

# 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 month .....6:30 PM

**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**

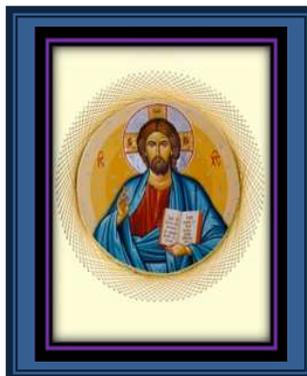
Vigil Mass.....6:30 PM  
Holy Day..... 8:45 AM and 6:30 PM

**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



March 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 23<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm † Henryk, Franciszek Kuruc,  
Maria, Jan, Greg Karkoszka  
By Kuruc Family

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

8:00 am † Emilia Saraniero  
By Gerry & Brian Moss

10:30 am **Living & Deceased Parishioners  
of St. Theodore**

**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am † Adela  
By Helen Schuether

**Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am † Leser Clauer  
By Gerry & Brian Moss

**Holy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Easter Remembrance**

**Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm **Liturgy of the Passion**

**Holy Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 pm **Easter Vigil Mass  
Easter Remembrance**

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday**

7:30am **Easter Procession**  
8:00 am **Easter Remembrance**  
  
10:30 am **Easter Remembrance**

**Your Offertory Gift**

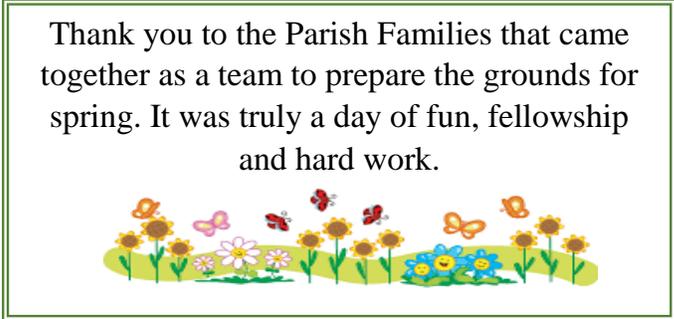
**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**First Collection: \$1,976**

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**Divine Mercy Chaplet begins  
Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Whoever attends confession and receives  
communion on the Feast of Mercy will  
receive total forgiveness of sins.**

**Promises of the Chaplet for the Faithful**

- The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death.
- I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.
- When this chaplet is said by the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated.
- The souls that say this chaplet will be embraced by My mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death.



**Daily Mass & 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

Carol Saam, Perry Alburg, Clint Williamson, Scott Griseto, Teresa & Danny, Nancy Guerriere, Vincent Locasto, Ann Morpeth, Frances Oleni, Patsy Reiger, Michaela, Adam, Andrew, Kimberly Rivers, Wally Schlegel, Scott Goodrich, Billy Pinamont, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, for the Cáceres Family, The Saks family, Ryan Clarke, Sharon Stritenberger, Barbara, Cuello, Steven, Michael & Christian, Helena & Christopher Picht, Lisa Moyer Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman, Michael Fiume, Robert, Helen Schuetter & Family, Marietta, Edward Kirby.

**THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.





## ***Confession Schedule***

***Holy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>***  
6:00 PM - 6:50 PM

***Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>***  
6:00 PM and 6:50 PM

***Holy Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>***  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
12:00 Noon - 12:50 PM  
7:00 PM - 7:45 PM

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## ***Holy Week and Easter Services***

***Holy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>***  
*Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM*  
*Visit to the Repository 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM*

***Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>***  
Liturgy of the Passion and  
Holy Communion: 7:00 PM  
Stations of the Cross: 8:00 PM  
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Day 1

***Holy Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>***  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
9:00 AM to 7:45 PM  
Blessing of Easter Food 1:00 PM  
Divine Mercy Chaplet Day 2: 7:45 PM  
Easter Vigil, Mass: 8:00 PM

***EASTER SUNDAY, April 17<sup>th</sup>***  
*Procession: 7:30 AM*  
*Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM*  
Easter Egg Hunt after 10:30 Mass

Each day in Holy Week corresponds to a day that Jesus spent in Jerusalem, culminating in his death on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter Sunday. Traditionally, different events are assigned to earlier days in Holy Week. For example, Spy Wednesday is when Judas took a bribe from the religious leaders to betray Jesus, and Maundy Thursday is when Jesus was arrested.

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

Palm Sunday is known as such because the faithful will often receive palm fronds which they use to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

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## **Our Family Easter Egg Hunt is back!**



Please join us after the 10:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children feel free to bring your own basket to collect your eggs. **Pray for sunshine!**

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