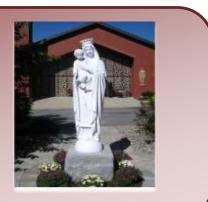
SAINT THEODORE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Hou	urs: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &
Friday 9 a.m. to 2	1 p.m. (Office Closed Wednesday)

Parish Staff

Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS	ext 4
Mass Schedule	
Elizabeth Saam, Director of Religious Education	
Mary Kovacs, Parish Secretary	
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

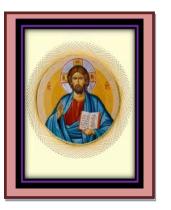
Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Weekdays Mo	nday through Wednesday, and
Friday	8:45 AM
First Friday and Fir	st Saturday8:45 AM
	Holy Days
Vigil Mass	6:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Holy Day	8:45 AM and 6:30 PM	
Vigil Mass	6:30 PM	

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 December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23rd5:00 pmChristmas Remembrance

Sunday, Dec. 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent8:00 amChristmas Remembrance
10:30 am Christmas Remembrance
Christmas Eve Vigil5:00 pmChristmas Remembrance
12:00 am Christmas Remembrance
Monday, December 25th The Nativity of the Lord9:00 amChristmas Remembrance
11:00 am Living & Deceased parishioners of St. Theodore
Tuesday, December 26th ~ St. Stephen8:45 amLiving & Deceased members of the Kovacs family
Wednesday, December 27th ~ St. John, Apostle8:45 am†Sabino & Antonietta AntinolfiBy Iannelli family
<u>Thursday, December 28th ~ The Holy Innocents</u> NO Mass
Friday, December 29th ~ St. Thomas Becket8:45 am† Ardra Doherty By Family
Saturday, December 30th5:00 pm†Loretta SchuettlerBy Helen Schuettler
Sunday, Dec. 31 st ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:00 am † Richard & Gina Sparacino By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

10:30 am Birthday blessings for William Henry Prosser By your loving daughter Lisa Marie Your Offertory Gift <u>December 17, 2023</u> First Collection: \$1,803 Propane: \$808 Christmas Flowers: \$165 Votives: \$93

Thank you for your generosity.

Next week's collection is for Together in Charity

Sanctuary Candles ~we offer the burning

candles, two available at all times. This intention is for the whole week. The stipend for a Sanctuary Candle is \$10



Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

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.



Daily Mass & Devotions

Blessed Virgin Mary–Monday 8:45 am Saint Joseph – Tuesday 8:45 am Divine Mercy – Friday 8:45 am First Fridav & First Saturday 8:45 am

Dear Parish family,

I am very happy to wish you all my **Prayerful** Greetings as we enter the Christmas Season. As we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus, we remain eternally grateful to God for all the blessings, especially for the gifts of life, family, faith community, friends and neighbors. I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely as you have been such a blessing to our parish by being active and supporting us with your gifts of time, talents and timely financial help. My special gratitude goes to all the volunteers in our different ministries who do such a wonderful job in serving the various needs of our parish with much enthusiasm and commitment. I hope and pray that you will have a wonderful and blessed time during this Christmas Season.



Father Damian, SDS



Sunday, 24th Christmas Eve Mass & Pageant 5:00 pm 12:00 am Midnight Mass (there will be regular Sunday Mass at 8:00 am & 10:30 am)

> Monday, 25th **Christmas Morning Mass** 9:00 am & 11:00 am

2024 Offering Envelops have arrived!



Please take a moment to pick up your offering envelops located in the narthex. If you do not see your name please see Mary in the office.

Thank you for your continued generosity throughout the year.



"She shall bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

The Incarnation changes everything.

At the root of the holiday season, sometimes buried beneath the well-intentioned array of lights, decorations and wrapping paper, remains the single transformational moment that we celebrate. Jesus being born ~ God entering our world

That night in Bethlehem, in a humble manger, remains so awe-inspiring, that it's difficult to imagine it ever being forgotten or overlooked during the holidays.

When does the Catholic Christmas season start and end? The Catholic Christmas season starts on the Nativity, December 25, 2023, and ends on January 8, 2023, the Sunday Mass celebration of the Epiphany.

What is the Octave of Christmas? The Octave of Christmas includes the eight days between Christmas Day and January 1, which is both the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, and New Year's Day.

What are the 12 Days of Christmas, and where did they come from? The 12 Days of Christmas are the 12 days between Christmas Day and Epiphany. The "12 Days" likely had pre-Christian roots, though the term was likely adapted to fit the Church calendar in celebration of the Nativity. Tradition also holds that the Three Kings' journey to meet the baby Jesus was twelve days.

What is Epiphany? Epiphany is the celebration of the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God – here on earth with us. The feast is also known as "Three Kings Day," the day the Magi visited Jesus in Bethlehem.



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