

# Advent

Projects 2017



REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN NEED

## **San Salvador Parish of María Madre de los Pobres ROMERO CENTER**



At our sister parish, one small but special project is the day-center for senior citizens. Despite the country's constitutional requirement to care for the needs of vulnerable older persons, there are few resources dedicated to their needs. If families do not care for them, they are left to their own resources, usually living alone or on the streets, relying on the charity of others to give them a meal. For the past nine years, the parish has run a day-center for seniors on a shoestring, even selling handicrafts made by the seniors to provide some financial support. The center includes rooms to listen to music, watch TV, or sit and chat. For a few years, the Center was supported by a grant from the Sisters of the Precious Blood (Dayton, Ohio). We cannot apply for that grant again, and thus far, St. Thomas More has been the only funder for this program. We are again adopting the Center as one of our Advent projects. The budget pays for a daily meal and snack, handicraft supplies, the overhead costs to the parish of the building itself, and salaries for its two staff members. Total cost, and our goal: \$7000.



*Be sure  
to put the tag  
on the gift  
so we know  
who to  
give it to!!*

## **OPEN DOORS ~Kalamazoo**

helps homeless people and families become self-supporting. They have a growing number of households in their residence and our parish families will bring Christmas to them by providing presents for the children and household items for the parents. We will also furnish some general household items. Open Doors deeply appreciates St. Tom's participation in The Giving Tree.

**St. Tom's children** are invited to take a gift tag from the tree in our narthex which will help you to buy gifts which these families need. Choose a tag (each Open Doors family is represented by a color). Needed items are printed on the tags.

**Please return your wrapped gifts with tags attached under the tree in the narthex by Monday, December 19.**



## **THE KALAMAZOO**

**GOSPEL MISSION**, located at 448 N. Burdick Street, is raising \$3 million for a new women and children's shelter for the homeless and hurting of our community. Last year, the Gospel Mission served 689 women 513 children and 223 families. The new shelter will allow the Mission to expand its capacity to serve more vulnerable Kalamazoo residents. The Gospel Mission serves any person in need and welcomes your gifts in support of our ministry to the community.

For more information, visit their website at [www.kzoogospel.org](http://www.kzoogospel.org) or contact Caressa Hamby at 269-345-2974 ext. 201.



Your donations to these projects may be turned in to St. Tom's in the attached envelope. Donations will be accepted throughout the Advent and Christmas season.