

# 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

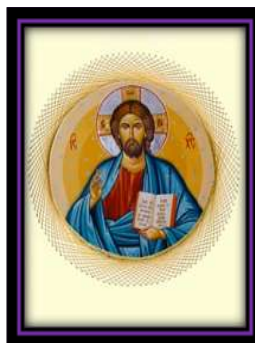
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

#### 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

*April 16 2023 ~ Sunday of Divine Mercy*

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm *Easter Remembrance*  
*And* † **Phillip & Juliet Berkes**  
By Greg & Kyle Beben

## Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 am † **Mary Elizabeth Berge**  
By Family

10:30 am **Living & deceased Parishioners of St. Theodore**

*And* † **Father Albert Roca**  
By Theresa McLaughlin

## Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am **Altar Rosary Society**

*And* † **Catalina Lugo**  
By Family

## Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am † **Richard & Gina Sparacino**  
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

*And* † **Sam & Marietta Tridente**  
By Family

## Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am † **Vincent Gallo**  
By John & Giovanni Corradino & Family

## Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

## Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

8:45am † **Ted Dworakowski**  
By Jim & Eileen Mattison

## Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

5:00 pm † **Andrew Peterson**  
By Charlie & Nancy Guerriere

## Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

*And* † **Father Albert Roca**  
By Capaldo Family

10:30 am † **Kevin O'Neil**  
By Jim & Eileen Mattison

## Your Offertory Gift

April 9, 2023

**First Collection: \$3,216**

**Holy Thursday: \$210**

**Good Friday: \$571**

**Easter Gift: \$3,189**

**Easter Flowers: \$125**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

Our sincerest thanks to those who donated in making our church so beautiful this time of year. Your generosity is overwhelming.

Easter Gift Donations \$3,809

Easter Flower Donations \$635



## Sanctuary Candle Offering

**Felix & Salud Elane**

By Family

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

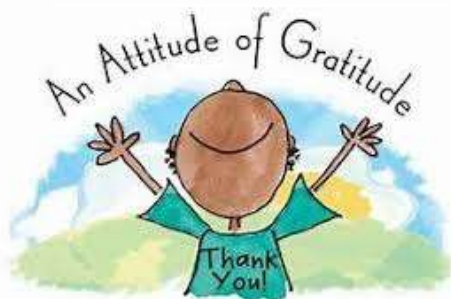


## Youth Living Stations of the Cross

What a special night to see the 7th & 8th graders re-enact the Stations of the Cross. They did such a wonderful job and participated in learning what Jesus did for each and every one of us. Thank you to Liz Saam & Bob Gagliano for organizing the entire production, down to costumes! To see pictures you can go to the gallery on our website.



**Thank you** for making Holy Week and Easter Sunday such a success for the glory of God, allowing Christ to show through your joy. Thank you to the Ushers, the Choir, our Weekly Counters, the Liturgy team, Eucharistic Ministers, our Altar Servers, Grounds Crew, Religious Education program, and the smiling faces of all parishioners who welcomed our returning neighbors.



A special thanks also goes out to Father Damian who managed the logistics, preparing the Altar, confessions, visiting the sick and as he says "and on and on". Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit continues to bless our parish, convert hearts and guide us all to the Mercy of God.  
**He is Risen! Alleluia!**

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***Remember in your prayers  
the sick of the parish:***

Andrea Emilia Bernabey, for the Cáceres family, The Saksa family, Ryan Clarke, Sharon Stritenberger, Mary Supple, Barbara, Al DiFonzo Cuello, Steven, Michael & Christian, Helena & Christopher Picht, Lisa Moyer Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman, Michael Fiume, Robert, Helen Schuetter & Family, Marietta, Edward Kirby, and all those whose names appear in the **PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex



**Divine Mercy Sunday ~ Please join us  
April 16th at 3pm:  
Exposition of the Holy Eucharist  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Benediction**

**Divine Mercy Sunday** is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy.

**A plenary indulgence**, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed

and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

**The Divine Mercy image** is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image. The original, though not the most popular one today, is shown above.

A basic explanation of the image is:

Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent).

The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: *Jezu ufam Tobie*).

The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from Diary - 299). The whole image is symbolic

as the "Fountain of Mercy".

According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus.



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