



St. Theodore Catholic Church ♦ Albert Lea, MN

November 2020 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*

On October 3rd Pope Francis signed a new encyclical letter from Assisi, Italy, the home of Saint Francis entitled "All brothers". In this encyclical letter he envisions the Church moving forward after the pandemic. Pope Francis is given us a wakeup call as Christians to embrace our calling to live as Christ lived by loving all our brothers and sisters, especially the poor and vulnerable. He states "The sheep of the Lord followed Jesus in tribulation and persecution, in insult and hunger, in infirmity and temptation, and in everything else and they have received everlasting life from the Lord because of these things. Therefore, it is a great shame for us, servants of God, that we wish to receive glory and honor by (merely) recounting their deeds."

Saint Francis responded to God's love by radically embracing a life of poverty and fraternal charity. Pope Francis wants us to rethink our lives based on the life of Saint Francis. Do we really need as much as we think we need to live a comfortable life? Are we concerned about the distress of others as much as we are about our own financial security? If Jesus was to come back today would he find us filled with Christian virtue and fraternal charity?

These are the questions that I have been asking myself personally, but also about our parish here at Saint Theodore's. As we prepare ourselves to reenter the world after the corona virus what will our world look like and what is the mission of St. Theodore Catholic Church in this world. After the presidential debate I became deeply saddened by the negativity, which reflects the deep partisan divide in our country. However, after celebrating the life of Saint Teresa of the little flower and reflecting on her little way of loving greatly in little ways, I became filled with great joy.

The stark contrast between Saint Theresa and the two presidential candidates, made me realize what the mission of Saint Theodore must be going forward. We must be light in a time of darkness, faith in a time of doubt, hope in a time of despair, and love in a time of hate. What is going on in our school and our Loaves and Fishes program are two good examples that this is indeed happening. Wednesday Masses with the children are joyous occasions of praise and worship with the children and they leave loving both Mass and Jesus. Saint Theodore is serving a hot meal each week to more and more people. Recently our Loaves and Fishes team served around one hundred and thirty meals.

Although there are many people that have jumped backed into service at St. Theodore, I know that for many others, the Church of Saint Theodore seems like a distant memory from when no one knew anything about the corona virus. I want to let everyone know that we are very much alive and actively bringing Jesus to many here at Saint Theodore. I encourage everyone to once again contemplate returning to St. Theodore through your active participation at Mass and other ministries, and through your financial contribution. While we are doing a lot of great things there is still so much more we can do. The elderly still need to be visited and brought communion, the Loaves and Fishes program needs more volunteers. In so many ways the witness of Christ is needed more now than ever and you are the hands of Christ.

Thank you for all you do to make Saint Theodore a living witness of Jesus to the world.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Kurt Farrell

Sacraments

February-October 2020

Baptisms

Michael Manuel Olivas Jr. (4.19.2020)
 Izaiah Xzavier Olivas (4.19.2020)
 Lily Ann-Denize Olivas (4.19.2020)
 Briseyda Feria Barrios (5.9.2020)
 Angel Cesar Chaves Rico (5.16.2020)
 Millie Gianna Gonzalez (5.29.2020)
 Kadir Javier Diaz (6.5.2020)
 Allyson Sophia Salazar Alvarez (6.27.2020)
 Bria Jean Hubly (8.2.2020)
 Gloriana Roselynn Schaper (8.23.2020)
 Jesus Garcia (8.22.2020)
 Oakley Mathew Renteria (8.23.2020)
 Everly Dae Bergen (9.5.2020)
 Gael Barajas Garcia (9.6.2020)
 Briggs Bradley Tomschin (9/13/2020)
 Clinton Edwards Brouwers (9.20.2020)
 Bella Maria Zamora Juarez (10.4.2020)
 Tadeo Hernandez Playax (10.17.2020)
 Emma Rae Kermes (10.17.2020)
 Jesus Itzae Memije (10.24.2020)

First Communion

August 15, 2020

Grace Haag
 Chase Heideman
 Josefina Hernandez
 Liliyanna Hernandez
 Stephaney Hernandez
 Crystal Herrera
 Jasmine Herrera
 Kellan Johnson
 Eva Montero-Ortiz
 Ah Mu Mu
 Lillian Raleigh
 Joselyn Rodriguez Garcia
 Dexter Saavedra
 Cristal Vazquez-Perez
 Camila Zuniga
 Michell Chino-Limon

