

# 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 month .....6:30 PM

**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

# Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> ~ St Andre Bessette

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

Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am † Georgina & James DeStefano  
By DeStefano family

10:30 am Living & deceased parishioners of  
St. Theodore

Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> ~ The Baptism of The Lord

9:00 am † Charmaine Finnegan  
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am † Michael & Barbara Kovacs  
By family

Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am † James Joseph Murray II  
By Merlo family

Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

NO Mass

Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Marguerite Bourgeois

8:45 am † Alan Keggan  
By Joanne Glosek

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Hillary

5:00 pm † Francis Blevins  
By Rachel & family

Sunday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Birthday blessings for Gloria Kecker  
By Stan & Dorothy Wantrobski

10:30 am Blessings for Beatrice C. Koenneke  
By Gene & Dottie McCarthy

Your Offertory Gift  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

First Collection: \$2,012

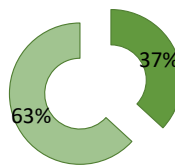
Christmas Donation: \$150

Solemnity of Mary: \$165

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Next week's second collection is for  
the Propane Fund

Propane Fund \$11,600  
we are at 37% of goal



■ Collected \$4,273  
■ Balance \$9,128

*Helene Picht, may you rest in peace*

St Theodore offers our heartfelt condolences to the Picht Family. May **Helene Picht's** soul be at peace with our Heavenly Father.

Helene was a long time parishioner of St. Theodore. She passed away December 28<sup>th</sup>. Helene was very active in our parish and wore many hats. She was the Eucharist minister, Lecturer, Rosarian president, choir member, collection counter and volunteered at nearly all parish activities. She had a very generous spirit and moved to Florida several years ago to live closer to her son.

A memorial Mass will be said at  
St. Theodore on Sunday,  
January 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.

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





**The BASILICA SHRINE**  
of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
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**PILGRIMAGE**

Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2024

7:45 am - 5 pm

Join us for a day of prayer, fun and holiness! Bring your family and friends!

Mass, Rosary, Novena, Reconciliation (optional), Gift Shop (all items will be blessed)

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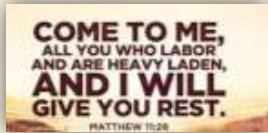
- Bus trip
- Tour of the Basilica Shrine
- Marian Art Museum
- Gratuuity
- Gift to the Shrine
- Video of Saint Catherine Labouré

The bus will depart the parking lot of Saint Theodore promptly at 8 AM, and leave from the Shrine back to Saint Theodore at 3 pm

For more information on the Basilica pilgrimage you can find flyers in the narthex.

**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**Join us for a weekday Mass 8:45 am  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday**



**Why go to Mass during the week?**

Because we love God and want to come together to worship and adore him and receive him in the Eucharist. What a great blessing and joy!

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

Nancy Guerriere Clint Williamson, Scott Griseto, Teresa & Danny, Nancy Guerriere, 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, Helena & Christopher Picht, 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.

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.*



*They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ~Matthew 2:10-11*

All of God’s creation gives Him glory and praises Him by its very existence. Psalm 143 states, “Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens. Let them all praise the LORD’s name; for he commanded and they were created...” Though creation gives praise to God simply by existing and thus, revealing its Creator, today’s solemnity commemorates the one moment in time when God used a star to manifest His eternal glory.

At the time of Jesus’ birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this “new star,” they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word “Epiphany” means “manifestation.” Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ’s ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

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