

# 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 month .....6:30 PM  
**Youth Group** ..... Kevin McLaughlin

### Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday ..... 5:00 PM  
 Sunday .....8:00 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

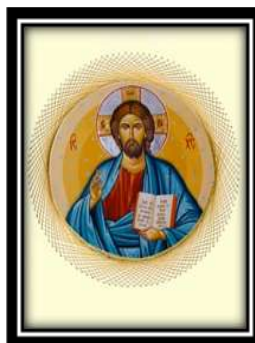
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

#### 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



**January 22, 2023 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> ~ St. Agnes**

5:00 pm † **Dennis Woodruff**  
By Vicki Haines

**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am † **George & Louise Wyker & Katherine Gacek**  
By Clem & Clara Wyker

10:30 am † **Vincie Vallo**  
By Robert & Victoria Dicheck

**Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

8:45 am † **Richard & Gina Sparacino**  
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

**Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Francis de Sales**

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

**Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> ~ The Conversion of St. Paul**

8:45 am † **Robert "Bobby" E. Johnson Jr.**  
By Jim & Eileen Mattison

**Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Timothy & St. Titus**

**No Morning Mass**

**Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am † **Brian Costain**  
By Brian & Jerry Moss

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Thomas Aquinas**

5:00 pm † **Jeff Schwarz**  
By Vicki Haines

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am **Birthday Blessings for Father Damian**  
By Parishioners' of St. Theodore

10:30 am † **Luisa Lance**  
By Saam Family

**Your Offertory Gift**

**January 15, 2023**

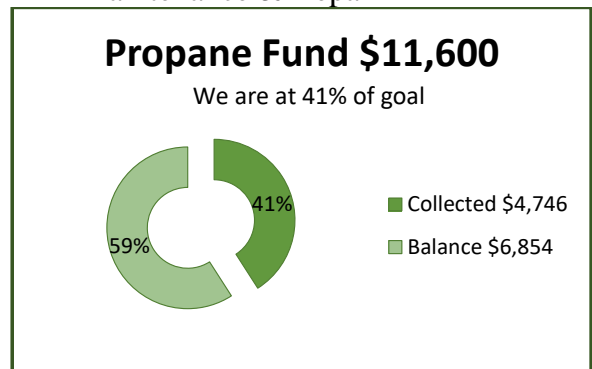
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**Devotions**

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

**Remember to pray for those in**

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

Day of Prayer for Life at St. Theodore  
Sunday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Starting at 2:30pm

- Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Ending with the Rosary outside by our sign to show support of the protection of unborn children



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## The Story of the Conversion of Saint Paul

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior.

**One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b).**

Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29).

Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

**So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do.** Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

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