Confirmation

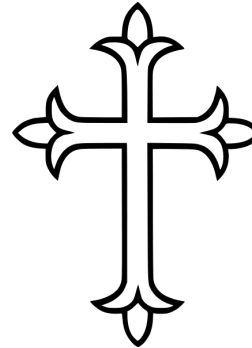
Jonathan Arteaga-Gonzalez
 Wyatt Attig
 Brittany Barreda-Yebra
 Evy Christensen
 Hannah Conn
 Erik De Leon
 Dominica Eckstrom
 Laura Flagherty
 Elise Grzybowski
 Logan Hacker
 Caleb Hanson
 Cynthia Herrera
 Maray Lopez-Turrubiarres
 Angel Mendez
 Jenny Mulholland
 Grace Nelson
 Reece Nelson
 Ally Rasmussen
 Stephanie Redman
 William Taylor
 Abigail Theusch
 Karla Yebra

Marriages

David Ambriz Becerra &
 Sonia Parra Lesdesma
April 17, 2020
 Delfino Ambriz Becerra &
 Dennis Alejandro Yezpe
April 24, 2020
 Miguel Angel Palma &
 Maria De Jesus Hernandez
June 22, 2020
 Noah James Gerdes &
 Denise Berber-Servin
June 27, 2020
 Juan Carlos Perez de Jesus &
 Victoria Peralta-Tornel
August 1st, 2020
 Clinton Ward Bergene &
 Angela Lynn Sargent
August 22, 2020
 Leonel Lopez Ortiz &
 Maria de Jesus Turrubiarres
September 18, 2020
 Mauricio Lazaro Amador &
 Patricia Ceronio-Aguirre
September 19, 2020
 Leon Francis Axtman &
 Margaret Sorenson
October 2, 2020
 William Velazquez &
 Amanda Ivette Plaza
October 3, 2020

Deaths

Diane Quintanilla (2.29.2020)	Leon J. Steffen (7.9.2020)
Jose De La Cruz Jr. (3.11.2020)	Suzanne Gutknecht (7.1.2020)
Paul R. Schmidt (3.18.2020)	Jason Attig (7.13.2020)
Timm Sternhagen (4.14.2020)	Robert Benson (7.31.2020)
Jeff White (4.18.2020)	Beverly Head (8.2.2020)
Michael Dettle (5.3.2020)	Delores L. Sternhagen (9.22.2020)
Darrel Louis Johndro (5.12.2020)	Michael Moore (9.19.2020)
Anne Marie Troska (5.28.2020)	Jeanne Wendell (9.25.2020)
Victor Soller (5.31.2020)	Marvyl Hazel Callahan (10.2.2020)
Theodore Sipple (6.12.2020)	Theresa C. Jackson (10.1.2020)
Bernie Priebe (6.26.2020)	Jose "Joe" A. Avelar Jr. (10.5.2020)
Betty Callahn (6/27/2020)	John Henry Nyenhuis (10.13.2020)
Odean Berg (7.2.2020)	Isabel Guerra Avelar 10.14.2020)
Kenneth Skogheim (7.9.2020)	Dorothy Ellen Wencil (10.19.2020)



RCIA

Joel David Skinner (05.08.2020)
 Shee Lo (04.11.2020)
 Amber Lynn Kraft (4.11.2020)
 Jennifer Ignaszewski (4.11.2020)
 William Velazquez (6.27.2020)

St. Theodore's Annual Financial Report

On the following pages we've included our Annual Financial Report. Thank you for all the financial support during this past God filled year. Your generosity to St. Theodore's provides the opportunity for Jesus to shine through each of you as we serve the over 1,000 active, registered parishioners. The 2019-2020 fiscal year ended on June 30, 2020. Like the last two years, this year also ended with a planned deficit utilizing reserved, designated funds from the Rooted in Faith campaigns.

As the new Business Administrator, I am looking to at ways to start getting a handle on major expense items, (Snow Plowing, Utilities and the Catholic Appeal) as well as ways that we can increase the parishes income.

One way, we will concentrate on is putting together a Stewardship Committee that would look at the Time and Talent needed to operate St Theodore's. If you are interested in serving on such a committee, let me know.

St. Theodore's Church has had and will continue to have a strong commitment to improve our fiscal transparency and controls. Our bulletin will continue to include a monthly income/expense report to keep you all informed of our Parish's financial position. Improved money handling procedures have been implemented as well as layers of checks and balances which include your Finance Council.

