

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 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

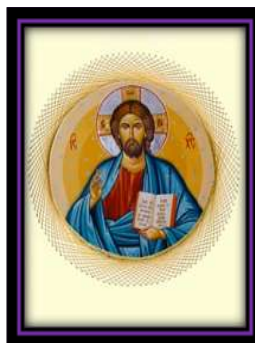
Following the Friday 8:45 AM Mass

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

March 12, 2023 ~ Third Sunday of Lent



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 11th

5:00pm † Anthony Guiga
By Howard & Ann Morpath

Sunday, March 12th Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † Alice Ervin
By Mary Kovacs

10:30 am † Deceased members of the
Peterson Family
By Charlie & Nancy Guerriere

Monday, March 13th

8:45 am † Michael Wojtowicz
By Howard & Ann Morpath

Tuesday, March 14th

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

And † Fr. Albert Roca
By Gleba Family

Wednesday, March 15th

8:45 am † Peter & Julie Martinez
By Karl & Rose Strohmaier

And Birthday blessings for Anna Kurik
By Mother

Thursday, March 16th

No Morning Mass

Friday, March 17th

8:45 am † Brian Caviston

And Blessings for Mary Kovacs
By Kovacs Family

Saturday, March 18th

5:00pm † Judith Clement
By Greg & Kyle Beben

Sunday, March 19th Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † Josephine Ciszkowski
By Mary Kovacs

10:30 am † Luisa Lance
By Saam Family

Your Offertory Gift

March 5, 2023

First Collection: \$3,247

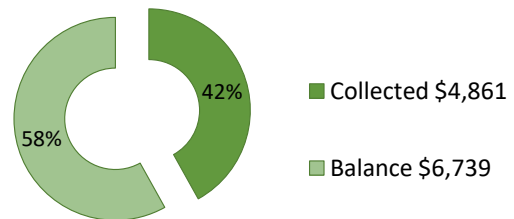
Earthquake Relief Fund: \$777

Votive Candles \$81

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Next week's second collection is for
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Sanctuary Candle Offering

In memory of

Charlie & Anne Guerriere

By Charlie & Nancy Guerriere

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Lenten Obligation – St. Patrick's Day

As you may know, the Memorial of St. Patrick falls on a Friday this year. For members of the faithful celebrating this Memorial and who desire it, Bishop Checchio has commuted the penitential obligation on March 17th to the obligation to abstain from meat on another day that same week.



Stations of the Cross Every Friday at 7 pm

Youth Stations of the Cross
will be the 24th



2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 18/19, which has been designated as Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation.

If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate.

Confession Schedule

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday,
Saturday and Sunday
30 minutes before Mass
or by appointment



Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish:

The Saks family,
Ryan Clarke, Sharon Stritenberger,
Mary Supple, Barbara, Al DiFonzo,
Juan A 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 those whose
names appear in the **PARISH BOOK OF
INTENTIONS** located in the Narthex



Devotions

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

LENT

WALKING WITH CHRIST

Lent – Respect. Repent. Restore

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.
5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.
6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites.

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