

# 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

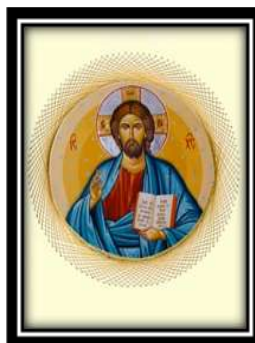
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

#### 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.

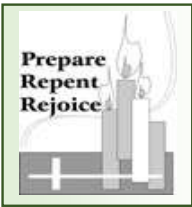
### Program of Religious Education.....Monday 6:15 PM at School

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



# December 25, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass  
5:00 pm Christmas Remembrance

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of the Lord  
9:00 am Christmas Remembrance

11:00 am Christmas Remembrance

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Stephen, First Martyr  
8:45 am † Robert E. Johnson Sr.  
By Eileen & Jim Mattison

Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> ~ St. John, Apostle  
8:45 am Christmas Remembrance

Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> ~ The Holy Innocents  
8:45 am Christmas Remembrance

Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Thomas Becket  
No Morning Mass

Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> ~ The Holy Family  
8:45 am Christmas Remembrance

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ St. Sylvester  
5:00 pm Christmas Remembrance

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
8:00 am Christmas Remembrance  
10:30 am Christmas Remembrance



**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

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## Remember to pray for those in need



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

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take a moment to wish you a very Merry Christmas. During this season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. I am grateful to God. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate "Immanuel" (God with us). Without Christ's presence among us we would be lost. Through God's presence working within us we are being healed, transformed, reconciled and made whole. I pray you have a blessed Christmas.

*blessed thankful grateful*

***Christmas Message to Church Volunteers:***

I am so grateful for how you have served so sacrificially this past year. Whether it's leading groups; shepherding children; serving coffee; setting up for worship; playing music; or any one of the countless other (usually unseen) tasks that keep our parish running, I am grateful. Thank you so much for all you do! Have a very merry Christmas.

Father Damian, SDS

Matthew 1:21 says, "She shall bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."



## The Nativity of the Lord



### The Story of the Nativity of the Lord

On this day, the Church focuses especially on the newborn Child, God become human, who embodies for us all the hope and peace we seek. We need no other special saint today to lead us to Christ in the manger, although his mother Mary and Joseph, caring for his foster-son, help round out the scene.

But if we were to select a patron for today, perhaps it might be appropriate for us to imagine an anonymous shepherd, summoned to the birthplace by a wondrous and even disturbing vision in the night, a summons from an angelic choir, promising peace and goodwill. A shepherd willing to seek out something that might just be too unbelievable to chase after, and yet compelling enough to leave behind the flocks in the field and search for a mystery.

On the day of the Lord's birth, let's let an unnamed, "non-celebrity" at the edge of the crowd model for us the way to discover Christ in our own hearts— somewhere between skepticism and wonder, between mystery and faith. And like Mary and the shepherds, let's treasure that discovery in our hearts.



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