Please reach out to any of them as listed in this newsletter or you may contact me, Leon Axtman at 373-0603 or by email at administration@sttheo.org

God Bless and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Leon Axtman
 Parish Business Administrator

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SUMMARY

	2020 Actual FY Ending 06.30.20	2019 Actual FY Ending 06.30.19	2018 Actual FY Ending 06.30.18
Total Income	680,557	784,559	759,706
Total Expenses	(715,489)	(806,503)	(869,639)
Total Income and Expenses*	(34,932)	(26,185)	(112,658)

**Deficit paid by Rooted in Faith Reserve Fund*

INCOME

Account Description	2020 Actual FY Ending 06.30.20	2019 Actual FY Ending 06.30.19	2018 Actual FY Ending 06.30.18
Offertory	\$543,693	612,273	609,370
Holy Days/Holidays	\$4,284	3,377	2,992
Christmas	\$24,731	23,491	15,309
Easter	\$9,712	10,842	11,597
Total Church Support	\$582,420	649,983	639,268
Donations	\$1,651	1,530	615
Bequests	\$10,000		
Memorials	\$1,370	1,705	3,330
Fundraising	\$1,212	1,089	195
Fish Fry Income	\$3,823	6,569	4,717
Bulletin Advertising	\$4,500	4,888	5,100
Sacramental/Stole Fees	\$5,190	3,955	3,295
Funeral Lunches	\$18,955	28,708	30,647
Miscellaneous	\$1,639	672	554
Building/Maintenance Fund	\$10,307	14,541	11,846
Rent of Facilities	\$150	210	107
Vigil Lights	\$1,711	1,480	1,306
Broadcast Mass	\$7,652	8,640	7,535
Summer Youth Activity	\$711		
Resurrection Choir	\$430	350	170
Charity Fund	\$6,405		
Loaves & Fishes	\$7,611	6,593	5,480
Hispanic Ministry	\$3,583	1,635	6,377
Total Other Income	\$86,900	104,649	88,548
Mass Stipends	\$7,160	7,240	5,360
Faith Formation Tuition	\$3,850	3,359	4,423
DOW Capital Campaign Distributions	\$394	8,299	20,200
Total Income Not Subject to Assessment	\$11,404	29,927	31,891
TOTAL INCOME	\$680,724	784,559	759,706

EXPENSES

Account Description	2020 Actual FY Ending 06.30.2020	2019 Actual FY Ending 06.30.19	2018 Actual FY Ending 06.30.18
Priest Wages	\$27,002	30,476	29,998
Wages	\$53,516	62,118	64,623
Contracted Services	\$16,758	16,865	33,635
FICA & Medicare Taxes	\$4,094	4,769	4,940
Health/Dental/Life/LTD Insurance	\$13,415	12,524	12,570
Priest-Pension	\$2,532	2,775	2,561
Pension	\$3,972	2,003	2,949
Priest-Continuing Education	\$1,200	1,080	1,000
Continuing Education		-	370
Employee/Volunteer Background Check	\$253	140	84
Priest-Mileage Reimbursement	\$4,155	5,171	6,587
Mileage Reimbursement	\$115	46	136
Employee/Volunteer Appreciation	\$749	1,528	2,534
Office Expense	\$168	2,195	2,382
Office Supplies	\$3,672	3,455	6,017
Copier	\$1,968	4,908	6,367
Bank Fees	\$589	596	565
Professional & Legal	\$9,000	-	1,684
Technology	\$10,834	10,284	15,844
Postage	\$3,681	3,279	3,057
Rectory	\$3,441	3,270	4,694
Fish Fry Expenses	\$2,048	6,569	4,717
Public Relations/Marketing & Advert	\$2,034	1,516	2,792
Bulletin Expense	\$7,794	12,652	11,264
Newsletter Expense	\$1,758	2,832	778
Subsidy	\$183,167	98,000	98,000
Diocesan Assessment	\$39,352	41,601	40,165
Insurance	\$28,986	40,549	37,127
Catholic Ministries Appeal Payments	\$10,369	-	4,558
Funeral Lunches	\$12,019	15,224	19,044
Utilities	\$47,789	66,753	61,689
Miscellaneous	\$300	958	1,108
Resurrection Choir		2,052	-
Charity Fund	\$2,668	3,745	5,166
Loaves & Fishes	\$2,925	2,888	3,961
Hispanic Ministry	\$1,500	3,879	2,521
Parish Endowment Scholarships	\$4,000	3,000	1,500
Rooted In Faith		61,738	44,136
Furnace		5,000	-
Total General & Administration Expenses	(507,823)	(536,437)	(541,123)

