

# 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 month .....7:00 PM  
Youth Group ..... Kevin McLaughlin

### 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 Di Martile



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm † **Arthur Peterson**  
By The Guerriere Family

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am † **Michael Keker**  
By Stanley & Dorothy Wantrobski  
10:30 am **Living & Deceased members  
of St. Theodore**

**Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am † **Theresa Rebinski**  
By Henry Rebinski

**Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> Vigil**

**NO MORNING MASS**

6:30 pm † **Ted Tomaszewski Sr.**  
By Rich & Mary Jane Petteruti

**Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception**

8:45 am † **George & Susan Reynolds**  
By The Kovacs Family  
6:30 pm **Birthday Blessings for Michaela Kovacs**  
By Mary Kovacs

**Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**No Mass**

**Friday December 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am **In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
By Angela Gross

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 pm † **Thomas R. Mattison**  
By Jim & Eileen Mattison

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am † **Joseph & Patricia Roche**  
By Clem & Clara Wyker  
10:30 am **Living & Deceased members  
of St. Theodore**

*The 2022 Mass intention book is now available. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass.*

*To schedule a Mass call the Parish office.*

*Sanctuary Candles ~We offer the burning candles, two available at all times – they are the ones near our murals Sanctuary. This intention is for a whole week. The stipend for a Sanctuary Candle is also \$10*



**Sanctuary Candle**  
*Blessings for  
Laurentina Mateus*

**Parish Giving Tree**

**Our Parish Giving Tree will be on display in the Narthex from now until Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. A flier explaining how the program works is hung on the bulletin board in the back of the church. As always, thank you for your generosity as we try to make this Christmas season a special one for those less fortunate.**



Michael & Christian , John Schuttler,  
Christopher Picht, Lisa Moyer,  
Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman,  
Michael, Robert, Helen, Sam, Marietta, Edward Kirby,  
William & Joan Prosser. Victoria

**The Sacrament of Confession  
Christmas Schedule:**

Monday-Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
30 minutes before Mass or by appointment.

**Devotions**

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

# Bulletin<sup>the</sup> Board

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Vigil Mass 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
8:45 a.m. & 6:30 pm



It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect. The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.



**Sunday December 12th at 11:30 am**

**Everyone is invited!**

**What better way to prepare for Christmas than to decorate our Church for the coming of our Lord.**

## Second Sunday of Advent November 28<sup>nd</sup>

This week, we pause to remember who God is and what He has done for us. When our lives are hurried, we only have the chance to focus on our to-do lists.

Making space in our schedules for prayer and meditation helps us to better see God at work in our lives and in our world.

As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity, let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we **faithfully await** the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.



## Feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop - Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop who provided for the poor and sick and is the basis for the popular character of Santa Claus.

### Who Was Saint Nicholas?

Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop who helped the needy.

After his death, the legend of his gift-giving grew. Saint Nicholas transformed into the legendary character called Santa Claus, who brings Christmas presents to children around the world.

There are many legends about Saint Nicholas of Myra. One story tells how he helped three poor sisters. Their father did not have enough money to pay their dowries and thought of selling them into servitude. Three times, Saint Nicholas secretly went to their house at night and put a bag of money inside. The man used the money so that one of his daughters could marry. On the third visit, the man saw Saint Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. He also reportedly saved three men who were falsely imprisoned and sentenced to death.





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