

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

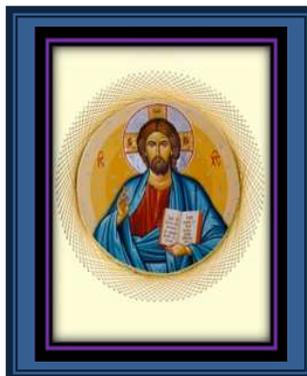
Vigil Mass.....6:30 PM
Holy Day..... 8:45 AM and 6:30 PM

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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024**

**Your Offertory Gift
April 28, 2024**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 4th

5:00 pm † **Helen Picht**
By Charlie & Nancy Guerriere

Sunday, May 5th

8:00 am † **Theresa, John, John Jr. Adamiak
& Nettie, Joseph, Edward Roche**
By Clem & Clare Wyker

10:30 am **Living & Deceased Members of
St. Theodore**

12:30 pm **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Monday, May 6th

8:45 am **Birthday Blessings for Peter & Mark
Kuruc & Julia Zarebczan**
By Kuruc Family

Tuesday, May 7th

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

Wednesday, May 8th

8:45 am **Altar Rosary Society**

Thursday, May 9th

No Mass

Friday, May 10th

8:45am † **Tom Eagle**
By Rich & Maryjane Peturuti

Saturday, May 11th

5:00 pm † **Brendan Opdycke**
By Kylie & Greg Beben

Sunday, May 12th

8:00 am † **Joseph Corbo**
By Gerry & Brian Moss

10:30 am † **Alan Keggan**
By Theresa Cappello

Sanctuary Candle Offering

1. For the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
for Michael Gondek
By Jadwiga Gondek
2. For Divine Mercy for Myles, John Gondek
By Jadwiga Gondek

**First Collection: \$1,672
Property & Liability: \$910
Catholic Relief Services: \$408
Votive Candles: \$64**

Thank you for your generosity.

**Next week's second collection is for the
Catholic Mission**

**We offer the Remember in your prayers the sick
of the Parish:**

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, Billy Pinamont, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, for the Cáceres Family, Ryan Clarke, Sharon Stritenberger, Barbara, Cuello, Steven, Michael & Christian, Lisa Moyer Det. Misotis Familia, Mary Whitman, Michael Fiume, Robert, Helen Schuether & Family, Marietta, Kathy Finnegan, Joelynn Locasto, Edward Kirby, Joseph Mattar, Patricia Walker and all the intentions found in **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST
HOLY COMMUNION CLASS OF 2024**

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who received their First Holy Communion. Thank you, Elizabeth Saam, Kim Fojut and Fr. Damian for helping our young people prepare for this most special Sacrament.

**Anaya Sophia Alburg
Anthony Michael Carrano Jr.
Anisette Colon
Brandon Matthew Flora
Hailey Grace Elizabeth Fojut
Matthew John Szilagyi**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Communion is a momentous event in the Catholic Church, marking a significant milestone in a young person's spiritual journey. It is a sacred rite of passage that holds deep meaning and symbolism within the Catholic faith. This special occasion, also known as First Holy Communion, is celebrated with great reverence and joy as children partake in the Eucharist for the first time.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is rooted in the belief that the bread and wine consecrated during the Mass become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. This act of receiving the Eucharist is a central tenet of the Catholic faith, representing the intimate union with Christ and the community of believers. As such, First Holy Communion is a pivotal moment in a child's spiritual development, as they are welcomed into the full participation of the Church's sacramental life.

Beyond its individual significance, First Holy Communion is a joyous occasion that brings families and the parish community together in celebration. It is a time of profound significance for parents, siblings, and extended family members, who witness and support the children as they take this important step in their faith journey. The communal aspect of First Holy Communion fosters a sense of unity and shared faith experiences, strengthening the bonds of fellowship within the Church community.

Moreover, First Holy Communion serves as a powerful symbol of unity and belonging within the broader Catholic Church. As children from diverse backgrounds come together to partake in the Eucharist, they affirm their shared identity as members of the universal Church. This sense of unity transcends cultural and geographical boundaries, reinforcing the interconnectedness of the global Catholic community.

In essence, the significance of First Holy Communion encompasses spiritual growth, initiation into the faith, communal celebration, and the affirmation of unity within the Catholic Church. This sacred milestone holds enduring importance for young Catholics and the broader faith community, shaping their understanding of the Eucharist and fostering a deeper connection to their religious heritage.

CATHOLIC TRADITION

In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of all, how to love. According to St. Thomas of Villanova, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature."

At the foot of the cross, her heart broke for Jesus, yet she accepted God's will not only for her Son, but for herself in her new role as mother to us all. (John 19:25-27)

As we honor our earthly mothers this month, let's honor our heavenly mother as well. Those devoted to her are always led to her Son. For her wise counsel tells us, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donation Drive for Grandma's House Life Choices.

The Altar Rosary Society is running a donation Drive for Grandma's House Life Choices for the Month of May. Please consider donating baby items such as diapers, wipes, shampoo, lotion, formula and new or gently used clothing.

Parish Ground Spring Clean up.

**Saturday, May 18
10 am – 2pm**

Calling all who would like to help get our beautiful grounds ready for Summer. Please join us for a fun time of work and fellowship. Projects include picking up sticks, raking leaves and trimming hedges.

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