

# 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**

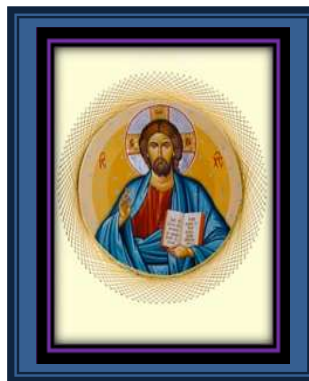
Vigil Mass.....6:30 PM  
Holy Day..... 8:45 AM and 6:30 PM

**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

Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> St. Scholastic

5:00 pm † **Ralph Ientile**  
By Ientile Family

## Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † **Joseph, Nettie & Edward Roche**  
By Clem & Clara Wyker

10:30 am † **Al Moss**  
By Gerry & Brian Moss

## Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am **Birthday Blessings for Ewa Kuruc & Tom Jarebczan**  
By Kuruc Family

## Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am † **Gerard Cicala**  
By Michael J. Sullivan

## Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday

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

12:00 pm † **Christopher Kares, Aida Kares & Ramon P. Carreno**  
By Family

6:30pm **Living & deceased members of the Gagliano family**

## Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

NO Mass

## Friday February, 16<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am **Altar Rosary Society**

## Saturday February, 17<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm **Living & deceased parishioners of St. Theodore**

## Sunday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † **Henry & Theresa Rebinski**  
By Family

10:30 am **62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary blessings for William & Joan Prosser**  
By Daughter Lisa Marie

## Your Offertory Gift

**February 4, 2024**

**First Collection: \$2,918**

**Votives: \$76**

**Religious Education: \$422**

**Capital Campaign collected: \$145,342**

**Goal: \$158,750**



Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday

Mass schedule:

8:45 am 12:00pm  
6:30pm



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**EVERY FRIDAY**

**AT 7PM**



**Confession Schedule**

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

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

Nancy Guerriere, Scott Griseto, Teresa & Danny, 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, 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 Three Pillars of Lent



**Prayer** is an essential aspect of the Lenten season. During this time, individuals are encouraged to reflect on their relationship with God and to seek a deeper spiritual connection with the divine. This can be achieved through daily prayers, attending church services, or participating in devotional activities such as the Stations of the Cross.

**Fasting** is another important aspect of Lent. It involves giving up certain luxuries or desires for a period of time in order to focus on spiritual needs. This can take many forms, such as giving up food for a day, abstaining from certain foods for a period of time, or giving up other things like television or social media. The purpose of fasting is to help individuals draw closer to God by acknowledging their dependence on God and breaking away from worldly distractions.



**Almsgiving** is the third pillar of Lent and involves helping those in need. This can involve donating to charities, volunteering time at a local soup kitchen, or helping a neighbor in need. Almsgiving is an expression of compassion and love. It is an integral part of the entire season, as it helps individuals to focus on their obligations to others and to live a life of selflessness and service.

## 1<sup>st</sup> pillar ~ Prayer

Say the rosary daily  
Pray a Lenten devotional daily  
Read about the Saints  
Pray a Divine Mercy chaplet daily  
Pray Stations of the Cross on Fridays  
Pick a person each day to pray for  
Add a daily Mass to your routine  
Read a chapter of the Bible each day  
Attend an extra Mass  
Give someone a compliment each day  
Go to Confession once a week



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Pillar ~ Fasting

Negative self-talk, your pillow, alcohol, watching Netflix, complaining, elevators, coffee, screen time, gossip, podcasts, mom guilt, Youtube, music, texting, the news, snooze button, eating out, long showers, salt & pepper, video games, scrolling, snacking, rolling eyes, leaving lights on, multitasking, makeup, cursing, napping, Instagram, filters, being picky.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Pillar ~ Almsgiving

Join a ministry at church, send a heartfelt gift to a loved one, introduce yourself to someone after Mass, pay for someone's groceries (anonymously), send Easter cards to an elderly home, collect baby items for a pregnancy center, donate food to your local food bank, tutor a schoolchild, run an errand for an elderly neighbor, write a note of affirmation to someone, make a meal for a neighbor or new mom, offer to babysit for free, be fully present to your children, be fully present to your spouse, find a service project with a local charity, fundraise for your favorite Catholic mission, teach a child something new, shop ethically set up a Lenten "piggy bank", **arrive early or stay a few minutes after Mass to pray.**



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