

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 month6:30 PM

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

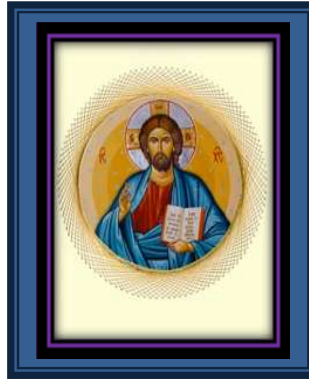
Vigil Mass.....6:30 PM
Holy Day..... 8:45 AM and 6:30 PM

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

April 7, 2024 ~ Sunday of Divine Mercy

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 6th

5:00 pm † **James DeStefano**
By DeStefano Family

Sunday, April 7th Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 am † **Richard Domanski**
St. Theodore
By Family

10:30 am **For Blessing & Remembrance
for Nicholas John Prossper**
By sister Lisa Marie

Monday, April 8th

8:45 am **Living & Deceased Parishioners**

Tuesday, April 9th

8:45 am † **Michael Gardner**
By Greg & Kyle Beben

Wednesday, April 10th

8:45 am † **Bill & Jean Wolverton**

Thursday, April 11th

No Mass

Friday, April 12th

8:45am † **Henryk, Franciszek Kuruc,
Maria, Jan & Greg Karkoszka**
By Family

Saturday, April 13th

5:00 pm † **Jean Moran**
By Tim & Ginny Moran

Sunday, April 14th

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

10:30 am **For Confirmation Class**
By DeStefano Family

Your Offertory Gift

March 31, 2024

First Collection: \$4,315

Holy Thursday: \$252

Good Friday: \$494

Easter Gift: \$2,620

Easter Flowers: \$120

Votive: \$213

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 \$2,885

Easter Flower Donations \$ 300

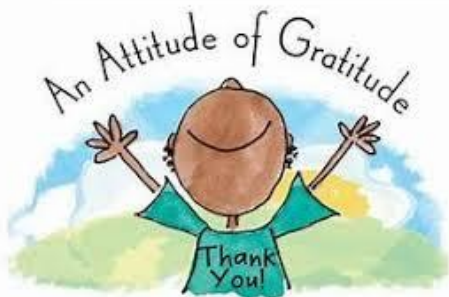


Youth Living Stations of the Cross

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!

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

Carol Saam, Perry Alburg, Clint Williamson, Scott Griseto, Teresa & Danny, Nancy Guerriere, Vincent Locasto, Ann Morpeth, Frances Oleni, Patsy Reiger, Michaela, Adam, Andrew, Kimberly Rivers, Wally Schlegel, Scott Goodrich, Billy Pinamont, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, for the Cáceres Family, The Saksa family, Ryan Clarke, Sharon Stritenberger, Barbara, Cuello, Steven, Michael & Christian, Lisa Moyer Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman, Michael Fiume, Robert, Helen Schuetter & Family, Marietta, Edward Kirby, Joseph Mattar and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.

**Divine Mercy Sunday ~ Please join us
Sunday, April 7th 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 or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father 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 of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to 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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