

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street - Kalamazoo, MI

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
6:00 p.m.

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Week of December 15

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday

No Mass

Wednesday and Thursday
5:15 p.m.

HOLY HOUR

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24

Children's Christmas Mass

5:00 p.m.

(Church doors open at 4:00 p.m.)

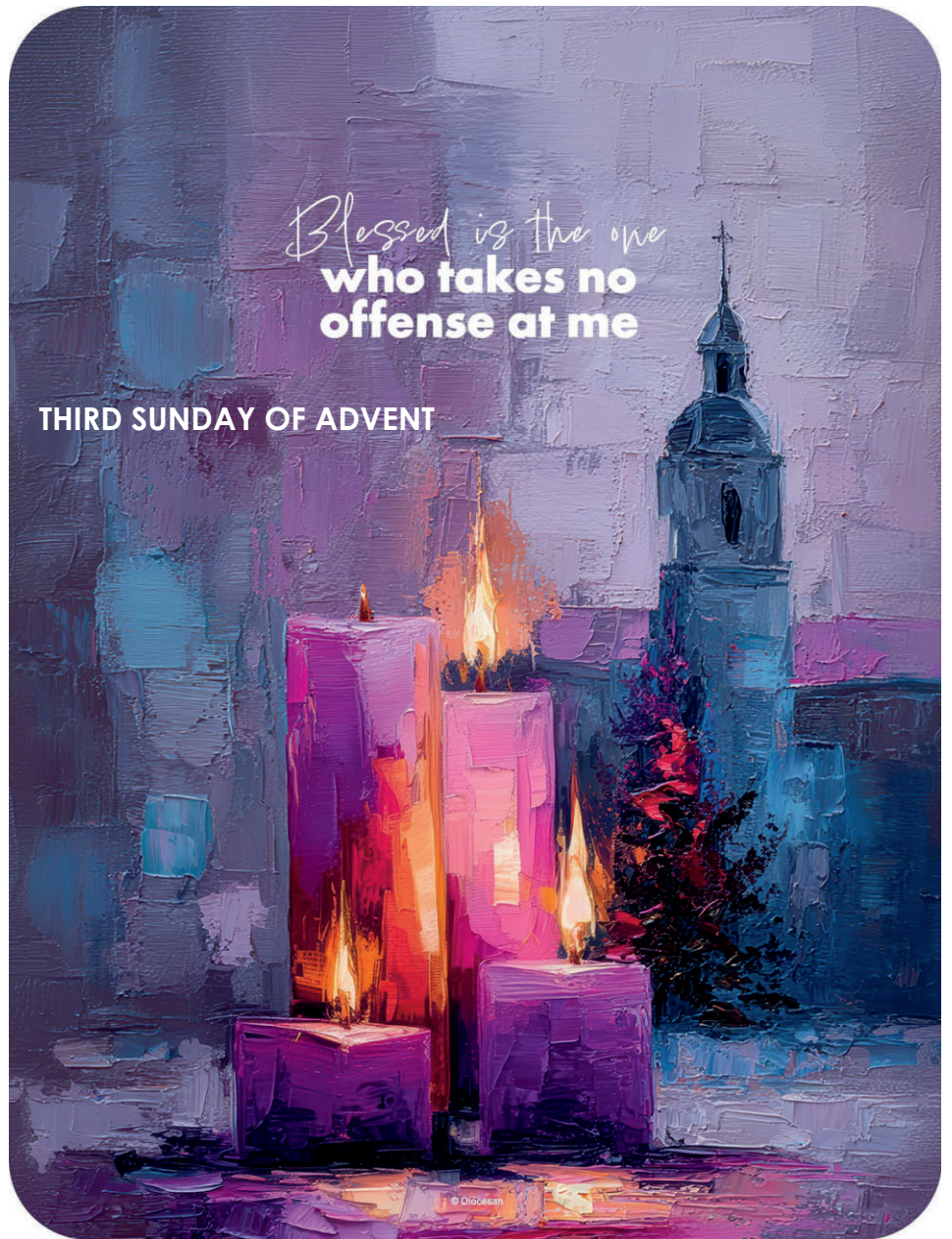
7:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

10:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Morning

6:00 p.m. Christmas Evening



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

SICK & SHUT-INS

If you know anyone who is sick or shut-in,
please call the parish office.

