



St. Theodore Confession - Friday 4-5pm  
Radio Mass - Sunday 9am  
Broadcast on KATE 1450AM  
Radio Mass - Sunday 9:30am Español

## An Easter Message from Father Kurt

Rejoice, Rejoice, again I say Rejoice! Our hearts should be pounding; our voices ready to scream out. Today we celebrate the most glorious day of all of our lives. Why? No, The Green Bay Packers haven't given up their franchise. Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Are we happy? Are we filled with joy and hope? Are our hearts overflowing with love?

Let us place ourselves in the shoes of Mary Magdalen who just two days before had witnessed her blessed savior beaten and hung on a tree to die. She had hoped he would bring peace and happiness to the Jewish people, more than that she had fallen in love with him, and had her heart broken as she watched him tormented and crucified. Today she goes to her loved one's tomb to find the stone rolled away. She asks herself, What has happened to his body? Could he be alive? Hope has not left her, although she can not fathom how her hope might come true. She runs to tell his closest friends, his disciples. Hope spreads into their hearts and now into ours.

The resurrected Jesus appeared to his Apostles and gave them the mandate to go out make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Through baptism, Mary and the Apostle's love for Christ and their hope in his resurrection becomes our own. August 16<sup>th</sup> 1970, the day I was baptized was the most important day of my life because that was the day I died and rose with Christ. Easter is the day for us to recall the incredible gift that we were given when we were baptized. We must treasure this gift and take care not to lose it through sin.

During lent we have tried to fall deeper in love with Jesus through prayer, alms giving, and sacrifice. On Good Friday we had our hearts broken as we remembered our Saviors brutal death, and today on Easter Sunday our hearts are filled with love as we rejoice to the news that Jesus is risen. This is what it means to be baptized and if we truly believe this let us celebrate. Jesus Christ has Risen Alleluia.

Let us never allow the joy of Easter to leave our hearts. Sure we are bound to face more Good Friday's in our lives, but when sufferings and hardships come our way let us place our hope that one day we who have shared in the suffering of Jesus will also share in his glorious Resurrection.

Sincerely  
Father Kurt Farrell

## Spiritual Resources

### Prayer to

### Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God, We come to you in our weakness. We come to you in our fear. We come to you in trust. For You alone are our hope. We place before You the disease present in our world. We turn to You in our time of need. Bring wisdom to doctors. Give understanding to scientists. Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity. Bring healing to those who are ill. Protect those who are most at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one. Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home. Stabilize our communities. Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in Your care.

(mention our particular concerns and prayers now)  
Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

### FREE Catholic Apps

These free apps contain a multitude of resources, from daily readings & prayers, saint of the day, Liturgy of the Hours, daily bible verses, Catholic Media and so much more! You can always google "Free Catholic Apps" but the ones listed below are a top pick!



Laudate



FOCUS Equip



The Word Among Us



EWTN  
Charter's Chanel 80



The Magnificat



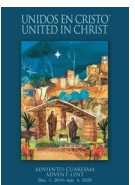
My Catholic Life

### Short Litany to Our Blessed Mother

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.  
Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.  
Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.  
Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.  
Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.  
Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us.  
Amen



United in Christ books are available for free located in the Chapel entrance access area for those who like to follow along during Mass.



# Holy Week & Easter



With just a few days of Lent remaining, we yearn to be able to celebrate our salvation through the Risen Lord! Even with the limitations in place due to COVID-19, we can still be Easter people. The Lord has inspired many to creatively find ways for Catholics everywhere to actively seek and celebrate the holiest season of the Church. He continues to pour out an abundance of grace for all those who seek Him. Below are the ways St. Theodore's is working to help you celebrate during this holy time!

## Palm Sunday

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

9:00am Radio Mass  
(Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)

## Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

(Check our website for Daily Mass or Mass from the Diocese of Winona)  
www.sttheo.org

Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

4:00pm Radio Mass  
(Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)

Holy Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

(Check our website for Daily Mass or Mass from the Diocese of Winona)  
www.sttheo.org

Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

9:00am Radio Mass  
(Broadcast on KATE 1450 AM)

## Reconciliation

Friday

4:00-5:00pm

### Blessed Palms

Available on the front steps of St. Theodore's Catholic Church  
Palm Sunday  
11am-3pm

Please share with those who can't pick up their palms.

Please remember to keep a social distance of 6 feet!

### Act of Spiritual Communion

The four requirements as set down by the Church for those who wish to make a profitable Act of Spiritual Communion:

- Repentance
- Firm belief that Christ died for them
- Remembrance of the benefits coming from Christ's Sacrifice
- Thankfulness

As a result, to make a truly profitable Act of Spiritual Communion, we must prepare for this Act, say an Act of Spiritual Communion, and then speak to Our Lord with the same spirit as if we had just received Him at Holy Mass. An Act of Spiritual Communion should not be treated as just one of our many daily prayer. It must be treated as an altogether unique prayer just as Holy Communion is the most important of all Sacraments!

