

# 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, Thursday & Friday  
 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Parish Staff**

Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS	ext 4
Mass Schedule	ext 3
Elizabeth Saam, Director of Religious Education	ext 2
Malyssa Collazo, Parish Secretary, Bulletin & Web page editor	ext 1
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### **Ministry**

**RCIA**..... Father Damian Tomiczek, SDS  
**Care of the sick**..... call Parish Office  
**Altar Rosary Society:** ..... Meetings Third Sunday of the month ..... 9:00 AM  
**Youth Group** ..... Fr. Damian Tomiczek

### **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 1st 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, Theresa McLaughlin, Dorothy Wantrobski, Stanley Wantrobski, Chris Lance, Malyssa Collazo, Elizabeth Saam, Pam DiMartile

## Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Second Sunday of Advent

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Nicholas

8:45 am † Fr. Joseph Rucinski  
By Eileen & Jim Mattison

5:00 pm † Arthur Peterson  
By Nancy Guerriere

#### Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Michael Keker  
By Stan & Dorothy Wantrobski

10:30 am † Lorraine Feeney  
By Pam DiMartile

#### Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

8:45 am † Fr. Roderick Hunt  
By Family

6:30 pm Darcie, Julie & Russ Strohmaier  
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

#### Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Theodore

#### Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

8:45 am Birthday Blessings for Michaela Kovacs  
By Mary Kovacs

#### Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

No Mass

#### Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Our lady of Guadalupe

8:45 am † Thomas R. Mattison  
By Eileen & Jim Mattison

#### Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Lucy

5:00 pm † Madeline Ackerman  
By the Boccolini Family

#### Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † Joseph & Julia Paslawski  
By Joseph Paslawski

10:30 † Nicolas John Prosser  
By Lisa Marie

### Your Offertory Gift~ November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

First Collection: \$1,843

Votives: \$47

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Next week's Special collection is for Religious Retirement Fund



### Attention! Attention!

Inviting all women of the Parish to join the Altar Rosary Society. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:00 am.

Enhance your spirituality by learning about Saints, attend short meetings and fellowship. Reciting the rosary as a devotion to our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please join us for 1 ½ hours a month to give thanks for all God gives you.

Hospitality Sunday & Nametag weekend ~ December 14<sup>th</sup> after 8am & 10:30 am Masses. Bring your favorite baked goods and join in fellowship to start the week off.



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



Ann Marie, Ientile Family, Jim Mattison, for the Cáceres Family, Gustavo Cáceres, Helen Schuetler & Family, Edward Kirby, Joseph Mattar, Louise Isidori, Bp. Paul Bootkoski, Craig Smith, Jaenne Szamreta, Eugene, Joseph Magnini, Fr. Gabriel, SDS, Baby Rowan, Bonnie Jewel Hawkins, David Dallas, the Malia Family, the Proffrock family, Emilia Bernabey, MaryAnn Kubik, Lisa Molinsky, Janet VanAlstyne and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.

## December Calendar of Events

**Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Nicholas visit with children**  
After 10:30 Mass

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary –  
Holy day of Obligation**  
Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – 8:45 am & Vigil Mass 6:30pm

**Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> ~Pastoral Council Meeting**  
@ 6:30 pm

**Sat. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, Sun. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, Mon. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> ~  
Parish Advent Retreat**  
Advent confession Monday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm  
Conference ~ Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> & Dec 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

**Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Hospitality Sunday & Nametag  
Weekend**  
After 8 & 10:30 Masses

**Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Concert**  
@ 3:00 pm

**Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Altar Rosary Society Meeting**  
@ 9:00 am

**Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Christmas Decorating**  
After 10:30 Mass

### *Christmas Mass Schedule*

**Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 pm Christmas Pageant & 12:00 am Midnight Mass  
**Thursday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Mass @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Use your normal purchases at grocery, gas, restaurants, and automotive stores to raise monies for our parish. More generic cards are also available such as VISA, American Express, Discover and Amazon. There are NO activation fees and cards do not expire. Monies raised are used towards operating expenses such as heat, air conditioning, repairs and purchasing candles in the Narthex.

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## **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

### **Holy day of Obligation**

#### **Mass Schedule**

**Monday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am & 6:30 pm**

The Immaculate Conception is a Catholic dogma that states the Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin:

- Explanation

The Immaculate Conception is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. It refers to Mary's conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, without the stain of original sin. The Catholic Church teaches that Mary was conceived by normal biological means, but God acted upon her soul at the time of her conception.

- Feast day

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8th. The Church has celebrated this feast since at least the fifth century, and it became a Holy Day of Obligation in 1708.

### **Transfer of the Obligation with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Recently the USCCB received a clarification on how the Holy Day of Obligation transfers with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Holy See clarified that the Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception transfers with the solemnity. So when the Solemnity falls on a Sunday and is moved to Monday, the obligation is also retained on Monday. This also applies when the Solemnity naturally falls on Saturday or Monday. *And so this year, the Immaculate Conception is on Monday December 8, and the obligation is retained.*

**For you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith".**

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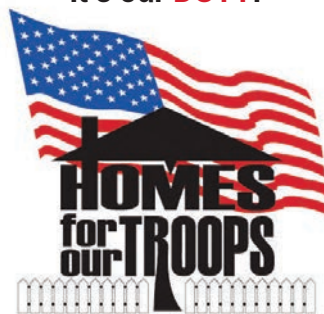
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