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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

For Baptism and Marriage information including scheduling dates and registering for classes please call or email Narcia at the parish office 269-381-8917 ext. 261 | narcia@sttomskazoo.org

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER in the Daily Chapel

Advent is a time to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ, when he will make God all in all. As we await Christ's coming, he calls us to build the Reign of God in our midst through living in self-sacrificing love, building a just world. One of the ways that we can prepare for Christ to enter and transform our hearts is to practice contemplative prayer. Join us on Mondays at 12:15 PM or 6 PM in the chapel to practice prayer where we share an intimate relationship with God. Through contemplative prayer, we become more like the sons and daughters God created us to be.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

ST. MARY 209 S. Brown Street, Paw Paw | Sunday, Dec. 14 | 3:00 p.m.

ST. AMBROSE 1628 East "G" Ave, Parchment | Tue., Dec. 16 | 6:30 p.m.

ST. MONICA 534 W. Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo | Wed., Dec. 17 | 6:30 p.m.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS 5855 East W Ave., Vicksburg | Sun., Dec. 21 | 3:00 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH 936 Lake St., Kalamazoo | Mon., Dec. 22 | 4:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 — St. Lucy
6:00 p.m. +Deceased members of the Sommerfeldt-Grace families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 — Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 a.m. +Judy Genovese wife of Al Genovese
10:30 a.m. +Nancy M. Kretsch by Tammy Boneburg
6:00 p.m. +Ted Nielsen father of Niki Worthams

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 — Advent Weekday
No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 — Advent Weekday
No Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 — Late Advent Weekday
5:15 p.m. +Alicia Borden by Borden Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 — Late Advent Weekday
5:15 p.m. Jim Krone (living) by Jane Krone

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 — Late Advent Weekday
No Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 — Late Advent Weekday
6:00 p.m. +Melina Bazali by Bazali-Walters family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 — Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 a.m. +Jose Mauricio Medrano
10:30 a.m. +Avery Hinton - Birthday (living)
by David Worthams
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of December 14, 2025

Sunday Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a;
Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Friday Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

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

Sunday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

OCIA — COME & SEE

JOIN US ON SUNDAY'S IN THE HORNET ROOM FROM 4:00-6:00 P.M.

We will share our lives, scripture, hospitality and answer your questions about Catholicism.



For information contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net)

All are welcome:

those that are thinking about the OCIA process and those that are already Catholic.

A POST FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

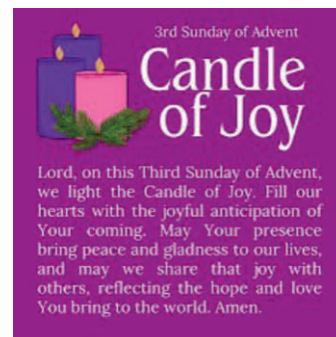
The gospel reading this Third Sunday of Advent reminds us that we all need a sign. In prison, St. John the Baptist was confused. He began to doubt. He sent his disciples to ask Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come?" He was asking for a sign.

In this Advent season, Pope Francis wrote that, "...the sweetness of the Lord is announced to us. The world goes on." We continue to look for a sign, but the sign always remains the same. Contemplating the Child born in a manger, I invite you to reflect on how you welcome God's tenderness in your life. Do you allow God to embrace you.....do you prevent God from approaching?"

These are some wonderful thoughts from Pope Francis. It could be asked if we allow God to love us. Do we have the courage to accept the challenging situations in our life and those that surround us or, do we prefer efficient solutions that have little to do with gospel values? God invites us with the sweetness of the Lord. It's a joyful time. We must not be afraid of the sweetness that God shows toward us!

Advent is over halfway finished! How is your Advent journey going thus far?