### A Prayer of Spiritual Communion

To make a spiritual communion you can simply say the following prayer in a recollected manner:

**"My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You".**

### Church Schedule

Open for Private Prayer

Friday, 9am-5pm

Open for Confessions

Friday, 4-5pm or by appointment

**CLOSED**

Saturday-Thursday

Please follow CDC regulations of a maximum of 50 individuals gathering.

Please keep social distance of 6 feet apart!

**These restrictions must be strictly followed to prevent violations causing fines from the CDC!**

### Weekend Mass

Below is a list of ways to listen to or watch weekend Mass to meet your Sunday obligation.

- Parish website: sttheo.org Weekends anytime
- KATE Radio 1450 AM: Sunday, 9:00 am
- KAAL Channel 6: Sunday 9:00 am
- KEYC Channel 12: Sunday 7:30 am
- KEYC-DT, Digital Channel 12.2 or Charter Channel 16: Sunday 9:30 am

### Prayer Chapel is Open

**24 hours a Day!**

With Restrictions

Maximum of 1 individual per time  
Or

3 Immediate Family Members Only

Please limit your time to 30 minutes.

### Loaves & Fishes

will be providing food-to-go starting Monday, March 30, 2020 from 5:00-6:00 pm.



Loaves&Fishes

**PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING** By Principal Sue Amundson

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

**We are still accepting applications for our Pre-Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade for the 2020-2021 school year.**

- To enroll in the Pre-Kindergarten Program, your child must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- To enroll in our Kindergarten Program, your child must be 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you would like to enroll your child, please call our office at 373-9657 to make an appointment.

**The Early Bird Registration Fee has been extended until April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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

## Faith Formation

Hello Families!

We want everyone to know that we are praying for the physical needs, health, & safety for all our parishioners. This is uncharted territory for us all and we pray we can continue to keep our faith and our prayers strong.

We will continue with Faith Formation through social media. St. Theodore Catholic Church now has a Facebook page. We ask that you please join our page. Along with Facebook, we will continue to provide our families with spiritual direction in this crisis. We are not sure how this is going to look, but we are going to give it our best shot. Now more than ever we need to stay in touch with our youth.

There have been a lot of questions concerning First Communion and Confirmation. We will have First Communion but a rescheduled date as not been set yet. Once we have a date set we will let everyone know. Confirmation is still set for August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the 5:15 Mass.

The scholarship deadline for High School Seniors has been extended to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be obtained online at St. Theodore's website under the Faith Formation tab. Please send your application by mail, post marked on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> to:

St. Theodore Catholic Church  
Faith Formation Office  
323 E. Clark St.  
Albert Lea MN 56007

The date for Baccalaureate Mass for the High School Seniors is unsure. It is our hope to still have a special Mass to celebrate these individuals. Either way we will still be awarding the scholarships to the winning recipients.

Continue to pray through this quarantine, asking for God's will to be done and for His outpouring of healing and grace.

Kristy A. Minear

## New ways to donate to help support St. Theodore's!

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester has made a donor link available to all parishes to share with their parishioners who want to be able to support their local parish without having to lock into an automatic withdrawal. Below is the link and the simple instructions on how to ensure that the donation gets to St. Theodores.

Go to:

<https://catholicfsmn.org/parish-donations>

- ♦ Scroll down and check "Catholic Parishes"
- ♦ Scroll down a little more and select the amount you want to give
- ♦ Use the drop down menu under "Designation" to select:  
**Albert Lea - St. Theodore**
- ♦ Fill out Donor Information and Payment Details
- ♦ Click the "Donate" Button!

**All funds donated are designated to St. Theodore's general operating expenses.**

Parishioners can also help St. Theodore meet it's financial needs by giving following ways:

1. Mail (envelope included for you)
2. Electronic giving through your bank
3. Electronic giving through Vanco and now
4. <https://catholicfsmn.org/parish-donations>

If you wish to sign up for electronic giving through VANCO or need help on how to add St. Theodore's as a payee by banking electronically, just contact the parish office at 373-0603 or email ([office@sttheo.org](mailto:office@sttheo.org)).

This Easter, please prayerfully consider a monetary gift to St. Theodore's during this financially difficult time if you are able to give. St. Theodore's staff is working diligently to continue as many services in new ways as we can while also conserving our resources.

Thank You

**WE GIVE** because  
**GOD GAVE FIRST**

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