

# 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 .....7:00 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, Pam Di Martile



December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

9:00am **Christmas Remembrance**

11:00am \* Live streamed  
**Christmas Remembrance**

5:00 pm **Christmas Remembrance**

#### Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am **Christmas Remembrance**

10:30 am **Christmas Remembrance**

#### Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am **Christmas Remembrance**

#### Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am **Christmas Remembrance**

#### Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am **Christmas Remembrance**

#### Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

#### Friday December 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve

5:00 pm **The Anthony Nappi Family**  
By Angela Gross

#### First Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup> New Years Day

9:00am † **Anthony Nappi**

By Angela Gross

11:00am \* Live streamed **Blessings for Nadia Lamas**

By Theresa Cappello

5:00 pm **Living & Deceased members  
of St. Theodore**

#### Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 am † **Luisa Lance**

By St. Theodore Family

10:30 am † **John Rizzolo**

By Vicki Haines

### *January Calendar of Events*

#### **First Saturday Devotion**

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 8:45am

#### **Bible Study Begins**

Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 6:30 pm

#### **Altar Rosary Society Meeting**

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6:30 pm

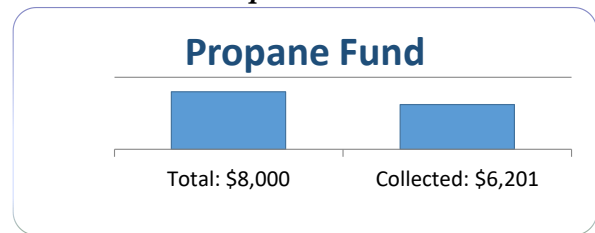
#### **First Friday Devotion**

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Friday 8:45am

#### **Parish Council Meeting**

Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6:30 pm

*Next weeks collection will be for the  
Propane Fund*



*Sanctuary Candles ~We offer the burning  
candles, two available at all times – they  
are the ones near our murals Sanctuary.  
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stipend for a Sanctuary Candle is also \$10*



#### *Sanctuary Candle*

*Blessings for  
Diamantino Manas &*

*the poor souls in purgatory*



#### **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

Michael & Christion , John Schuttler,

Helena & Christopher Picht, Lisa Moyer,

Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman,

Michael, Robert, Helen, Sam, Marietta,

Edward Kirby, William & Joan Prosser. Victoria



Dear Parishioners,

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.

May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honor rather than destroy.

Dear Lord, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

Father Damian, SDS



## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The title "Mother of God" is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means "God-bearer".

On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary



to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat, or sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". New Year's Day is also designated as the "World Day of Peace", further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.

### St. Theodore Capital Campaign Continuing Our Mission



### Why is it important to attend Mass regularly?

We go to Mass not simply because it's an obligation. It is an active choice of the will to give of our time, treasure, and talent – knowing full well it will never amount to the sacrifice endured by our Savior.



What we receive at Mass is infinitely more than just a passing good feeling or a preached life lesson. We participate in the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ himself! We receive his body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist. We accompany him on the road to Calvary, Heaven and Earth embrace each and every time the Eucharist is offered. This is the greatest of all dramas. This is why, for the Catholic, **there is nothing more important than going to Mass.**



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