Sincerely, *Fr. Paul*



HERE AT ST. TOM'S



ST. TOM'S WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

Gathers monthly on the 3rd Monday in the social hall for the women of the parish to meet one another, make friends, and plan outings. During the month, we also meet for lunch, go to movies, with some future outings of picnics, walks, and day trips. Interested in learning more about the group? Email Linda at kot10ed@yahoo.com or Mary Ellen at maryellenoreilly@gmail.com. **The next meeting will be Monday, December 15, 2:00 pm in the Social Hall.** Join us for some Christmas cheer and get-to-know-you fun! Feel free to bring any non-perishable items for a local food bank.

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.

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.

TOILET PAPER MINISTRY

We collect toilet paper year around for those in need. You may drop it off at church when you attend Mass or bring to the office at 1333 W. Lovell St., (corner of Monroe & Lovell Streets) during our normal business hours (see bulletin cover for parish office hours).

REFUGEE UPDATE | My garage is a place of joy!

My house has become the storage place for your donations until they are needed by a refugee family. Sometimes it feels like Christmas in my garage! Recently a woman came and chose a beautiful set of china, blue flowers on white. You should have seen her expression of disbelief! She took a rug for her bedroom, bath towels, and a coffeepot. I felt like we were giving her an early holiday! A young man who is helping his family of eight came to pick up some storage units, kitchen towels, and a used printer. He will take only what his family needs, he says, because there are others who also have needs. St. Tom's is really generous! Another new family has arrived recently. I am waiting to hear what they need. Meanwhile, a person whose mother died recently brought me a beautiful dining table with eight chairs. He said he was glad he could give it to someone who could use it. I know someone will need it soon. I am amazed constantly by how God works through us. One person needs something that another person has and is willing to give. This is how community works. This is how family helps one another. Sometimes it seems to me that the giver is at least as grateful for the opportunity to give as the receiver is grateful for the gift. I will continue to give my St. Tom's family opportunities to help our new (and sometimes not-so-new) neighbors! I am so lucky to be able to share in the joy on both sides of this incredible ministry!

Please contact me, Elsie Romano, at 269-312-9076.



COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

No M@M, Student Holy Hour, Kanley Mass, Sunday Supper from Dec 12 through Jan 11.

There WILL be a Shuttle.

ARE YOU A COLLEGE STUDENT WHO WOULD LIKE A RIDE TO SUNDAY MASS?

If so, please contact Kevin at kevin@sttomskazoo.org to get on the list for the Sunday Shuttle.

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 to subscribe to our weekly email. Our GroupMe texting group can be found here: https://groupme.com/join_group/89335085/4QjZw0gK

JOP OPPORTUNITIES HERE AT ST. TOM'S

ASSISTANT CAMPUS MINISTER POSITION

Part time: 16-19 hours/week

The person in this role mentors student leaders in faith and practical skills, meets students where they are physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The assistant campus minister is a critical member of the St. Tom's campus ministry team and will need some previous formal experience in teaching/sharing/leading faith. For details or to apply, please send a resume and cover letter to lisa@sttomskazoo.org

SUNDAY SHUTTLE COORDINATOR JOB OPENING

Late February / Early March

- Transportation to and from Sunday evening Mass is a critical way we serve our college students. We are seeking a coordinator and primary driver to use the church minivan, communicate with students and drivers via text, WhatsApp, email and in person, as well as planning the routes.
 - Must be 21 or older for insurance purposes. Must already use or be willing to learn to use WhatsApp.
- For details or to apply, please email lisa@sttomskazoo.org.

DECEMBER 2025 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for December	78,019
12/07	11,002
12/14	
12/21	
12/28	
Electronic gifts for December	13,499
Total gifts to date for December	24,501

MEN — LIVE A CURSILLO WEEKEND

February 26-March 1, 2026 – Men's #81 Cursillo weekend, Amigo Center Sturgis. informational flyers & forms are available on our website. <https://kalamazoocursillo.com/forms> Questions? For more information contact Amy Hackman, Pre Cursillo Coordinator, 269-625-1512, ahackman85@yahoo.com Deacon Andy Boyd, Rector, 260-350-8597, dcnandyboyd@gmail.com

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