

### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am,  
5:00pm, 9:00pm  
Monday 12:30pm  
Tuesday 5:30pm  
Wednesday 12:30pm  
Thursday 5:30pm  
Friday 12:30pm

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday 4:00pm  
Monday 11:30am  
Tuesday 6:00pm  
Wednesday 11:30am, 9:00pm  
Thursday 6:00pm  
Friday 11:30am

### **ADORATION**

Wednesday 9:00pm  
Thursday 8:00am-Midnight

### **PARISH OFFICE**

Monday to Friday  
1:00pm-5:00pm

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Tuesday and Thursday  
10:00am-12:00pm  
Wednesday 3:30pm-5:30pm

### **SACRAMENTS**

If you're interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, or Holy Matrimony, please contact Fr. Jeff. Marriage prep must begin at least six months before your intended date.

### **REGISTRATION**

Student parishioners and new members of our permanent community can register at [sttomsbg.org/register](http://sttomsbg.org/register)



**WEEKLY CALENDAR****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass intention for  
 Thelma Drouillard (D)  
 1 Mc 6:1-13 | Lk 20:27-40

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

10:00am—Mass intention for  
 Doug & Joyce Hinesman (D)  
 4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass intention *pro populo*  
 9:00pm—Mass intention for  
 Paul Weinandy (D)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

*St Cecelia*

11:30am—Reconciliation  
 12:30pm—Mass intention for  
 The Word Among Us Partners  
 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 | Lk 21:1-4

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

*Sts. Clement I, Columban, &  
 Bl. Miguel Agustín*

5:00pm—Rosary for Life  
 5:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Paul Weinandy (D)  
 6:00pm—Reconciliation  
 Dn 2:31-45 | Lk 21:5-11

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

*St. Andrew Dūn-Lac & Companions*

11:30am—Reconciliation  
 12:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Bill Bihn (D)  
 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-28 | Lk 12:12-19

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

*Eucharistic Adoration*

*St Catherine of Alexandria*  
 5:00pm—Rosary for Vocations  
 5:30pm—Mass intention for  
 Barbara Anteau (D)  
 6:00pm—Reconciliation  
 Dn 6:12-28 | Lk 21:20-28

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

11:30am—Reconciliation  
 12:30pm—Mass  
 Dn 7:2-14 | Lk 21:29-33

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass intention for  
 Stella Wojciechowski (D)  
 Dn 7:15-27 | Lk 21:34-36

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

*First Sunday of Advent*

10:00am—Mass intention for  
 Donelda Woods (D)  
 4:00pm—Reconciliation  
 5:00pm—Mass  
 9:00pm—Mass intention *pro populo*  
*Anniversary (A) | Birthday (B) | Deceased (D)*

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEACON**

This weekend marks the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year—the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Next week, we begin Liturgical Year C that focuses on the Gospel of Luke and the beginning of Advent. At St. Thomas More University Parish, this weekend also marks a milestone in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process with the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming at the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday. This simple ritual is a way for those who are considered “inquirers” of the faith to become catechumens (if they are not baptized) or candidates (if they are already baptized Christians). This year, we have been graced with 12 inquirers, including 3 who seek baptism and 9 who seek First Holy Communion or Confirmation or both. At the Easter Vigil next April, the Church offers the Sacraments of Initiation to those who have been formed through the RCIA process.

An important part of the RCIA process are the prayers of the local community for those who are preparing for full participation in the Church. Each of us has a responsibility to remember the individuals who are in formation and to pray for their continued conversion. We will place a picture frame in our church with photos of all who are in the RCIA process as a reminder to pray for them. At this Sunday’s rite, there are special intercessions that formally engage the greater parish in prayers of support for all who are in the process. I also recommend that anytime you pray—whether it be in the morning, evening, or meals—that you include a short intention for our catechumens and candidates.

