

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),



Contact Information

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 Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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
Youth Group Kevin McLaughlin

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

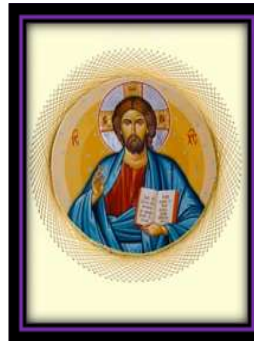
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

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

February 5, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4th

5:00pm † **Francis Blevins**
By Rachel Semonche

Sunday, February 5th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † **Blessings for the Wyker Family**
By Friends of Family

10:30 am † **Jean Greco**
By Jim & Eileen Mattison

Monday, February 6th ~ St. Paul Miki

8:45 am † **Henry & Theresa Rebinski**
By family

† **Charlene Cavitch**
By The Kovacs Family

Tuesday, February 7th

8:45 am † **For the living & deceased parishioners of St. Theodore**

Wednesday, February 8th ~ St. Josephine Bakhita

8:45 am † **Michael Wojtowicz**
By Altar Rosary Society

† **Sabino & Antinetta Antinolfi**
By Iannelli Family

Thursday, February 9th

No Morning Mass

Friday, February 10th ~ St. Scholastica

8:45 am † **Blessings for Russ, Julie & Darcie Strohmaier**
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

Saturday, February 11th ~ Our Lady of Lourds

5:00pm † **Grace Doherty**
By Family

Sunday, February 12th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † **Josephine & Nettie Roche**
By Clem & Clara Wyker

10:30 am † **Michael Wojtowicz**
By Theresa McLaughlin

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Calendar of Events

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 8th 6:30pm

Hospitality Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 12th after 8am & 10:30am Masses

Tricky Tray Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 16th 6:30pm

Ash Wednesday, Feb 22nd

Mass Schedule: 8:45am, 12pm & 6:30pm

Capital Campaign Update

Total Pledged: \$158,750

Total Collected: \$115,691

The carpet replacement is the next project in the works. Let's pray it will be installed by spring!



Devotions

- Blessed Virgin Mary—Monday 8:45 am
- Saint Joseph – Tuesday 8:45 am
- Divine Mercy – Friday 8:45 am
- Rosary Prayer – 1st Saturday 8:45 am

Remember to pray for those in



- Mary Supple, Abigail Saksa, Barbara, Al DiFonzo, Juan A Cuello, Lauren Hardy, Steven, Michael & Christian, Helena & Christopher Picht, Lisa Moyer Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman, Michael Fiume, Robert, Helen Schuetter & Family, Marietta, Edward Kirby



Lent begins Wednesday February 22nd
Follow these 3 steps
for a successful Lent:

1) Determine which Lenten resolutions are best for you

Take the days before Lent to identify what has most brought your focus away from God.

Consider your vices. Are you prone to impatience? Go to the root. Impatience is one of the offspring's of pride, which is a disordered attachment to one's own excellence.

2) Apply "SMART Goals" to Lent

SMART is an acronym for **specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-based**. It is a simple tool used in the business industry to set **actionable plans** to make goals.

3) Keep a Private Lenten Calendar or Journal

Use a private Lenten calendar or journal to gauge your progress and keep you on track. It is not meant to be a countdown until Lent is over or a source of self-righteousness. It is meant to be a humbling reminder for ourselves of how we have failed or succeeded in putting our Lord first and overcoming our vices. If we fail one day (for instance, in greed), we make note and are more aware of that pitfall in the future.

We must be consistent when we are trying to build a virtuous habit!



Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday February 11th

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Be blessed, O most pure Virgin, for having vouchsafed to manifest your shining with life, sweetness and beauty, in the Grotto of Lourdes, saying to the child, St. Bernadette: 'I am the Immaculate Conception.' A thousand times we congratulate you upon your Immaculate Conception. And now, O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, you know our wants, our troubles, our sufferings: deign to cast upon us a look of mercy.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors, and already many have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical. We come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain for us, O loving Mother, the granting of our request.

(state your request)

Through gratitude for your favors, we will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that we may one day share your glory. Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your divine son while upon earth. You have the same influence now in Heaven. Pray for us; obtain for us from your Divine Son our special requests if it be the Divine Will. **Amen.**

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Saint Bernadette, pray for us.

So, what are your resolutions this Lent?

Here are a few more ideas:

- ± Go to daily Mass.
 - ± Go to Confession.
 - ± Spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament.
 - ± Increase your devotion to Our Lady (the Holy Rosary, through devotional books, etc.).
 - ± Give alms (money, items, time).
 - ± Pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday.
 - ± Find ways to simplify your life (meals, entertainment, shopping) and devote that time to your spiritual life.
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