

December 29, 2019

St. Thomas More Parish

Troy, Michigan

# The Holy Family





## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

### ENDINGS MEAN BEGINNINGS

There are many beginnings and endings. St. John in his gospel speaks of the Word of God, the Son of God, existing at the beginning of all things. Without Him there would not have been a beginning for us. And if we try to live without Him there can only be a sad ending to the story of our lives. But our lives never really end, do they?

This week we celebrate the ending of another year. At midnight on Tuesday, a new one will begin. One chapter of our life ends, another begins. That is the way it will be when we come to the end of our lives on earth. A new life for us will begin some place else. Where that will be depends on how we live this one here. Like the effects of what we have done during the days and weeks and months of 2019 will pour over into or lives in 2020. The effect of what we do during our lives on earth will pour over into our eternity.

It is always beneficial to look back and study what we have done well and what we have done not too well, what good we have accomplished and the bad we have engaged in. Then, learning from what we see in our past, we use that knowledge for future improvement of ourselves and our activities. Experience can be our best teacher, but only when we pay attention and study our experiences. Only when with common sense we use what is staring us in the face from our past history. I hope this year has been a good one for you. May next year be better. It will be, if you live it with Jesus Christ from beginning to end.

Happy New Year!

Msgr. Tom Rice



### New Year's Day Prayer

*God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to*

*forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.*

*As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.*



*Lord make the New Year  
a happy one....*

*Not by shielding us from sorrow and pain, but by  
strengthening us to bear it if it comes.*

*Not by taking hardship from us, but by taking all  
cowardice and fear from our hearts  
as we meet hardships.*

*Not by making our paths easy, but by making us  
sturdy enough to tread any path.*

*Not by granting unbroken sunshine, but by keeping  
our faces bright even in the shadows.*

*Not by making our lives always pleasant, but by  
showing us where others and Your cause need us  
most and by making us zealous  
to be there and to help...*

***God, make our year a happy one!***

### Readings for the Week of December 29, 2019

**Sunday**



**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;  
Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15,  
19-23

**Monday**

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10;  
Lk 2:36-40

**Tuesday**

**Saint Sylvester I, Pope**

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

**Wednesday**

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God**

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21

**Thursday**

**Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and  
Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors  
of the Church**

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;  
Jn 1:19-28

**Friday**

**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6;  
Jn 1:29-34

**Saturday**

**Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
Religious**

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

**Sunday**

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## THIS WEEK'S EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 28</b>
4:30p	Eugene Cichanowicz
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 29</b>
7:30a	Patrick McDonald Albert Sobey
9:30a	Ann Henning Marie Liposky—Special Intention
11:30a	Jim Dunleavy
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 31</b>
4:00p	Bill and Theresa Champion
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 1</b>
10:00a	Joann Curley
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 2</b>
9:00a	Patricia Maloney—3rd Anniversary
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 4</b>
4:30p	Richard Champion
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 5</b>
7:30a	For the People of St. Thomas More
9:30a	Joann Curley Sy Orlowski—6th Anniversary
11:30a	John E. Kraft



### Holy Family, December 29

Let us imitate the Holy Family in our Christian families, and our family will be a cell and a prefiguration of the heavenly family. Say a prayer dedicating your family to the Holy Family. Also pray for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.



## PRAY FOR THE MILITARY



Major Matthew Altomari  
SSgt. Cory Borders  
Lt. Andrew Boschert  
Major Phil Brule  
Sgt. Maj. Patrick Corcoran  
Capt. Joel Cortright  
ENS Michael Dwyer  
Capt. Chip Evans  
Spc. Evan K. Fowler  
2nd Lt. Theresa Corsentino  
SSgt. Daniel F. Jamison  
M1st Class Megan Jamison

