

# St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo

## REGULAR WEEKEND

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,  
and 6:00 p.m.

## DAILY

### MASS SCHEDULE

**December 26 - 29**

Tuesday & Wednesday

5:15 p.m.

No Mass Thursday & Friday

**January 1 - 5**

Monday 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday

5:15 p.m.

No Mass Thursday & Friday

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday and Sunday

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## HOLY HOUR

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

No Holy Hour December 29

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## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

### Closed

**Monday & Tuesday**

**December 25 & 26**

### Open

**Wednesday & Thursday**

**December 27 & 28**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 29**

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

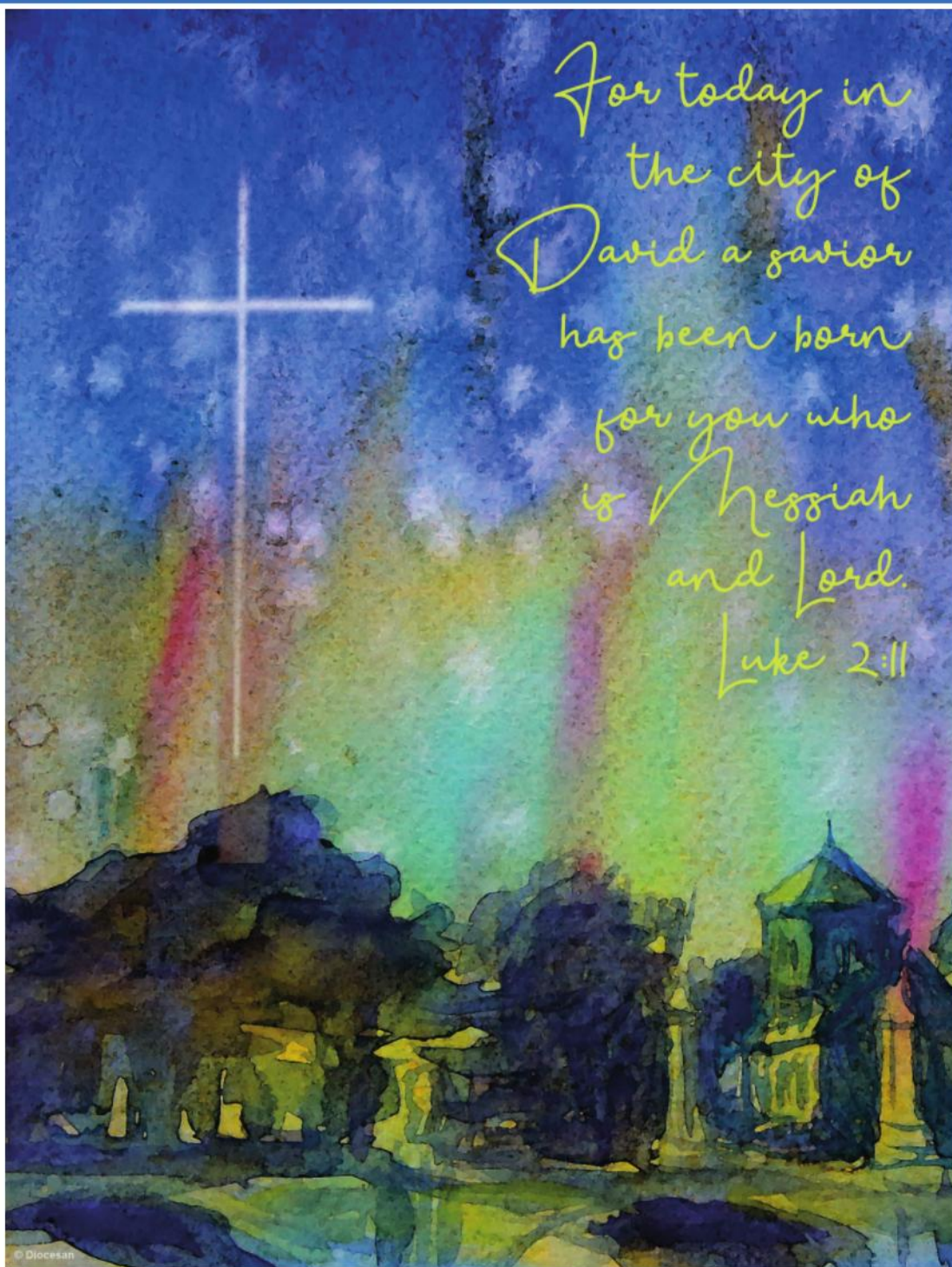
**Closed Monday, January 1**

### Open

**Tuesday thru Thursday**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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



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**THIS BULLETIN INCLUDES TWO WEEKS — DECEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 31, 2023**

## 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](mailto:sttoms@sttomskazoo.org)

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24** — Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. †Lillian Owen by Deb Adams

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24** — Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Children's Mass

7:30 p.m. Amy Alfen (living) by Jim & Mary Grace

10:00 p.m. †Catherine Basso by family

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

10:00 a.m. †Carolyn Safina grandmother of Michael Zutis

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26** — St. Stephen

5:15 p.m. John Gaikwad (living) by Erica Fernandes

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27** — St. John

5:15 p.m. John Gaikwad & Erica Fernandes,  
husband and wife (living)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28** — The Holy Innocents

No Mass

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29** — Fifth Day withing the Octave of Christmas

No Mass

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30** — Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas

6:00 p.m. Steve Krone (living) by Jane Krone

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31** — The Holy Family

8:30 a.m. †Betty Munley & Thomas Collins  
by Pat & Mary Anne Munley

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. †Dave Leonard by Patricia Leonard

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1** — Mary, the Mothe of God

10:00 a.m. †Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2** — Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

5:15 p.m. †Chris Groh by Bill Fritsch

