

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 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

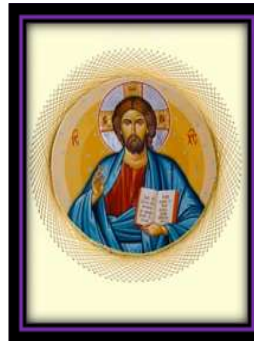
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

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

February 26, 2023 ~ First Sunday of Lent



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 25th

5:00pm † **Anthony Gaiga**
By Kovacs Family
† **Maria Gaetano**
By Iannelli Family

Sunday, February 26th First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † **Michael Wojtowicz**
By Stan & Dorothy Wantrobski

10:30 am **The living & deceased parishioners of St. Theodore**

Monday, February 27th ~ St. Gregory of Narek

8:45 am † **Michael Glass**
By George & Georgianne Merlo

Tuesday, February 28th

8:45 am † **George Harzold**
By The Family

Wednesday, March 1st

8:45 am † **Don Flynn**
By Greg & Kyle Beben

Thursday, March 2nd

No Morning Mass

First Friday, March 3rd ~ St. Katherine Drexel

† **James Hoffman**
By The Family

First Saturday, March 4th

8:45 am **The living & deceased parishioners of St. Theodore**

5:00 pm † **Magdalena Sulek**
By Nuelinger Family

Sunday, March 5th Second Sunday of Lent

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

10:30 am † **Alice Ervin**
By Joan Capaldo

Sanctuary Candle Offering

The repose of the souls of
Mary & Mike Polovick

By Richard & Mary Domanski

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



REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE

PARISH: Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: Mary Supple, Abigail Saksa, Barbara, Al DiFonzo, Juan A Cuello, Lauren Hardy, Steven, Michael & Christion, 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.



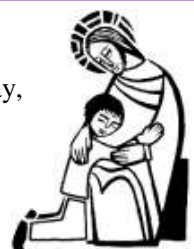
Devotions

Blessed Virgin Mary—Monday 8:45 am
Saint Joseph – Tuesday 8:45 am
Divine Mercy – Friday 8:45 am
Rosary Prayer – 1st Saturday 8:45 am



Confession Schedule

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
30 minutes before Mass
or by appointment





STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY

AT 7PM

The Endless Mercy of God Lenten Retreat.

There will be a Lenten retreat offered here at the parish on Saturday, March 4th. It will begin at First Saturday's Mass at 8:45am and conclude by 1:30pm. There will be time for fellowship, personal prayer, reflection and group discussion. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Snacks; drinks will be provided.

ALL ARE WELCOME & BRING A FRIEND!

Eucharist Revival - Bishops in the US want to return to the roots of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the parish level. Following the proposal we will have Adoration & Devotion of the Blessed Sacrament every first weekend of the month and we start at the First Weekend of March 4/5.

Reacting to the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to be in solidarity with the region. Therefore, Bishop Checchio is asking parishes have a 2nd Collection which will be in our church on the weekend of March 4/5.

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl,

families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. Last year we collected \$374.00 Thank you for your generosity.



First Week of Lent



Facing Temptation

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

Matthew 4:1-2

Is temptation good? Certainly it's not a sin to be tempted. Otherwise our Lord could never have been tempted Himself. But He was. And so are we. As we enter into the first full week of Lent, we are given the opportunity to ponder the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert.

Temptation is never from God. But God does permit us to be tempted. Not so that we fall, but so that we grow in holiness. Temptation forces us to rise up and make a choice either for God or for the temptation. Though mercy and forgiveness are always offered when we fail, the blessings that await those who overcome temptation are numerous.

- First, enduring a temptation and conquering it helps us see the strength of God in our lives.
- Second, temptation humbles us, stripping away our pride and our struggle of thinking we are self-reliant and self-made.
- Third, there is great value in completely rejecting the devil. This not only robs him of his ongoing power to deceive us, but it also clarifies our vision of who he is so that we can continue to reject him and his works.
- Fourth, overcoming temptation clearly and definitively strengthens us in every virtue.
- Fifth, the devil would not tempt us if he were not concerned about our holiness. Thus, we should see temptation as a sign that the evil one is losing hold of our lives.

Overcoming temptation is like acing an exam, winning a contest, completing a difficult project or accomplishing some challenging feat. We should take great joy in overcoming temptation in our lives, realizing that this strengthens us to the core of our being. As we do so, we must also do so in humility, realizing that we have not accomplished this on our own but only by the grace of God in our lives.

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