Christopher Copeland, Doris & Everly Schroeder**

by Kenneth Schroeder & Family

In memory of Bill Olinger

by Irene Olinger

In memory of Tim Olinger

by Irene Olinger

For the **Tikalsky & Nistler** families

by Bob & Darlene Nistler

In memory of Helen, David & Kenneth Burnett

by their family

In memory of Berneice Paczkowski

by Russell Paczkowski, Marie, Margo, Joanne, Julie & Dan

In memory of Donna Meirose

by Jeanne Wendell

For all **Priests, Deacons & Sisters** who served this parish now and in the past

by Ruth & Byron Spear

JULY

In memory of Pat L. Callahan

by Doris Callahan

In memory of Ryan Moore

by Mike & Suzanne Moore

For the living & deceased members of the **Alvin & Bonnie Stenzel** families

In memory of Loretta Kermes

by her family

In memory of Donald Stencil

by Delores & Kim Stencil

In memory of Don & Betty Cashin's parents & grandsons, Timmy

Cashin, Spencer DeWild & Gene Krenik

by Don & Betty Cashin

AUGUST

In memory of John & Joann Sullivan

by their children

For the deceased members of **Bowen-Schwinn-Jaquette** families.

by Judy Jaquette

In memory of husband Ron Remakel & daughter Jodi

by Marilyn Remakel

In memory of Wayne Peschon, Betty Thimmesch, Matt Thimmesch and for the repose of souls.

by Catherine Peschon

In memory of Maynard Rathai

by Delores & Kim Stencil

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Felix Luna, Sr.

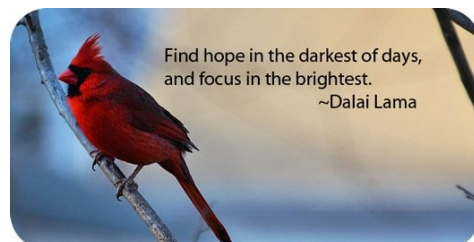
by Ray Luna and Mary Larson

In memory of Gary Robbins & Olive Hefner

by Karin Robbins

In memory of Duke & Nona Newell

by family



Find hope in the darkest of days,
and focus in the brightest.

~Dalai Lama

Dish Washing Volunteers Needed for Funerals

Please call the parish office to leave your name and contact information! Thank You!



As an incentive to reach our 34 pints of blood goal, the Red Cross is giving a Free \$5.00 Amazon Gift Card to all with a valid email who donate blood on August 30th!



Home Visits: Father would love to visit and get to know our homebound parishioners. If you or someone you know would like Father to come for a visit, please contact the parish office to set up a time at 373-0603.

Updating Parish Records: During the month of October we put together our order for parish envelopes. To keep our costs down and ensure that we update our records on a regular basis, please contact the parish office at 373-0603 to ensure that we have the most current information especially if you have made any changes since last October 2018.



Total Consecration to Mary

Sunday, September 8, 2019, on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Quinn will renew the consecration of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The Diocese was first consecrated to the Immaculate Heart in 2008, and it is our diocesan tradition that we make this renewal every year on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as an act of love and devotion to Our Lady.

We surrender the diocese completely to God and His service, giving the same yes that Mary gave when she bore Jesus in her womb. The act of consecration dedicated the diocese and all of the good works that come from it to Our Lady and her desires, in order to more fully complete the will of her Son.

As done in the past, Bishop Quinn requests the renewal of the consecration of each parish. **St. Theodore's will renew our consecration at all the Masses September 7/8, 2019.**

Please see the brochures at each of the church entrances to learn more about parish and personal consecrations.

RCIA: is a process of exploring the Catholic faith.

Anyone interested in exploring the faith is most welcome to attend.

Those who might want to attend fall classes include:

- Those who have been attending Catholic services or events
- Anyone interested in the Catholic faith and want to understand and/or know more about the faith
- Catholics who want to understand the liturgy and tenets of the faith more fully.

