

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 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 month7:00 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

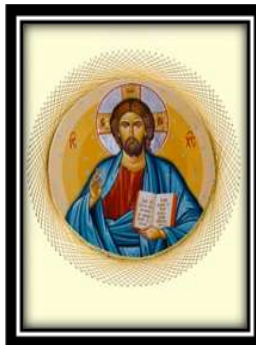
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

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



August 7, 2022 Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord
5:00 pm **Intentions of St. Philomena in honor of her Feast Day**

Sunday, August 7th Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:00 am † **George & Susan Reynolds**
 By Family

10:30 am † **Deceased members of the Guerriere family**
 By Charles & Nancy Guerriere

Monday, August 8th ~ St. Dominic, Priest
8:45 am † **Tom Redner**
 By George & Georgianne Merlo

Tuesday, August 9th
8:45 am **Blessings for Nancy Sives**
 By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

Wednesday, August 10th ~ St. Lawrence, Deacon
8:45 am † **Norberto Caballero**
 By The Socorro Family

Thursday, August 11th ~ St. Clare, Virgin
No Mass

Friday, August 12th ~ St. Jane Frances de Chantel
8:45 am **Blessings for Catalina Morales**
 By The Socorro Family

Saturday, August 13th St. Pontian, Pope
5:00 pm † **Gaetano Viola**
 By Marylou Viola

Sunday, August 14th ~ Twentieth Sunday
8:00 am † **Margarita Caballero**
 By The Socorro Family

10:30 am **Blessings for Victor Vallo Sr. Guerriere family**
 By Victoria & Robert Dicheck

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July 31, 2022

First Collection: \$1,670

Assessment: \$50

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August Calendar of Events

CCD Registration Forms Due
Monday, August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Monday, August 15th

St Theodore offers our heartfelt condolences to the McLaughlin family
May Michael Wojtowicz's soul be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

And to the Gaiga family
May Anthony Gaiga's soul be at peace with our Heavenly Father .

We pray for peace and comfort for you and your loved ones at this difficult time and offer our heartfelt condolences to you all.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen**

Victoria Dicheck, Barbara, Al DiFonzo, Juan A Cuello, Lauren Hardy, Steven, Michael & Christion, Helena & Christopher Picht, Lisa Moyer Det. Misotis Familia Marv Whitman, Michael Fiume, Robert, Helen, Sam, Marietta, Edward Kirby,



Daily Mass & 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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Plans for our 2022-23 Religious Education year are coming along nicely. We are accepting registrations for the Fall. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex by the children's bulletin board and also online.

Registration forms should be submitted by August 15th

As always, we encourage parents and all parishioners to be involved in the program. Becoming a catechist or an assistant in class is such a wonderful way to share our faith and connect with the children of this Parish. Please consider becoming part of our team.

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The importance of Confession



It is true that at Baptism we are freed from all of our sins, **but we fall into sin afterward**, John 1:8: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" Baptism is our initial place for conversion, but we are called to **continual conversion**. Only God can forgive sins. Jesus gives this power to forgive sins to the apostles at the Last Supper and this power is passed down through Holy Orders. It is through this "ministry of reconciliation" that we become new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-20).

No sin is too big for Christ to forgive; He wants to make you white as snow!

Sometimes we feel because we are repeating the same sins in the confessional, it's not worth going but remember **change happens little by little** and we should not be discouraged. **Heaven rejoices over one sinner who repents!**

St. Augustine is probably the most famous saint with a sinful past, which is rather surprising since his own mother (St. Monica) was a devout Christian. Augustine rejected his Christian upbringing to live a life of hedonism and constant partying. (He once famously prayed, "Grant me chastity, but not just yet!") His holy and devout mother never gave up, constantly following him and urging him to repent. Eventually, her persistence paid off, and Augustine became a Priest who related his story in a volume titled Confessions. St. Augustine is considered a Doctor of the Church.

Confession helps us overcome vice

The grace we receive from the Sacrament of Confession helps us combat our faults and failings and break our habits of vice much more easily and expediently than we could otherwise do without the sacramental grace.

Confession brings us peace

Guilt from the sins we commit can make us feel all mixed up inside and cause us to lose our peace and joy. When we hear God's forgiving words to us from the lips of the priest in Confession, a burden is lifted off our shoulders. Sins weigh us down and enslave us, often giving our passions power over us, instead of us having control over our passions. With the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can again feel the peace of heart and soul that comes from being in a good relationship with God.

Confession makes our will stronger

Every time we experience the Sacrament of Confession, God strengthens our will and our self-control to be able to resist the temptations that confront us in our lives. We become more resolute to follow God's will and not our own whims.

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