Lt. Christopher Mitek  
OS2 Emily Muhlenbeck  
Airman 1st Class Calen Nido  
Senior Airman Grant Pensa  
LTJg. Bradley Pienta  
Capt. Nick Pollock  
Pfc. Jack Steinhauer  
Sgt. Kyle Stout  
Capt. Ben VanHorrick  
Spc. Carl Voag  
LTJG. Adam Weisgerber

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rosanne Bishop	Cindy Byrne Reschke
Maurine Brennan	Elaine Rosen
Chris Crocker	Carol Simmons
Pat Domka	Karen Smith
Collin Jones	Helen Walczak
Leonard Noppenberger	Mary B. Whiting
Jim and Joan Olson	Mark Widawski
Karson Otto	

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of:*

- † **Richard Champion**—brother of John and Paul
- † **Dorothy Drainville**—mother of Gary, Karen and Tom

*“Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.”*

## A Prayer for the Feast of The Holy Family

Father in heaven, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the family of man. In history's moment when all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell in time, obedient to the laws of life in our world. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all men that we may share in your life for ever. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.

## 24 Hour Prayer Line

The Nuns of the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament have initiated a 24 Hour Prayer Line. The Sisters are attentive to begin the requested prayers promptly—248-626-8253 or email [opnunsfh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:opnunsfh@sbcglobal.net)



## Mary, Holy Mother of God January 1, 2020

Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Our Heavenly Mother is no exception. With Joseph, she succeeded in training the Child Jesus, so that He grew in holiness and in “favor before God and man.” Hence, our best way of celebrating this feast and honoring our Heavenly Mother would be to promise her that we will practice her virtues of Faith, obedience, purity and humble service. In this way, we will be trying to become the saintly sons and daughters of our Heavenly Mother, the Holy Mother of God.

# WORSHIP



## Pray for Vocations

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We will be starting the Vocation Chalice Devotion the weekend of January 4, 2020. The purpose of this devotion is to encourage individuals, couples and families to pray for vocations and pray for our family intentions.

You will choose a weekend Mass and receive the chalice from the presiding priest at the end of Mass before the dismissal. Take it home and pray once a day with your families. Then return it back to the church by the following weekend. You will be provided a booklet with all the information you need as well as recommended prayers for each day of the week.

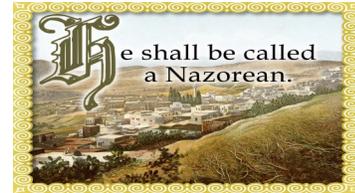
This is a great privilege and opportunity for us to UNLEASH THE GOSPEL.

To sign up, please contact Charlene Davis at [ashybyisicecream@hotmail.com](mailto:ashybyisicecream@hotmail.com) or 586-722-3817.

## Daily Mass Schedule Changes

There is no **9:00 am** Daily Morning Mass on December 31 and January 1

The 9:00 am Daily Morning Mass will resume on Thursday, January 2



## Eucharistic Adoration



**Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic Presence will increase His divine life within you and deepen your personal relationship and friendship with Him.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Thursday, January 9 beginning after the 9:00 am Mass and ending with Benediction at 12 Noon.**

### MINISTERS FOR MASS—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—JANUARY 4 & 5

MASS TIME	4:30 PM Saturday	7:30 AM Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday	11:30 AM Sunday
<b>CELEBRANT</b>	Msgr. Tom Rice	Msgr. Tom Rice	Fr. Bob Spezia	Fr. Bob Spezia
<b>DEACON</b>	Don Baross	Michael Stach	Michael Stach	Don Baross
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	NOT FILLED	Ronia Kruse	Bridget Kavanaugh	Chris Mann
<b>LECTOR</b>	Maria Manzor	George Seroka	Joan Reddy	Sue Kator
<b>SERVERS</b>	Avery Curcuru Amy Surowiec NOT FILLED	Randy Skala	James Wood Sydni Wood NOT FILLED	Duarte Bobone Reagan Feld Riley Logan
<b>USHERS</b>	Carol Glowacki Jim Hager Don McKay Cary Sheremet Ernesto Tuazon	John Gielniak Dan Hayden Tom Hemak Mike Morrison Frank Sikorski Ron Wlosinski	Norm Cicone Jim Duhart Gerry Gostomski George Halter Andy Olson Jim Ward Greg Wise	Zach Azzam Ted Craig Marvin Olane Mark Parent Mike Tauscher
<b>MASS COORD.</b>	Carol Glowacki	Larry Jeziorski	Melinda Prucha	Tom Calnen
<b>RECEPTIONIST</b>	Anne McAtee	NOT FILLED	Joann Harrison	Donna Egerer