Participants do not need to commit to joining the Church, just a desire to seek the Lord. Classes begin in September. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Judy Popp-Anderson (507-383-0955) or the parish office (507-373-0603). Father Kurt or Judy will be in touch with you.




Confirmation
Saturday,
September 7, 2019
5:15 PM Mass



<https://cleanheart.online/diocese-winona-rochester> is a free online resource program to combat the evil of pornography and to offer pathways for formation, hope and healing.

Bishop John M. Quinn and the Diocese of Winona-Rochester are pleased to offer some of the best resources available to aid you and your family in navigating modern technology usage and the deep harm that is caused by pornography. Please take advantage of these training programs, articles, videos, and local resources specifically designed for you or someone who is struggling with pornography.

Diocese of Winona/Rochester Events

UNBOUND

deliverance. freedom. belonging.

Unbound: Freedom in Christ conference is Sept 27-28, at St John Vianney Church in Fairmont, MN. Unbound is a prayer ministry that releases the power of Jesus Christ into wounded hearts, helping people live out the freedom they have been given through Christ. All are welcome and encouraged to come. More about Unbound at www.heartofthefather.com. Register before August 8 for an early bird discount: www.dowr.org/unbound.html.

Diocese of Winona-Rochester Annual Women's Conference 2019:

**"Transforming Culture to Promote Life -
The Unique Gift of Womanhood"**

November 2, 2019,
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

St. Agustin Church, Austin
Please contact the Diocesan Office of Life,
Marriage & family for more info.

6th Annual Married Couples Retreat



A guided spiritual retreat for married couples directed by Peter & Theresa Martin, October 4-6, 2019. This event is being held at Shalom Hill Farm, in Windom, MN. Find Details & Register online at www.dowr.org



CCW
Council of Catholic Women

Annual Winona-Rochester Council of Catholic Women Convention

All women of the Diocese are invited to attend a day of education, fellowship and prayer on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 8:00 am at St. Bernard's Church in Stewartville, MN.



The Diocese of
Winona-Rochester



MARCH FOR LIFE

For youth and young adults

January 22-26, 2020
Washington, DC

\$375

Includes bus transportation, hotel for two nights, Life is Very Good Evening Prayer, Rally and Mass for Life, visit to DC landmarks, and



2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Our Goal!
\$60,180.00



2019

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Renew Faith. Extend Mercy. Inspire Hope.

Amount Received!

(as of 8/16/19)

\$36,650.00

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand ministries in the 107 parishes, 23 schools, Catholic Charities, programs and departments of the diocesan church. The Catholic Church serves the needs of many people across Southern Minnesota and beyond. While some of these services are offered at the parish level, it is often more effective when many join together in ministry and service of the people of the diocese. Each diocesan ministry exists to support the work of our local parishes.

Each year, as a parish, we are asked to reach our annual Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal. Last year we did a phenomenal job of not only meeting our goal but exceeding it! This is due to the generosity of so many that take to heart the call of being good stewards of the Lord's gifts and blessings. We are once again asking everyone to help be a part of reaching our goal again this year. Below are "FAQs" about the CMA.

Are CMA funds used to pay legal fees or settlements from sexual abuse cases?

Funds contributed through the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal are donations made directly to the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota. The Foundation is wholly independent of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and has been since its founding in 1991.

In addition, donations are considered donor-restricted to the purposes described in the annual appeal materials. For this reason, they are assets of the Foundation and not of the Diocese and should not be affected by the Bankruptcy filing.

Who administers the Catholic Ministries Appeal?

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (formerly known as the Annual Diocesan Appeal) is one of the major efforts of the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota in fulfilling its mission to financially support spiritual, educational and social needs of the Catholic community in southern Minnesota. The Foundation is an independent Minnesota nonprofit corporation that is tax exempt under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c) (3). An independent board of directors stewards all funds and ensures they are only distributed according to the donor's intent

How are parish goals determined?

The formula to calculate parish goals is based on two factors: church support and registered families.

What happens if our parish exceeds our goal?

100% of every dollar exceeding the goal will be returned to the parish.

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