EXPENSES

Account Description	2020 Actual FY Ending 06.30.20	2019 Actual FY Ending 06.30.19	2018 Actual FY Ending 06.30.18
Wages	\$70,803	90,693	96,202
Contracted Services	\$825	375	363
FICA & Medicare Taxes	\$5,288	7,088	7,117
Health/Dental/Life/LTD Insurance	\$5,703	5,136	9,782
Pension	\$3,447	3,376	4,608
Mileage Reimbursement		-	180
Supplies		(32)	628
Snow Removal	\$4,141	9,140	5,158
Non-Capital Equipment Purchases	\$1,425	156	105
Repair and Maintenance-Building and Grounds	\$18,238	36,014	29,391
Repair and Maintenance-Equipment		757	609
Building & Maintenance Reserve		18,067	75,661
Total Building and Grounds Expenses	(109,870)	(170,770)	(229,804)
Wages	\$8,575	9,167	7,775
FICA & Medicare Taxes	\$655	701	595
Advertising Mass Schedules	\$460	578	575
Broadcast Masses	\$12,830	11,766	11,326
Music	\$2,781	1,575	593
Vigil Lights	\$677	466	735
Liturgical Supplies	\$9,439	11,671	12,888
Non-Capital Equipment Purchases		380	211
Repair and Maintenance-Equipment		65	-
Total Liturgy & Worship Expenses	(35,417)	(36,369)	(34,698)
Wages	\$40,571	44,564	47,091
FICA & Medicare Taxes	\$2,995	3,095	3,603
Health/Dental/Life/LTD Insurance	\$5,769	3,847	273
Pension	\$2,367	2,599	2,657
Continuing Education	\$325	47	595
Employee/Volunteer Appreciation	\$123	-	566
Office Expense	\$256	329	310
Youth Curriculum	\$4,317	4,445	5,451
Adult Curriculum		841	200
Materials/Supplies	\$4,040	3,158	3,269
Summer Activity Week	\$1,500		
Cost of Books/Other Religious	\$116		
Baccalaureate	\$122	783	551
Retreats & Missions	\$1,435	3,457	2,175
Total Faith Formation Expenses	(62,379)	(62,927)	(64,014)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(715,489)	(806,503)	(869,639)

Holy Day, Holiday, & Christmas Mass Schedule

All Saint's Day

Saturday, October 31, 5:15 pm
Sunday, November 1st 9:00 AM

All Soul's Day

Monday, November 2nd 9:00 AM anointing Mass

Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 25, 5:30 PM

Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 7, 5:30 PM
Tuesday, December 8, 9:00 AM

Día de los Santos

Sábado, Octubre 31, 5:15 PM &
Domingo, Noviembre 1º, 9:00 AM

Día de Muertos

Lunes, Noviembre 2º,
9:00 AM Misa de Unción de enfermos

Día de dar Gracias

Miércoles, Noviembre 25, 5:30 PM

Inmaculada Concepción

Lunes, Diciembre 7, 5:30 PM
Martes, Diciembre 8, 9:00 AM

FEIST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Friday, December 11, 2020,
6:30 PM - 11:00 PM **Adoration** - Church
11:00 PM Las Mañanitas
12:00 AM Midnight Mass

December 12, 2020,
5:15 PM Mass

Sunday, December 13, 2020

9:00 AM Mass (Broadcast)

10:30 AM **Procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe** -
Church Entrance

11:00 AM Spanish Mass

12:00 AM **Pot Luck** - Marian Hall



FIESTA DE NUESTRA SRA DE GUADALUPE

Viernes 11, de Diciembre

6:30 PM - 11:00 PM Adoración en la Iglesia

11:00 PM Las Mañanitas

Misa a las 12:00 de la media noche

Sábado 12, de Diciembre

5:15 PM Misa en Inglés

Domingo 13, de Diciembre 2020

10:30 AM **Procesión**

De Nuestra Señora De Guadalupe
Empezando en la entrada de la Iglesia

Convivio

Marian Hall

Después de Misa

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24, 2020

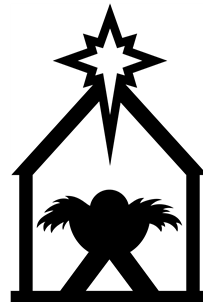
Mass: Children's Liturgy · 4:00 pm

Spanish Mass · 7:30 pm

Christmas Carols · 9:30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass · 10:00 pm

(Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)