## IN OUR PARISH



### THE WEEK AHEAD

- ◆ **Monday, December 30**  
Parish Office Open 9:00am to 3:00pm
- ◆ **Tuesday, December 31**  
New Year's Eve Mass, 4p  
Parish Offices Closed
- ◆ **Wednesday, January 1**  
New Year's Day Mass, 10a  
Parish Offices Closed
- ◆ **Thursday, January 2**  
Daily Morning Mass, 9a  
Parish Offices Re-Open, 9a

### Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation **will not be available** after Sunday Masses this weekend.

We will resume on Sunday, January 5.

The Hospitality Committee wishes everyone a Happy New Year!



### SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS

*Please sustain the Christmas Spirit by continuing your generosity to the First of the Month collection coming up the weekend of January 4 & 5.*

*The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes you many blessings and so do the needy in our area.*

*God bless you and thank you for your kindness!*



### Parish Office Schedule

The parish office hours are from 9:00am to 3:00pm on Monday, December 30.

We are closed on Tuesday, December 31, and Wednesday, January 1.

Offices reopen on Thursday, 1/2

**the men of**   
SAINT THOMAS MORE

Conversation with Catholic men...  
Join the discussion!

**Monday, January 6 @ 7:00pm**  
**Church Conference Room**

(Sacristy Hallway as you enter the Sanctuary)

### FIRST TUESDAY COFFEE January 7

Join us in the Social Hall following the 9:00am Mass for coffee, treats, and conversation with your fellow parishioners.



### GRIEVING WITH HOPE

For adults who have experienced loss, this is a "drop in" program that requires no pre-registration.

*Grief Support*

**Wednesday, January 8, Room 1**  
**6:30 - 8:00PM**

Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.



### STM BOOK CLUB

The STM Book Club selection for January is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. You may recall that she is the author of *The Nightingale*. Our selection is a novel about a 70s Vietnam war POW with PTSD who moves with his family to remote Alaska to live off the land. The long dark Alaskan winter seems bright compared to the dark demons of the protagonist's mind.

Please join us on Tuesday, 1/21 at 10:00am in Room 2 for the discussion.

## FAITH FORMATION



*Exploring  
Catholicism*

### You Are Invited!

Have you been searching for some-thing to be involved in or kind of aimlessly trying to fill a hole? St. Augustine says our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord. Is God calling you? Bring a friend and come find out what we are all about. We would love for you to join us! We typically meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in Room 1. No need to RSVP, just drop in any time. The topics for the upcoming gatherings are listed below.

- ◆ **Tuesday, Jan 7**—Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ◆ **Tuesday, Jan 14**—The Incarnation
- ◆ **Sunday, Jan 19**—Sacrament of Initiation
- ◆ **Sunday, Jan 26**—Mary and the Communion of Saints

Please pray for our RCIA candidates as they go through the process of becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Prayer cards are available for each candidate on the information counter in the gathering space.

**Houda Bazzi**  
**Andrew Luginbill**  
**Sam Youssef**

#### MEET ANDREW



Andrew is going through the RCIA process here at St. Thomas More. He grew up in Troy and attended Troy High School. For college he went to Grand Valley State University and later the University of Maryland. He now works at a small sports marketing company in Ann Arbor. Andrew grew up in the Lutheran faith, and is excited to join the Catholic Church. Please keep him in your prayers along with the others going through the process.

