

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM

Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament. The next scheduled class is Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples planning to marry within the next year need to attend a marriage preparation meeting. The next class will be offered Sunday, January 7, following 11:30 am Mass.

Call the parish office at 269-381-8917 to register.

Registration required for Baptism Class & Marriage Prep.



*The Pastoral Team and Parish Staff
Wish you a Blessed and
Merry Christmas.*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Merry Christmas

Parish Office Closed

Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

12:00 p.m. AA/AI Anon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00-9:00 a.m. Exposition Holy Hour

12:00 p.m. AA

6:30-7:30 p.m. Reconciliation

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00-9:00 a.m. Exposition Holy Hour

12:00 p.m. AA/AI Anon

8:00 p.m. Student AA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 a.m. Women's AA

8:30-10:30 a.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous

11:00 a.m. AA

8:00 p.m. Student AA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

3:30-5:00 a.m. FA

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 — Happy New Year

Parish Office Closed

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Romans:1625-27

Luke 1:26-38

Christmas

Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Tuesday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday 1 John 1:1-4 John 20:1-8

Thursday 1 John 1:5—2:2 Matthew 2:13-18

Friday 1 John 2:3-11 Luke 2:22-35

Saturday 1 John 2:12-17 Luke 2:36-40

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:22-40

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 — St. John of Kanty

6:00 p.m. † James Schmitt requested by Jim & Mary Grace

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. People of the parish

11:30 a.m. Men and women serving in the military

5:00 p.m. Sisters and girls of Casa Amparo
(Children's Mass)

7:30 p.m. People of the parish

10:00 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 — The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 a.m. People of the parish

6:00 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 — St. Stephen

5:15 p.m. Vocations

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 — St. John

5:15 p.m. Priests serving the Diocese of Kalamazoo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 — The Holy Innocents

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 — Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas

5:15 p.m. Peace in the world

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 — Sixth Day with the Octave of Christmas

6:00 p.m. † Nancy Otten

requested by Becky & dcn. joe schmitt

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 — The Holy Family

9:30 a.m. † Gordon Selkirk requested by Yvonne Selkirk

11:30 a.m. † Marilyn Singh mother of Phillip Singh

6:00 p.m.. † Ken Schlaack requested by Sue Schlaack

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:15 p.m. Refugee families

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish
421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, MI — Phone 269-381-8917
Pastor — Reverend Dan Hyman
Parish office located at 1333 W. Lovell St.



I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas. I hope you have a relaxing day with the Lord. I would like to thank all of those who helped set up for this week's liturgies. I also would like to thank all of you for your participation in last week's second collection for the bishop's annual appeal. I also invite us to remember in our prayers all of those in our parish community who may find this a difficult season.

HERE AT ST. TOM'S



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We will be reading two books during the winter session. Our first book is *My Sisters the Saints* by Colleen Carroll Campbell. This study will be from January 11 - February 22 at 6:00 p.m. The second book is *Walk in Her Sandles* by Kelly Wahlquist. Which will meet March 1 - April 12. The books are \$12.50 each. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table by the sacristy.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING A SUNDAY SUPPER?

Sign-up for the next semester. The book is in the narthex.

DONUT PICK-UP

If you attend 9:30 am Mass and would like to help with picking up donuts from Sweetwater on Stadium Drive you may sign-up in the narthex. We appreciate your help.

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Will not meet on Monday, December 25 or Monday, January 1. Please join us Monday, January 8.

"ISSUES" GROUP

Issues will take a break December 25 and January 1. We will resume on Monday, January 8 at 1:00 pm in the Cougar Room.

EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS OF YOGA

Reduce stress, improve awareness, posture, strength, balance and flexibility. Uniting body, mind and spirit with instructor Gena Pezzoli, every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. Suggested donation of \$5-\$10. **Please make a note — yoga will not meet December 26 and 28. Join them next week, January 2 and 4.**

REACH, STRETCH, RELAX

is a group chair exercise class that targets balance, flexibility, range of movement and breathing. The class meets every Wednesday 11:00 am - Noon in the Cougar Room. This class is appropriate for "every body". Contact Matt Barretta at 343-7857 or 548-6837 for more info. **Take note the class will not meet on Wednesday, December 27. Class will resume on Wednesday, January 3.**



SUNDAY SUPPER, SUNDAY SHUTTLE, and MORE AT MIDWEEK will resume after January 8th when all of our college students are back in session.

Thank you to everyone who helped assemble Student Care Packages and donated cookies and candy. Your help and dedication to our students is a wonderful gift!



TOILET PAPER MINISTRY CONTINUES

for those in need. Bring it in anytime and put it in the alcove in the narthex hallway. Thank you everyone for your donations to this much needed ministry



WE INVITE YOU TO HELP SERVE MEALS MONTHLY GOSPEL MISSION

St. Tom's is scheduled to help serve dinner at the Gospel Mission on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Arrive by 4:30 p.m. and we are finished at 7:00 p.m. Our January date is Tuesday the 16th.

MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY

St. Tom's has committed to serving lunch at Ministry with Community on the 4th Sunday of each month from 12:45 - 2:45 p.m. We need at least 12 volunteers to carry this off. The next Ministry with Community lunch we are scheduled is Sunday, January 28. Please email deacon joe at jhschmitt@charter.net or if you prefer phone call(269)327-1822 and leave him a message if you plan to serve at either location.



Mark your Calendar:

A JustFaith class, "Hunger for Change" will begin on Wednesday evenings, beginning January 17. This 8-week ecumenical class will help us understand and respond to

those who endure hunger and food insecurity. Stay tuned for details, available after the holidays.

For more information call Nancy Servoss 269 598-0936



CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

helps at risk youth move into transitional housing, from the street, couch hopping, shelter environment, to a more stable setting that includes case management & life-skills coaching.

WE NEED VOLUNTEER SUPPORT WITH MOVING FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Interested volunteers please contact jean-nineboehm@ccdok.org.

DECEMBER 2017 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Weekly Target	\$ 14,530.00
12/3	12,004.49
12/10	7,838.45
12/17	13,244.96
12/24	
Christmas	
12/31	
Electronic gifts for December 2017	19,287.58
Total gifts to date for December 2017	\$ 52,375.48
Operating budget to date December 2017	43,590.00
Difference in December 2017	8,785.48
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	\$ (22,479.03)