

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
Youth Group Kevin McLaughlin

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

Sunday December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9th ~ St. Juan Diego

5:00 pm Living & Deceased Parishioners of
St. Theodore

Sunday, Dec. 10th ~ Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Birthday Blessings for Michaela Kovacs
By Mary Kovacs

10:30 am † Sam & Marietta Tridente
By Theresa McLaughlin

Monday, December 11th ~ St. Damasus

8:45 am Altar Rosary Society

Tuesday, December 12th ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:45 am † Peter & Julie Martinez
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

Wednesday, December 13th ~ St. Lucy

8:45 am † Brian Schuettler
By Helen Schuettler

Thursday, December 14th ~ St. John of the Cross

NO Mass

Friday, December 15th

8:45 am † John Schuettler
By Helen Schuettler

Saturday, December 16th

5:00 pm † Nicolas John Prosser
By Lisa Molinsky & Prosser family

Sunday, Dec. 17th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Living & deceased Parishioners of
St. Theodore

10:30 am † Paul Boccolini III
By Mom, Dad & Ejvind

Your Offertory Gift

December 3, 2023

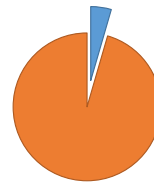
First Collection: \$2,479

Maintenance & Repair: \$692

Christmas Flowers: \$20

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Hospitality Sunday ~ December
10th after 8am & 10:30 am
Masses. Bring your favorite
baked goods and join in
fellowship to start the week off.



Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

Clint Williamson, Jeffrey Matos,
Vincent Locasto, Ann Morpeth,
Scott Griseto, Frances Oleni,
Patsy Reiger, Michaela G, Adam, Andrew, Wally
Schlegel, Billy Pinamont, Andrea Emilia Bernabey,
for the Cáceres family, Ryan Clarke, Sharon
Stritenberger, Mary Supple, Barbara Cuello, Steven,
Michael & Christian, Helena & Christopher Picht,
Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman, Michael
Fiume, Robert, Helen Schuetter & Family, Edward
Kirby, and all those, whose names appear in the
THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS located in the
Narthex.



Daily Mass & Devotions

Blessed Virgin Mary—Monday 8:45 am
Saint Joseph – Tuesday 8:45 am
Divine Mercy – Friday 8:45 am
First Friday & First Saturday 8:45 am



St. Theodore's
ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY

SUCCESS! Tricky Tray was a year in the making. Thank you to our team leaders, Desiree Mora, Dorothy Wantrobski and Theresa McLaughlin They put in countless hours. It took a whole team equipped with different skills.

The day was filled with fellowship, teamwork and laughter!

The event raised \$20,000! Our biggest fundraiser!

DECORATE
 the Church

Sunday, December 17th
 after 10:30 Mass

Come join the festive chaos as we decorate the Church. It is a wonderful time for your family to feel the Christmas spirit as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.



Second Advent Candle: Peace

“May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.” –

Pope Francis

During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus’ coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

God’s love brought to us from the angel Gabriel. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

- John 3:16

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ’s second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord’s birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus’ promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.



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