Do you know anyone interested in learning more about their faith or wanting to belong to a faith community? Please have them contact Josylin Mateus at [Josylin@stmoffice.com](mailto:Josylin@stmoffice.com) or 248-647-4680.

#### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

- ◆ **January 6 and 7**—No Classes
  - ◆ **January 12**—Classes resume
  - ◆ **January 19**—No Classes for MLK (Office will be closed Jan 16 - 19)
- The Faith Formation Office will be closed December 31—January 1, and January 16—19.**

Thank you to the students who participated in the “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus**. We had the most submissions this year. Jacob Darovitz is the winner for grades K-2, Avery Curcuru is the winner for grades 3-5, and Olivia Wiseman is the winner for grades 6-8. The three of them won \$50 each and will continue on to the next level. Congratulations Jacob, Avery, and Olivia. The classes with the most submissions and will receive a pizza party are Ms. Olivia and Ms. Lily’s 1st grade class, Ms. Beth’s 4th grade class, and Ms. Jean’s 6th grade class.



**First Reconciliation Parent Student Meeting has been **rescheduled** for Sunday, January 26, 2020.**

#### Upcoming 8th Grade Confirmation Events

- ◆ **January 12**—Sponsor/Student meeting in the Social Hall from 7:00—8:30pm
- ◆ Please turn in completed service project forms to the Faith Formation office after completing service.



Due to the low response and low attendance of previous events all Family Fun Nights for the remainder of the year are canceled. Thank you to the 34 families who responded to the survey monkey sent out.



**ST. THOMAS MORE YOUTH GROUP  
INVITING ALL  
9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS**

- ◆ **12/22-1/5/20: Christmas Break (NO MEETING)**
  - ◆ **1/12/20:** Regular Session 7:00-8:15 pm in the Social Hall
  - ◆ **1/19/20: Break MLK Day Weekend**
  - ◆ **1/26/20:** Regular Session 7:00-8:15 pm in the Social Hall
- Sign up via email at [pobrien@catholiccentral.net](mailto:pobrien@catholiccentral.net)**

## IN OUR PARISH

### THANK YOU from St. Vincent de Paul

STM's St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like to humbly thank everyone in our parish. The outpouring of love for our neighbors in need was shown through your generosity with the giving tree gifts! We have been told that if we feed, clothe or house our neighbors in need, we are caring for Christ. Thank you for your love and compassion for Christ as demonstrated through your gifts.

With the New Year beginning, SVdP would like to make a couple of special requests. For the **South Oakland Food Depot**, we are asking for **laundry soap** donations. Laundry soap isn't covered by Bridge cards, so it would be very helpful to have some on hand for pick up along with the food that is given out by South Oakland Food Depot.

For the **Welcome Inn**, which is a day facility for homeless where they feed and help clothe our neighbors in need, we are requesting **new or gently used backpacks**. Backpacks would allow these guests (mostly men) to carry their possessions with them.

*Thank you in advance for your open hearts and consideration of those in need.*



*Don't just GO to Church*

**BE the CHURCH**



### Giving from your IRA

Just a reminder that Congress made a permanent provision in the Consolidated Appropriations Act that allows those 70 ½ and older to contribute from their IRA's without paying tax on the distribution. If you are a once a year contributor, would like to make a special donation, or during the CSA drive, your IRA contribution may be right for your situation.

Please consult with your tax professional for more details.



### 2019 GIVING STATEMENT

If you would like your donations to be posted to your 2019 Giving Statement, donations must be received by December 30, 2019. Donations received after December 30, 2019 will be posted to the 2020 contribution record.

Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Please check our office hours during the Christmas Season holidays.

*Thank You for your support of St. Thomas More Parish*

### INFORMATION

UPDATE

We continue to work on the **INFORMATION UPDATE** for the parish. Have you picked up your Information Form? Have you reviewed and returned your form? Your assistance is needed to complete the Information Update of our parishioner files. Once the records are updated, then we will have a directory printed.

