

SAINT THEODORE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our Mission:

We proclaim to all people the salvation which has appeared in Jesus Christ, so that by the lives we live and in our apostolic activities, all may come "to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" and have life in all its fullness. (John 17:3),



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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Office Closed Wednesday)

Parish Staff

Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS ext 4
Mass Schedule ext 3
Elizabeth Saam, Director of Religious Education ext 2
Mary Kovacs, Parish Secretary ext 1
Chris Lance, Music Director

Ministry

RCIA.....Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS
Care of the sick.....call Parish Office
Altar Rosary Society:Meetings First Wednesday of the month6:30 PM

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekdays..... Monday through Wednesday, and Friday.....8:45 AM
First Friday and First Saturday.....8:45 AM

Holy Days

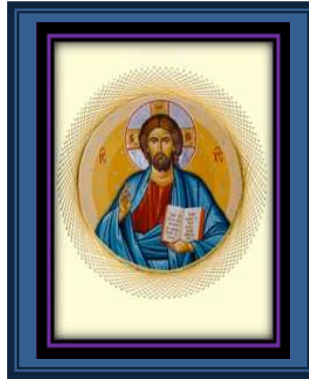
Vigil Mass.....6:30 PM
Holy Day..... 8:45 AM and 6:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following Monday 8:45 AM Mass
St. Joseph Devotion
Following Tuesday 8:45 AM Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass
Eucharistic Adoration
After 8:45 morning Mass:
First Friday with Divine Mercy Chaplet
First Saturday with Rosary Devotion



Salvatorian Fathers, SDS

Religious and apostolic, international society founded by Fr. Francis Jordan in 1881. We Salvatorians are called to follow Jesus Christ, the Divine Savior, by living as community within the universal Church for apostolic service.

PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION

Baptism: Expectant parents are encouraged to call the Parish Office to register for a preparation program.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): The preparation process for adults who wish to consider becoming Catholic or who wish to complete their Catholic sacramental formation. Contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Couples planning to marry should contact the Parish Office at least one year prior to a tentative wedding date.

Care of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office when someone is sick, hospitalized or unable to attend Mass so that arrangements may be made for those who wish to receive Communion and the Anointing of the Sick.

Program of Religious Education.....Monday 6:15 PM at School

We provide a Roman Catholic religious education to the children grades Kindergarten through 8th. We teach the doctrine of our Catholic Church utilizing Diocesan programs. Our Catechists share their own faith commitment as well as their knowledge, always mindful of our Catholic traditions. We offer preparation for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation.

The Youth Ministry is ready for an exciting year with lots of fun, social stewardship, and spiritual activities. Any youth in grades 6th thru 12th, are invited to join. College students, and adults are welcome to participate on a volunteer bases. This ministry is not a requirement of Rel. Ed. classes but should be thought of as a great opportunity for young adults to become involved in their church and give back not only themselves but others. Contact Parish Office for more information.

Trustees: Stanley Wantrobski, Ginny Moran

Parish Council: Bob Gagliano - President, Nancy Guerriere, Theresa McLaughlin, Dorothy Wantrobski, Stanley Wantrobski, Chris Lance, Mary Kovacs, Elizabeth Saam, Pam DiMartile

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30th

5:00 pm † **Loretta Schuettler**
By Helen Schuettler

Sunday, Dec. 31st ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am † **Richard & Gina Sparacino**
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

10:30 am **Birthday blessings for William & Joan Prossers' 82nd birthdays**
By your loving daughter Lisa Marie

Monday, January 1st ~ Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

9:00 am **Living & deceased members of the Merlo & Talarowski family**

11:00 am **Living & deceased members of the Wantrobski & Kecker family**

Tuesday, January 2nd ~ St. Basil the Great

8:45 am **Blessings for Kermit Albertson Sr.**
By Ientile family

Wednesday, January 3rd ~ The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:45 am † **Brian Shuettler, Adel, Helen Fascenella & John & Klemca Golonka**
By Helen Schuettler

Thursday, January 4th ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton NO Mass

First Friday, January 5th ~ St. John Neumann

8:45 am † **Gene Boduck**
By George & Georgianne Merlo

First Saturday, January 6th ~ St. Andre Bessette

8:45 am † **Gloria Lupo**
By Saam family

5:00 pm † **Reverend Chester P. Snyder**
By George & Georgianne Merlo

Sunday, Jan. 7th ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am † **Georgina & James DeStefano**
By DeStefano family

10:30 am **Living & deceased parishioners of St. Theodore**

January Calendar of Events

First Friday Devotion

Jan. 5th Friday 8:45am

First Saturday Devotion

Jan. 6th Saturday 8:45am

Hospitality Sunday

Jan. 7th Wednesday 6:30 pm

Parish Council Meeting

Jan 10th Wednesday 6:30 pm

Altar Rosary Pot Luck Dinner

Jan 21st Sunday 11:30 am

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

Nancy Guerriere Clint Williamson, Scott Griseto, Teresa & Danny, Nancy Guerriere, Vincent Locasto, Ann Morpeth, Frances Oleni, Patsy Reiger, Michaela G, Adam, Andrew, Kimberly Rivers, Wally Schlegel, Scott Goodrich Billy Pinamont, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, for the Cáceres family, The Saksa family, Ryan Clarke, Sharon Stritenberger, Mary Supple, Barbara, Cuello, Steven, Michael & Christian, Helena & Christopher Picht, Lisa Moyer Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman, Michael Fiume, Robert, Helen Schuettler & Family, Marietta, Edward Kirby, and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.

Daily Mass & Devotions

Blessed Virgin Mary—Monday 8:45 am
Saint Joseph – Tuesday 8:45 am
Divine Mercy – Friday 8:45 am
First Friday & First Saturday 8:45 am





Every month the bulletin board in the narthex will feature a new Kids Corner. Make sure you stop by.

The January board is full of Bible quotes that will tell our children who God says they are. Please have your kids take one of each quote home to read.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us for a weekday Mass



Why go to Mass during the week?

Because we love God and want to come together to worship and adore him and receive him in the Eucharist. What a great blessing and joy! We are joined with the entire Church - the entire Communion of Saints, in heaven, in purgatory, and on earth - praising God together.

That, my friend, is a party.

We participate in the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ himself! We receive his body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Heaven and Earth embrace each and every time the Eucharist is offered. This is the greatest of all dramas.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

To date we have **\$141,852** collected.

We are \$16,898 away from GOAL

We may be a small parish but we are mighty!

Thank you to everyone that has pledged and continued to keep their pledge throughout the year.

**Feast of the Holy Family
Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 31st**



The Holy Family is the role model for all Christian families. The Holy Family placed God at the center of their family, putting him first before anything else. "The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth, thereby sanctifying this fundamental institution of every society." — Pope John Paul II, Angelus message, December 30, 2001

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1st

Mass will be at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

The use of the word "Solemnity" here is a designation used for certain days within the liturgical (church-based) calendar of the Church. Solemnities are the highest rank of liturgical celebration, higher than feast days or memorials. By celebrating a solemnity dedicated to Mary's motherhood, the Church highlights the significance of her part in the life of Jesus, and emphasizes that He is both human and divine.

Jesus' nature as both and equally human and divine is something we may take for granted today. Christ has two natures form one single person, Mary is the mother of the whole Person of Christ.

Therefore, Mary can be called "Mother of God," not in the sense that she came before God or is the source of God, but in the sense that the Person that she bore in her womb is indeed true God and true man. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace."



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