

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, 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
Youth Group Kevin McLaughlin

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

Sunday December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 16th

5:00 pm † **Nicolas John Prosser**
By Lisa Molinsky & Prosser family

Sunday, Dec. 17th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

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

10:30 am † **Paul Boccolini III**
By Mom, Dad & Ejvind

Monday, December 18th

8:45 am † **Dawn Lombardo**
By Helen Schuettler

Tuesday, December 19th

8:45 am **Christmas Remembrance**

Wednesday, December 20th

8:45 am **Christmas Remembrance**

Thursday, December 21st ~ St. Peter Canisius

NO Mass

Friday, December 22nd

8:45 am **Christmas Remembrance**

Saturday, December 23rd ~ St. John of Kanty

5:00 pm **Christmas Remembrance**

Sunday, Dec. 24th ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am **Christmas Remembrance**

10:30 am **Christmas Remembrance**

Your Offertory Gift

December 10, 2023

First Collection: \$2,120

Religious Retirement Fund: \$872

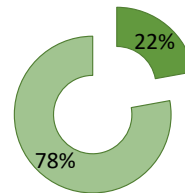
Immaculate Conception: \$538

Christmas Gifts: \$335

Thank you for your generosity.

Next week's collection is for

Propane Fund \$11,600
we are at 22% of goal



■ Collected \$2,597

■ Balance \$9,128

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 Friday & First Saturday 8:45 am



DECORATE the Church

**Sunday, December 17th
after 10:30 Mass**

Come join the festive chaos as we decorate the Church. It is a wonderful time for your family to feel the Christmas spirit as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.



The Third Week of Advent: Called “Gaudete Sunday,” meaning rejoice, a pink candle on the Advent wreath represents this Sunday. At Mass, you’ll also see priests and deacons in pink vestments, leading us to await the birth of Jesus joyfully. .

2024 Offering Envelops have arrived!



Please take a moment to pick up your offering envelopes 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.

What Is the Candle of Joy for The Third Week of Advent?

Otherwise known as the Shepherd Candle, this candle reflects the joy that comes through Jesus’ arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us.

Christians may wonder why the church decided to make this particular candle a different color than the others.

Although Christians have presented several reasons for the pinkish nature of the candle, from a tradition where priests would wear pink vestments to parents eagerly awaiting the joy of a child’s arrival by painting the room pink, the rosy candle has its roots in something known as Gaudete Sunday.

Churches want to highlight the importance of joy in advent season. During a time where depression is at an all-time high and people seem to be in the most despair, this candle offers a bright light during a dark time.

The Shepherd’s Candle highlights the joy the shepherds experienced when they received the good news about Christ’s birth (Luke 2:8-20). During the middle of the night, the darkest time, the shepherds encountered angels.




CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

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