We will be mailing the remaining forms after the New Year, so if you know someone that hasn't picked up their form, please encourage them to do so to save us postage.

Thank you for your assistance with this project – we hope to move quickly in updating data and have a directory completed by early spring. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Lois Sokolowski at the parish office.

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We the Christian Community of St. Thomas More, in an atmosphere of hospitality, are dedicated to proclaiming the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through excellence in worship, education, and service to others.*

*We believe that the nurturing of the community Around the Eucharistic Table is extended. Through gatherings which further strengthen and support us. We shall pursue this mission faithfully through the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.*

## EVANGELIZATION

### UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

#### Fathers in Holy Families

by John Hannigan

*"I sought for a man who should stand in the breach"*  
(Ezekiel 22:30)

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. I was reflecting on St. Joseph and on how critical the father is in a Christian family. *Unleash the Gospel* recognizes the irreplaceable role of parents as evangelizers and educators of children. Fathers in particular are "essential, since one of the greatest factors influencing a child's future practice of the faith is the religious involvement of his or her father."

In today's Gospel, Joseph is called to protect his family: *"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him"* (Matt 2:13). We see "Herods" today in how the culture influences children and teens to disdain religion and hold truth relative. In 2015, Phoenix Bishop Olmsted issued a clear charge to Catholic men to stand firm and lead families in faith. He wrote in *Into the Breach*, "Men, do not hesitate to engage in the battle that is raging around you, the battle that is wounding our children and families" ([www.intothebreach.org/](http://www.intothebreach.org/)).

When the Israelites came into the Promised Land, they began yielding to the pagan culture and straying from God. Their leader Joshua took a firm stand against that culture which, like the world today, devalues life and confounds the dignity of men and women. He declared to those tempted to worship other gods, **"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"** (Joshua 24:25). Men are *meant* to lead their families in faith, be models for their children, bring them to Mass and the Sacraments, and pray for and with their families.

It can be hard to take this stand, but we are not called alone, nor are we without help. First, *pray daily* to ask support of the Holy Spirit, even 5 minutes a day. *Seek support of other men*. Come to a meeting of the Men of St. Thomas More, a group of men who meet regularly for casual conversation, discussion and more (contact Rick for more information: [Rick@cortright6.com](mailto:Rick@cortright6.com)). *Check out resources* for fathers and mothers. Detroit catechist Anita Houghton has a practical guide to leading our children to Christ ([www.ministry23.com/as-for-me-and-my-house/](http://www.ministry23.com/as-for-me-and-my-house/)). The Archdiocese just published **52 Sundays**, a dynamic guide to family activities with simple ways for families to spend time together (see [www.52sundays.com](http://www.52sundays.com)).

St. Joseph, patron saint of fathers and protector of families, pray for us and help lead our families to holiness.

## STEWARDSHIP

### TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

As we end this year think about the blessings you have recognized in 2019. It could be a new family member, a new relationship, a renewed interest in Christ, whatever it is, it is from God. Thank God daily in prayer.

At your parish, St. Thomas More, we have many things to be thankful for including our fellowship with each other, the blessings of Bible Study classes or other groups that come together to support our learning needs, the evangelization of our parish in tune with Unleash the Gospel. These are just a few of the many things to be grateful for in closing 2019.

Let's all make a commitment to St. Thomas More parish for 2020. Let's commit to supporting events via your attendance and engagement, volunteering to worship activities, donating your treasures financially or through a Charitable Donor Fund, and most of all bringing your entire family to Sunday mass to experience the most wonderful gift of all.