As we begin the four Sundays of Advent next week, St. Tom’s is also bringing back the popular Advent Evenings of Reflection that were abbreviated last year due to the pandemic. These evenings provide each permanent community and student member with an opportunity for a mini retreat, spread over the course of three days. Some may be familiar with a Parish Mission that serves a similar purpose, focusing on a theme during a particular week of the year. The theme this year is “Saints of the Season,” as we reflect on the lives of several saints whose feasts are celebrated in December and early-January. The first session of this series will be part of the homilies I will preach on the weekend of December 4-5. Then, on Monday, December 6, from 7:00-8:45pm in the church, we will look at the lives of several saints whose feasts are during the Advent Season and how to use their words and prayers to prepare us for Christmas. On Tuesday, December 7, we will have the final session that will focus on Saints of the Christmas Season, at the same time and place. Each evening will feature presentations, music, discussion, and a tasty snack break to build community. As a special feature this year, on both Monday and Tuesday evening, we will be visited by one of the saints, in person and up close. You won’t want to miss this opportunity to hear from and ask questions of a saint—even the children of our parish will enjoy this rare opportunity!

There is no RSVP process for the Advent Evenings of Reflection, but we are praying for excellent attendance as there will be something for everyone. This is an opportunity to set aside less than two hours on each of two evenings just to get away from the craziness of work and Christmas shopping, slow down, and reflect on the joy of the season. If you are unable to come one night, you are encouraged to attend on the other. Meanwhile, Happy Feast of Christ the King and conclusion to the Liturgical Year!

Yours in Christ,  
 Deacon Dan Brahier

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY**

We are asking for donations of Instant mashed potatoes, cereal, and precooked bacon at this time. You can also give back to our food pantry if you have a Kroger Rewards card by going online to Kroger Community Rewards and connect your rewards card to St. Thomas More Food Pantry!

**PISANELLO'S PIZZA COUPONS**

Looking for an easy night without cooking, while supporting our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in an ongoing fundraiser? Purchase coupons anytime in our parish office at \$3.00 each for a 7" two-topping personal pizza from Pisanello's located downtown.

# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAYS || 8:00AM-MIDNIGHT

*And behold; I am with you always.*  
Matthew 28:20

We will be offering Adoration until December 9. We will then resume weekly adoration in early January.

Missed a past weekend homily? Listen to Fr. Jeff and Deacon Dan on Google Podcast, iTunes, and Spotify by searching for **SUNDAYS AT ST. TOM'S!**

**OUR PARISH STAFF & STUDENT LEADERSHIP****Pastor**

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**PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

To add a loved one to our list, please contact the office.

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*Happy Thanksgiving*

Our parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday this week in celebration of Thanksgiving. May God bless our Holy families!

## IN OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

**OUR LADY CELEBRATION**

Join the Diocese of Toledo for their annual celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 11. Festivities will begin at 7:30am with a Serenade to Our Lady, followed by hot cocoa and refreshments, a reenactment and procession, and concluding with Mass and a luncheon. All are invited to attend at St. Joseph in Fremont, OH.

**ADVENT  
LESSONS *and* CAROLS**

FRIDAY, December 3 @ 7:00 PM  
Monastery of the Visitation  
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**Prepare your heart for the  
celebration of our Savior's birth!**

Join the Visitation Sisters and a choir of young adults from Toledo, OH and Fort Wayne, IN, as they reflect on the wonder and beauty of the Incarnation through an evening of sacred music, Scripture, and prayer.

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The month of November is National Adoption Awareness Month. Adoption has a critical role in saving lives, creating families, and offering hope to women and parents across the globe. Birth mothers, adoptive parents and all adopted or waiting-to-be-adopted children are in our prayers in a special way this month. This month and every month, we want to share a word of encouragement to all adoptive parents birth mothers, and adoptees that play a pivotal role in creating a culture of life in our nation. You help bring about a world where the dignity of every human life is valued and protected.