Christmas Day Mass

Friday, December 25, 2020 · 9:00 am

Hispanic New Year's Mass

Thursday, December 31st, 2020 · 11:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary Mass

Friday, January 1st, 2021 · 9:00 am

HORARIO DE NAVIDAD

Nochebuena

Jueves 24 de Diciembre del 2020

Misa: Liturgia infantil en Inglés · 4:00 pm

Misa en Español · 7:30 pm

Cantos Navideños en Inglés · 9:30 pm

Misa de Nochebuena en Inglés · 10:00 pm

(transmitido por radio KATE 1450 AM)

Día de Navidad

Viernes 25 de Diciembre del 2020

Misa de la Navidad en Inglés · 9:00 am

Misa de Año Nuevo

Jueves, 31 de Diciembre del 2020 · 11:00 pm

Misa en Inglés Solemnidad de María

Reconciliation

1/2 hour before all daily & weekend Masses

Sunday, December 13 (communal)

First Communicants and their families 3:00 pm

Parishioners 4:00-5:00 pm



Confeciones

1/2 hora antes de todas las Misas diarias y fin de semana

Domingo, 13 de Diciembre (comunidad)

Los que van a ser su Primera Comunión
y sus familias 3:00 pm

y feligreses 4:00-5:00 pm

St. Theodore School News

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING By Principal Sue Amundson

Do we need to wait till Thanksgiving to give thanks to God? I truly believe that we should always give thanks to God for all the blessings He gives us daily. I feel blessed to be back in school with my staff and our students. The staff and students are delighted to be back together! The joy is very obvious and is a welcome feeling during trying times. It is hard to believe that we are already half way through the first trimester and just finished our first Parent/Teacher Conferences of the year.

This year we are blessed to have the following staff members in our school:

Kindergarten/1st Grade Teacher - Mary Tuohy
2nd/3rd Grade Teacher - Natasha Clarey
4th/5th Grade Teacher - Ryan Hillman
Pre-K Teacher & Principal - Sue Amundson

Kindergarten/1st Grade Aide - Ann Fernandez
2nd/3rd Grade Aide - Lindsey Schultz
Spanish/ Religion Teacher - Alejandra Gutierrez
Music Teacher - Jennifer Ordalen-Paulson

I am thankful for Steve Tubbs, Melissa Wittmer, and so many others that are helping to teach our art curriculum.

We are still looking for a Title One teacher, preferably a retired teacher. This position would be approximately 6 hours a week and would be split between two mornings. You would be working to provide help in Reading and Math.

I am thankful for all those who generously helped with items from our "giving tree". This is a blessing for our teachers and school because it helps with out of pocket costs.

I am thankful for all the amazing people that helped to work our first two successful fundraisers. We had a "Golf Fundraiser" in August and a "Drive Thru Fish Fry" in September. Both events ran smoothly and we are grateful for all of our workers, donors, and supporters.

If you are wondering about our "Non-Public School Marathon" that is usually held at the end of September, we have postponed it till the spring. We are hoping the children will be able to all walk together as "one family" as we have in the past!

We are looking forward to a great year and hope to share our excitement with all of you in the future at some of our Masses!

May God Bless You!
Sue Amundson

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



MISSION STATEMENT: St. Theodore Catholic School promotes excellence through a well-rounded academic curriculum in a Christ-centered environment for children of all faiths.



Leon Axtman **St Theodore Catholic Church Parish Business Administrator**

Leon comes to St. Theodore with more than eight years in Parish Business Administration as well as seventeen years in non-profit Job Development, Training, Volunteer Management, Offender Employment, and Pastoral Outreach Ministry.

He has served as the Volunteer Chaplain at Ramsey County Correctional Facilities and various nursing homes for 19 years. He enjoys outside ministry as he believes it is a direct tie to his professional church work as an administrator. Both roles are meant to help draw people closer to God.

Leon is married to Pegi Sorenson Axtman, loves to spend time with his Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren and when he decides to take some time off it usually includes traveling by cruise ship to a warm climate.

We are greatly blessed to have him as part of St. Theodore's Parish staff and parish.



Custodial Assistant

In October we welcomed Bryan Yost as full time custodial staff

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Weekend Mass Times

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

Weekday Mass Times

Monday.....No Mass
 Tuesday.....9:00 am
 Wednesday.....9:00 am
 Thursday.....9:00 am
 Friday.....9:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday4:00 pm
 Sunday.....1/2 hour before Masses
 By AppointmentCall 507-373-0603



Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am -6:30 pm Spanish Adoration6:30 - 8:30 pm