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3** — The Most Holy Name of Jesus

5:15 p.m. †Leola Marcusse by Corey Lager

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4** — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

No Mass

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5** — St. John Neumann

No Mass

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6** — St. Andre Bessette

6:00 p.m. Maryanne Grace (living) by Jim & Mary Grace

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7** — The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. †George Edgar by June Edgar

10:30 a.m. †Jan & Maria Josephine van den Hohmbergh  
by family

6:00 p.m. †Lillie Mae Lamorandier by Beth Caswell

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

December 24 thru  
January 7

**Sunday****Fourth Sunday of Advent**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**Monday****The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)***Vigil Mass:*

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

*Mass During the night:* Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;

Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

*Mass at Dawn:* Is 62: 11-12; Ps 97: 1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3: 4-7;

Lk 2: 15-20

*Mass during the 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

**Tuesday**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab,  
16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday****Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3;

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;  
Lk 2:22-40

**Monday**

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

Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday**

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**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

## RCIA/OCIA

For those in the current RCIA/OCIA process, we have completed the first stage, Inquiry. During this time of prayer and discernment we have discussed the questions that our Inquirers have about The Catholic Faith as they decide whether this is the right path for them. Their questions will continue as we move through the remaining phases of the RCIA process. After the New Year, we will be discerning the move into the Catechumenate, the second stage for adults entering the catholic Church.

Please hold our Inquirers in prayer as we approach  
the first major Rite of the RCIA.

We will not be meeting on  
December 24 or 31 due to the holiday break.

Please contact Fr. Paul ([frpaul@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:frpaul@sttomskazoo.org)) or  
Claire McSwiney ([claire.mcswiney@att.net](mailto:claire.mcswiney@att.net))  
for information about the RCIA process.

**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.



## HERE AT ST. TOM'S

## GIVING WARMS THE HEART — DONATE BLOOD

St. Tom's is hosting a

**BLOOD DRIVE****Thursday, January 4, 11:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.**

Walk-ins welcome. Appointments preferred.