**Jeanne F. Mancini**

*President, March for Life Education and Defense Fund*

**US ADOPTION STATISTICS**

Adoption Network Website

- About 2% of Americans have adopted; more than 1/3 have considered it
- One out of every 25 US families with children have an adopted child
- Almost 60-70% of domestic adoptions are open adoptions
- Around 7 million Americans are adopted
- Around 140,000 children are adopted by American families each year
- 90% of adopted children have a positive view and feelings about their adoption
- Experts estimate 1-2 million couples are waiting to adopt
- Every year there are about a million abortions
- 4% of women with unwanted pregnancies place their children through adoption

**GIVE A LITTLE**

There's a whole new way to give back to our parish! Shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), and you can select our parish as your favorite charitable organization at no additional cost! Amazon will then donate .5% of the prices of any eligible purchases to our parish.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)**

The Catholic Church offers many resources for those desiring more information about NFP and how to practice it in your own marriage. Whether you want to work with a couple directly over the course of a few months or learn about it at home, here are some resources available:

- Couple to Couple League: [ccli.org](http://ccli.org)
- NFP International: [nfpandmore.org](http://nfpandmore.org)
- Creighton Model Fertility: [FertilityCare.org](http://FertilityCare.org)

**THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

# MORE IN MINISTRY

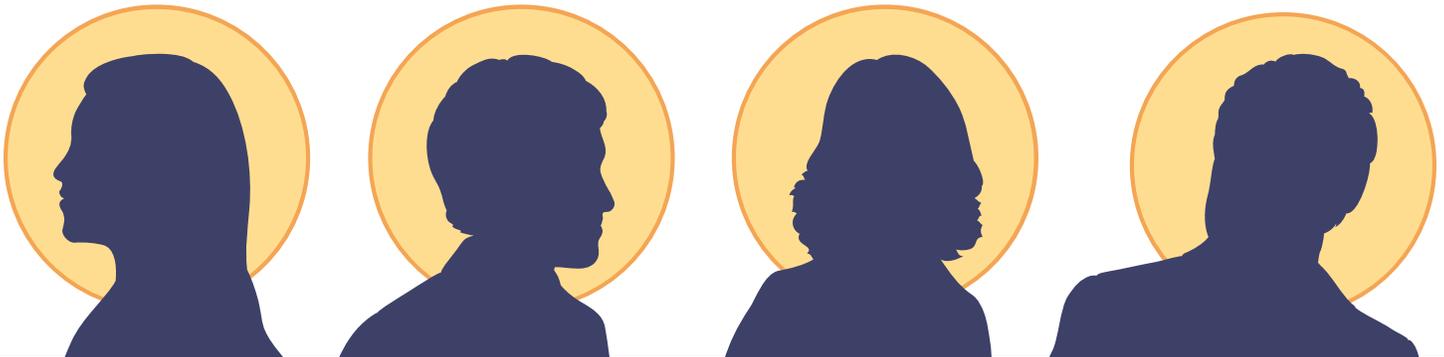
## Solemn WESPERS

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00PM

Join us by candlelight beginning next week each Wednesday during Advent as we offer a special devotion of evening Solemn Vespers. Prayer will take place during Eucharistic Adoration and include the singing of hymns, the chanting of psalms, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**FREE**  
THOU SHALL CHOW  
**FOOD**

EACH SUNDAY | 6:00PM



## Saints of the Season

WITH DEACON DAN BRAHIER

**DECEMBER 6 - 7 | 7:00-8:45PM**

Experience the season of preparation like never before, as we dive deeply into the hearts of the saints who serve as our guides to holiness. Why are these individuals celebrated during this time of year? Do you know their stories?

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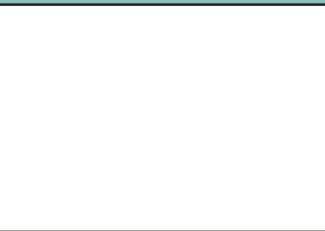
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