

December 10, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



**WEEKEND
MASS SCHEDULE**
Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday
8:30 a.m.;
10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

**DAILY
MASS SCHEDULE**
December 11 - 15
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday
5:15 p.m.

Friday
Baccalaureate Mass
7:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

STUDENT HOLY HOUR
Thursday 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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

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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.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR BOTH CLASSES

To register or for more information call the parish office at 269-381-8917 or email sttoms@sttomskazoo.org

RCIA/OCIA

For those in the RCIA/OCIA process, we are still in the stage of Inquiry. During this time of prayer and discernment we discuss the questions that our inquirers have about The Catholic Faith as they decide whether this is the right path for them. Over the years, you may have heard things about the Catholic Church, that may or may not be accurate. You may also want to join us to find out what the Church teaches or to deepen your relationship with God.

**We will be meeting Sunday December 10
in the Cougar Room at 7 PM to discuss
How the Bible Proclaims Salvation History.**

*This will be our last catechetical session
until after the holidays.*

Contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or
Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net)
for information about the RCIA process.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 — St. Juan Diego Cuauhtiatotzin
6:00 p.m. †Hank Darragh by Jim & Mary Grace

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 — Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 a.m. Barb Davis ((living) by Annette Maccardini
10:30 a.m. †Jan & Maria Josephine van den Homhmergh
by family
6:00 p.m. Bev Stokes (living) by Annette Maccardini

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 — St. Damasus I
5:15 p.m. Josh Krone (living) by Jane Krone

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 — Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:15 p.m. †Bill & Jean Homola by Mark & Julie Walker

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 — St. Lucy
5:15 p.m. †Dembczynski family by Patty Anderson

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 — St. John of the Cross
5:15 p.m. †Deceased Students

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 — Advent Weekday
Baccalaureate Mass
7:30 p.m. Students and Families

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 — Advent Weekday
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 — Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 a.m. †Renee Adrian by wife Joan
10:30 a.m. †Jean Homola by Ron & Ellen Partee
6:00 p.m. †Kim Mansfield by Beth Caswell

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of December 10

Sunday Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or
Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab;
Mt 11:11-15

Friday Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

KALAMAZOO AREA

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
5855 East W Avenue, Vicksburg
Sunday, December 10 - 3:00 p.m.



ST. THOMAS MORE
421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo
Monday, December 11 - 6:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH
936 Lake Street, Kalamazoo
Wednesday, December 13 - 6:00 p.m.

ST. MONICA
534 W. Kilgore Road
Thursday, December 14 - 6:00 p.m.

ST. AMBROSE
1628 East "G" Avenue, Parchment
Tuesday, December 19 - 6:00 p.m.

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Advent is a time for new beginnings! Maybe that's one of the reasons we hear from chapter 40 of the Prophet Isaiah as our first reading this week! With this oracle comes a new beginning for Jerusalem. The bond between God and people have a chance to strengthen as a result of the Babylonian exile.

God two times directs the prophet to give the people a message of comfort. Isaiah has the pleasant task of announcing that the exile is drawing to a close. A level road will lead them right through the desert to the promised land! No obstacles will impede their progress. They do need to accept God's invitation to begin the journey!

Have you accepted the invitation to begin this Advent journey to grow closer to the Lord? It's never too late! Have a blessed week!

Sincerely,

FR. Paul

THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:

PEACE



HERE AT ST. TOM'S

WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP GATHERING

Join us on Monday, December 18 at 2:00 pm in the Cougar Room. This month we will be creating a Christmas decoration to take home! Even if you are not into making crafts, please come anyway and get more acquainted with the ladies of our church.

SUNDAY SUPPER SIGN-UP SCHEDULE

Is now available for next semester.

Thank you to everyone who has prepared meals, served and cleaned-up this semester.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is Thursday, January 4.

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/156399

REACH, STRETCH, RELAX

Join us for group chair exercise class that targets balance, flexibility, range of movement and breathing. The class meets every Wednesday 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Cougar Room. This class is appropriate for "every body". Contact Matt Barretta at 343-7857 or 548-6837 for more information.

YOGA

Experience the benefits of yoga every Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00-11:00 am in the Cougar Room. Reduce stress, improve awareness, posture, strength, balance and flexibility. Uniting body, mind and spirit with instructor Gena Pezzoli. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. Suggested donation of \$10 to help our Feminine Care Product Ministry.

TOILET PAPER MINISTRY

Toilet paper donations for those in need. The back door of the office garage is open Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 PM or bring to church When you come to mass.

FOAM RECYCLING — Foam accepted at the parish garage only. Either inside the garage or in the large brown bin outside the door. Please make sure all foam is clean and free of food.



VETERAN GRAVE FLAG RESTORATION

Wednesday,
December 13 at 6:00 p.m.
In the Social Hall
here at St. Tom's



Every Memorial Day, flags are placed on the graves of Veterans at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Kalamazoo. Over time, they have become worn and dirty. Help us reduce, reuse, and retire old flags. We will sort and remove the flags stapled from the wooden dowels for washing or retirement.

PLEASE BRING A STAPLE REMOVER



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COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

**Good luck on all your finals
WMU and KVCC students!**

**Grab a bag of snacks
after Mass as you prepare
for the end of the semester.**



More at Midweek and Mass at Kanley Chapel
will return in January.

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Are you graduating this semester? We would like to honor our graduates by hosting a baccalaureate Mass and reception for you and your family and friends on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 PM. If you are interested, email lisa@sttomskazoo.org with your name, photo, degree/program, and number of guests by or before Monday, December 11. Please also indicate if you would like to have a role in the Mass—reading, sharing your St. Tom's experience, music ministry, or something else. Dress code: You can wear your cap and gown/dress up or whatever you would typically wear to Mass.

**STUDENT HOLY HOUR**

Come for an hour of silent prayer, beginning and ending with a couple of traditional songs and prayers. Bring some spiritual reading, a prayer, journal, your a rosary, or anything else that helps you to connect with the Lord during this time. Come for the whole hour or 5 minutes in the Worship Space at St. Tom's on Thursdays 6-7 PM. Confession is normally available. The last one for the semester will be December 14th.

SUNDAY SUPPERS

Sunday Suppers are a homemade meal hosted by our parishioners for college students in the Social Hall after the 6:00 PM Mass. Entree, salad, drinks, and desserts are served. The last one until January is December 10.

SUNDAY SHUTTLE

Are you a college student who would like a ride to a Sunday Mass? If so, please contact Lisa at lisa@sttomskazoo.org to ride the Sunday Shuttle or be paired with another student driving into Mass.

SOCIALS

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DECEMBER 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for December	70,755
12/3	9,580
12/10	
12/17	
12/24	
Christmas	
12/31	
Electronic gifts for December	9,181
Total gifts to date for December	18,761

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