To register go to

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or call the parish office. Our goal is 27 collections.

**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.

**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. Reach, Stretch, Relax will not meet December 27.

**YOGA**

Experience the benefits of yoga every Tuesday &amp; 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. Please note—yoga will not meet on December 26, 28, January 2 &amp; 4.

**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.

## COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

**More at Midweek, Student Holy Hour,  
and Mass at Kanley Chapel  
will resume the week of January 8th and  
Sunday Supper on January 14th!  
ENJOY YOUR BREAK FROM CLASSES!**

**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](mailto:lisa@sttomskazoo.org) to ride the Sunday Shuttle or be paired with another student driving into Mass.**SOCIALS**Follow us on Instagram @KalamazooCatholic or sign up for our weekly email or GroupMe to get info on new events first. Email [Lisa@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:Lisa@sttomskazoo.org) to subscribe to our weekly email. Our GroupMe texting group can be found here: [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/89335085/4QjZw0gK](https://groupme.com/join_group/89335085/4QjZw0gK)

## FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The children's book, *The Invisible String*, by author Patrice Kart has a wonderful theme. A mother is telling her two small children (frightened in the night by a lightning storm) that she is always connected to them by an invisible string.

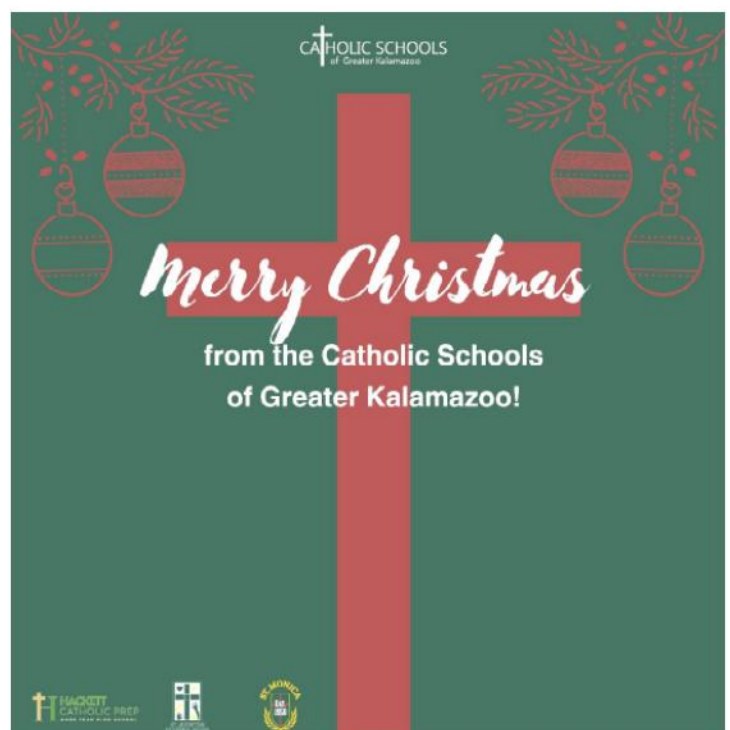


Wherever they went, they were always connected. They are connected to each other and to their friends in the same way. Love is the invisible string that connects us all and keeps us from ever being truly alone. It's a beautiful story.

We are celebrating Christmas. Jesus came to tell us about the invisible string that connects us with God's love for us! Because God is a pure spirit, God has no body. God is invisible to our eyes. We can only know Him by seeing all the beautiful things made, and by the Holy things God has spoken to us through his prophets. And God wanted to do more to convince us of His love. So, God's own Son became human to live like us and to tell us about God and His love for us. This is the invisible connection God has with us!

You could say that the invisible string between us and God, the power of His love for us, the sacraments, the Holy Spirit, and the invisible string that unites us with those we love, gives us a peace and a joy no one can take from us!

I hope you and you family and friends have a blessed and Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year! Take care.

Peace, *FR. Paul*

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