

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24
5:00 p.m. (Children's Mass);
7:30 p.m.; 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25
10:00 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
6:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday
5:15 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday and Sunday
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday
6:00-6:30 p.m.

HOLY HOUR

Friday 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Parish Office is located at
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REGULAR PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office will be closed
Thursday, December 23 through
Monday, December 27.
We will resume regular hours on
Tuesday, December 28.

**Please Note — this bulletin is for the
weekends of December 19 & 26.**



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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT — We, the people of St. Thomas More Parish, gifted and led by the Holy Spirit, are called to build up the kingdom of God among the college communities of Kalamazoo. Diverse, yet one, we are called to be the Body of Christ, to praise and worship our Heavenly Father, to proclaim God's Word, to love and serve others, especially the poor and neglected. We welcome all into our parish family who wish to share in this mission

*The St. Tom's Pastoral Team and Staff
wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas
with family and friends.
We thank you for your never ending
support and kindness!*



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 — Late Advent Weekday

6:00 p.m. †Tom Sommerfeldt by Jim & Mary Grace

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. People of the parish

10:30 a.m. †Melina Bazali by Bazali-Walters family

6:00 p.m. †Fred Spencer by Joanie Weaver

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 — Late Advent Weekday

5:15 p.m. Amy Alfen (living) by Jim & Mary Grace

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 — St. Peter Canisius

5:15 p.m. †Victor Asch father of Karen Asch

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22 — Late Advent Weekday

5:15 p.m. Dennis Dowling (living)

by Randall & Margaret Von Steinen

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 — St. John of Kanty

5:15 p.m. †Connie Brenes by family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Late Advent Weekday

5:00 p.m. †Deceased members of the Munley family

7:30 p.m. †Jim Greene

10:00 p.m. †Catherine Basso by family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 — The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

10:00 a.m. †Geraldine Schubert by daughter Elizabeth

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 — The Holy Family

8:30 a.m. †Matthew Margiwicz by Diana Dreksler

10:30 a.m. Mark & Karen Krinock

40th Wedding Anniversary

6:00 p.m. †Toni Pawlowski by Nancy Vader

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 — St. John

5:15 p.m. †Phyllis Kiella by family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 — The Holy Innocents

5:15 p.m. †Carolyn Goff mother of Sharon Goff

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29 — St. Thomas Becket

5:15 p.m. Victims and families of the recent tornadoes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30 — Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 — St. Sylvester I

5:15 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 a.m. First Responders and Healthcare Workers

6:00 p.m. †Geraldine Schubert by daughter Elizabeth

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 — Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. People of the parish

10:30 a.m. †Heather Johnson O'Grady
sister of Greg Johnson

6:00 p.m. †Jim Greene by Terrence & Carmen Lilly

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Congratulations

LILIE CATHERINE TOOLE

daughter of Tommy and Kyanne

who was baptized on Sunday, December 12, 2021

BAPTISM

Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples planning to marry within the next year need to attend a marriage prep meeting.

For more information or to register for either class
call the parish office 269-381-8917 or
email sttoms@sttomskazoo.org



SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 — SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

Sunday Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Friday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Saturday **Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Sunday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Monday 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Tuesday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

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

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

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

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
It was in the seminary that I first learned about the "O" Antiphons as Christmas was approaching. What are they?

According to the United States Congress of Catholic Bishops, the Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They use ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah. Maybe the best definition comes from Cardinal Newman. He wrote, "Antiphons are not, strictly speaking, Prayers, but sentences applied to the particular purpose of meditation, thanksgiving & ..." An antiphon is a verse that gives emphasis to what follows, such as a prayer, psalm, Scripture or canticle. Here they are:

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

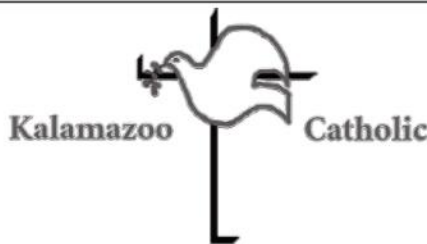
O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

They are good phrases to meditate on as we approach Christmas! I hope you have a blessed and safe Christmas!

Please take care.

Sincerely,

FR. Paul



COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

at St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

Western Michigan and KVCC Students:
Congratulations on graduating, we look forward to everything you are going to accomplish!

MORE AT MIDWEEK, STUDENT HOLY HOUR, SUNDAY SHUTTLE, AND SUNDAY SUPPER:

We will resume all of these activities when WMU resumes classes on January 12th.

MARCH FOR LIFE: The March for Life is January 20-23, 2022. The cost to go is \$200 which covers round trip bus fare as well as lodging for the trip. This is an amazing opportunity to stand up for the unborn and connect with other Pro-Life students. Registration will close as soon as the spots are full, but we would like to have the official head count for our group by December 30th. For more information about the trip and how to register for the March with Protect Life WMU contact Renée Bohr at protectlifewmu@gmail.com or call/text (269) 281-8909.

SMALL GROUPS/BIBLE STUDIES: Did you miss out on our small groups/bible studies this semester and want to be in one in January? Sign up now to have one of our leaders contact you closer to the start of the new semester. <https://forms.gle/YuJ3pHUxXYtCL4St5>

SUNDAY SUPPER HELP:

Help is needed for this ministry serving the college students for next semester. Sign-up in the narthex to bring dessert, host a meal, help with set up, serving, or clean up next semester.



FOAM RECYCLING

Additional information available on our [website](#) or pick-up a flyer in the narthex for the types of foam accepted.

TOILET PAPER MINISTRY

Toilet paper donation for those in need.



The back door of the office garage is unlocked 9:00 -1:00
Mon-Fri for drop-off the items listed above

THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL THRIFT STORE IN KALAMAZOO is conducting its third annual campaign now through December 31. Our goal this year is to raise \$31,000. With the help of many generous donors this past year, we provided over \$58,000 in assistance to our neighbors who needed help to pay utility bills (such as heat and electricity), rent to avoid eviction, and funerals for family members. If you are able to help us meet our goal this year, please send your donation to: St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store
513 Eleanor Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES THE
DECEMBER SUNDAY COLLECTION INFORMATION
WILL BE PRINTED IN JANUARY BULLETINS.**

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