

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 month6:30 PM

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

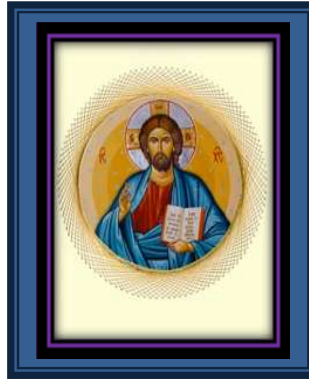
Vigil Mass.....6:30 PM
Holy Day..... 8:45 AM and 6:30 PM

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday February, 24th

5:00 pm † **Thomas McGlynn**
By DeStefano family

Sunday, Feb. 25th Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † **Mary Wantrobski**
By Stan & Dorothy Wantrobski

10:30 am † **Frank Altese**
By Dorothy Gene

Monday, February 26th

8:45 am † **Michael Dewan**
By Rich & Maryjane Petteruti

Tuesday, February 27th

8:45 am † **Kenneth & Dorothy Berks**
By Greg & Kylie Beben

Wednesday, February 28th

8:45 am † **George Harzold**
By George & Georgianne Merlo

Thursday, February 29th

NO Mass

First Friday, March 1st ~ World Day of Prayer

8:45 am † **Michael & Barbara Kovacs**
By Kovacs family

First Saturday, March 2nd

8:45 am † James Hoffman
By George & Georgianne Merlo

5:00 pm † **Rev. Chester P. Snyder**
By George & Georgianne Merlo

Sunday, March 3rd, Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † **James Hauge**
By Family

10:30 am † **Living & Deceased Members of Guerriere Family**
By Charlie & Nancy Guerriere

Your Offertory Gift

February 18, 2024

First Collection: \$1703

Ash Wednesday: \$1340

Votives: \$92

Assessment: \$764.25

Reparation: \$25

Our Father Results

For the past five weeks, parishioners were presented with various musical versions of the Our Father. You were given the opportunity to vote on your favorite version. The top 3 were: Chant, Mary-Jo Thum and "Just Speak it!" The Our Father can be sung or recited. Singing has a special way of pulling together your heart, soul, mind, and strength to focus wholly and completely on God. In an age of distraction, singing captures all of our senses and directs our attention to God.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

Carol Saam, Perry Alburg, Nancy Guerriere, Scott Griseto, Teresa & Danny, Vincent Locasto, Ann Morpeth, Frances Oleni, Patsy Reiger, Michaela G, Adam, Andrew, Kimberly Rivers, Wally Schlegel, Scott Goodrich Billy Pinamont, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, for the Cáceres family, The Saksa family, Ryan Clarke, Sharon Stritenberger, Mary Supple, Barbara, Cuello, Steven, Michael & Christian, Lisa Moyer Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman, Michael Fiume, Robert, Helen Schuetter & Family, Marietta, Edward Kirby, and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.



During Lent we can pray the Sorrowful mysteries only. It is a time for us to dwell on Jesus' suffering and His death. It is a time to look at our lives and examine our lives in relation to Jesus' cross.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES:

- 1 - Agony In The Garden.** The thought of our sins and His coming suffering causes the agonizing Savior to sweat blood. (Luke 22:39-44).
- 2 - The Scourging.** Jesus is stripped and unmercifully scourged until His body is one mass of bloody wounds. (Matt. 27:26).
- 3 - Crowning With Thorns.** Jesus' claim to kingship is ridiculed by putting a crown of thorns on His head and a reed in His hand. (Matt. 27:28- 31).
- 4 - Carrying of The Cross.** Jesus shoulders His own cross and carries it to the place of crucifixion while Mary follows Him sorrowing. (Luke 23:26-32).
- 5 - Crucifixion.** Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies after three hours of agony witnessed by His Mother. (Matt. 27:33-50).



Every month

the bulletin board in the narthex will feature a new *Kids Corner*.

The February board is full of Bible and Saints quotes that will tell our children who God says they are. Please have your kids take one of each quote home.



What is Mortal and Venial Sin?

Mortal Sin destroys charity in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God... by preferring an inferior good to him. Venial sin allows charity to subsist, though it offends and wounds it. Mortal sin results in the privation of sanctifying grace, that is, of the state of grace. If it is not redeemed by repentance and God's forgiveness, it causes exclusion from Christ's kingdom and the eternal death of hell. One commits venial sin when, in a less serious matter, he does not observe the standard prescribed by the moral law, or when he disobeys the moral law in a grave matter, but without full knowledge or complete consent. Venial sin weakens charity and merits temporal punishment. Deliberate and un-repentent venial sin disposes us little by little to commit mortal sin. However, venial sin does not break the covenant with God. With God's grace, it is humanly reparable. "Venial sin does not deprive the sinner of sanctifying grace, friendship with God, charity, and consequently, eternal happiness."

Why Sing Latin During at Mass During Lent?"

One of the reforms of Vatican II was to replace the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church with a new Mass called the "Novus Ordo" in which the priest faces the people, and which allows modern/native languages to be used, thereby promoting "full, active and conscious" participation in the liturgy. While the entire Latin (Tridentine) Mass can only be said with a Bishop's approval, singing Mass parts in Latin is allowed. The use of Latin in the Church dates as early as 395 AD, replacing Greek. The spoken version of Church Latin, Liturgical Latin or more properly, Ecclesiastical Latin, was created during the Carolingian Renaissance under Charlemagne in the early 8th century. Ecclesiastical Latin continues to be the official language of the Catholic Church. The Church produces liturgical texts in Latin, which provide a single clear point of reference for translations into all other languages. Texts of canon law are in Latin. Pope Benedict XVI gave his unexpected resignation in Latin. The Holy See, for centuries has drafted documents in a modern language, but the authoritative text, published in the *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* is usually in Latin.

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