#### Stewardship Thoughts

##### Holy Family

It is appropriate that today's Scripture readings proclaim a family theme. In the First Reading from the Book of Sirach, God gives guidance in applying Christian principles to family life. Children should care for their elderly parents: *Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him*. In his Gospel, the evangelist St. Matthew recounts the Holy Family's escape to Egypt and their eventual safe travel back to Nazareth. As Christian stewards, we know the importance of sharing our faith and providing support, encouragement, and protection to loved ones. Successful families flourish in their endeavors to follow Christ. Are we making Jesus personal in our home life, becoming the "Domestic Church" Pope St. John Paul II professed? (Please also see a reference to the Domestic Church in *Unleash the Gospel*, Guidepost 7 - Families at [www.unleashthegospel.org](http://www.unleashthegospel.org).)

## COMMUNITY NEWS AND INTEREST



### ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH SENIORS

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra will take you back to the music of the 70s on **Friday, January 17**. The concert begins at 10:45am. Departure time is 9:30am. Return time is approximately 1:00pm. 12 tickets available, **\$25 per person**, includes transportation.

If you are interested in attending this event, please call Tom Lenhard at 248-544-7913.

### Plan ahead for the Annual STM Men's Retreat

40 quiet hours with the Lord  
January 17-19, 2020 (Fri-Sun)

Manresa  
JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

**Relax • Reflect • Rejoice**

For more information contact Zack at  
(248)646-2410 – [zjazzam@comcast.net](mailto:zjazzam@comcast.net)  
or go to [www.manresa-sj.org](http://www.manresa-sj.org)

### Marriage and Family Ministry Reclaim Sundays

This Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family, which celebrates Jesus, Mary, and Joseph — along with all Catholic families.

Archbishop Allen Vigneron is seeking to reclaim Sundays for family time along with worship and rest. In the spring, he released an *Unleash the Gospel* pastoral note, *The Day of the Lord*, a guide to reclaiming the Lord's Day as part of the *Unleash the Gospel* movement.

Gifts to the CSA support families, at all stages, with programs and services like marriage preparation, Natural Family Planning, and family and marriage support.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).

### Michigan Downriver

#### Christmas Pilgrimage of Historic Churches

On Monday, January 6th, you are welcome to join *Prayer Pilgrimages* as we are scheduled to tour, with private prayer time: St. Anthony and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Temperance, St. Joseph in Erie, St. Mary in Rockwood, St. Stephen in New Boston, Our Lady of the Scapular in Wyandotte, Our Lady of Fatima Marian Center in Riverview, & St. Joseph Oratory in Detroit with closing 7 PM High Mass commemorating the Traditional Feast of the Epiphany. All of these churches will be specially decorated for Christmas. Scheduled deluxe motorcoach morning departures & evening returns from Oakland Mall in Troy, Levagood Park in Dearborn, Orchard 14 Lot (at Best Buy) in Farmington Hills, & Big Boy in Lincoln Park. Total cost per person is \$40 (lunch at Golden Corral Restaurant on your own).

To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 or [www.prayerpilgrimages.com](http://www.prayerpilgrimages.com).



HOLY NAME  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020  
1PM – 3PM

PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

680 Harmon, Birmingham, MI, 248-644-2722



### Holy Land Pilgrimage

*Terra Sancta Pilgrimages* with Franciscan Friar, Fr. Alex Kratz will be leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **April 20-May 4, 2020**. This life-changing experience walking in Jesus' footsteps includes daily Mass and Rosary, biblical readings on site, time for prayer and spiritual guidance, and meeting local Christians. Cost is \$4,299 (all expenses included, round trip from Detroit, 3 daily meals, all tips and taxes). \$500 deposit due at registration.

**Orientation Meeting** is **February 9** at St. Joseph Chapel our headquarters (400 South Blvd. West, Pontiac, MI 48331). Next pilgrimage: November 30-December 14, 2020.

For information, contact Fr. Alex: (313) 727-9784 or [abunaalex@yahoo.com](mailto:abunaalex@yahoo.com).

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**FAITH FORMATION: 248-647-4680**

**Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Closed for lunch 12:30 to 1:00 pm

**inquiry@stmoffice.com**  
**www.stthomasmoretroy.org**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 9:00 a.m. - Rosary before Mass

Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

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