

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street ~ Kalamazoo, MI 49006



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**THE CHURCH
IS OPEN FOR MASS**

Daily

Monday — Friday
5:15 p.m.

Saturday
6:00 p.m.

Sunday
10:30 a.m.
and
6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

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

Holy Hour

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

**THE BUILDING IS NOT OPEN
FOR ANY OTHER
MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES.**

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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 —

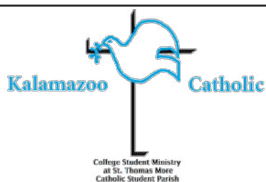
Couples planning to marry within the next year need to attend a marriage preparation meeting.

For more information call the parish office at
269-381-8917 or email sttoms@sttomskazoo.org

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Sunday	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
Monday	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-20
Tuesday	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20



CAMPUS MINISTRY



We are excited to have you back in the parish and in Kalamazoo and are committed to keeping you safe here at St. Tom's. Our parish adheres to the guidelines and reopening policies put out by the Diocese of Kalamazoo. We are currently in Phase 1.5 of reopening and that means the church building is only open during Mass and Confession. Because of this, we will need to get creative with our ways to get together. Unfortunately, we will need to start our year without the benefit of the beloved Sunday Supper. The good news is, we will be able to leverage the nice weather and longer days in the beginning of the semester by gathering outside for More at Midweek as well as bible studies and some social events.

Follow us on Instagram @KalamazooCatholic or sign up for our weekly email or GroupMe for updates on all the activities we offer for students.

First of the Year: More at Midweek on

Wednesday, September 2 at 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We will gather in the front parking lot for faith-sharing, prayer, backyard style games, and a grill out. This will be entirely outside, so plan for the weather, please bring your own mask, and plan to be physically distanced.

Bible Study, email, and GroupMe sign-ups (contactless) will be available outside after all Masses this weekend August 29-30 and on some of the following weekends as well, so watch out for student leaders.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 — The Passion of St. John the Baptist

6:00 p.m. †Val Eichenlaub by Tom & Monique Coyne

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 — Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. †Tony Romano by Maggie Ebrite

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

5:15 p.m. Migrant workers and families

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:15 p.m. For those affected by Covid-19

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5:15 p.m. Deacon & Mrs. Robert Bambrick
by George Hebben

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 — St. Gregory the Great

5:15 p.m. †Matthew Margiewicz

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

5:15 p.m. First responders and health care workers

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 — St. Teresa of Calcutta

6:00 p.m. †Mitch Paul

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 — Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. †Deceased members of Roy Hiler Family

6:00 p.m. Benefactors for Lay Mission Helpers/

†Msgr. Browsers birthday



Daily 5:15 p.m.

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday

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

Seating is substantially reduced to accommodate social distancing guidelines due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Everyone is welcome - signing up is recommended,

Click the link below to sign-up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A45A8AF23AAF49-september>

You may also call 269-381-8917 (leave message)
or email sttoms@sttomskazoo.org
with your name and number of seats needed.

ALL MASSES WILL STREAM LIVE ON FACEBOOK

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday - 5:15 p.m.

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/sttomskazoo/>



If you don't have a Facebook page go to St. Tom's website and click the link on the home page below the headline Mass with Fr. Paul Streaming Live.

Email birthdays, anniversaries and good news to

sttoms@sttomskazoo.org

a post
from
Fr. Paul

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I would like to give us all an update at our Sister Parish, Mary Mother of the Poor in El Salvador. We did receive an update from Rosibel, the church administrator on July 31.

Rosibel reports the country has been in a state of emergency since March 12. Many restrictions are to be lifted on Monday, August 31. Public transportation has been closed since March 12. During this time, a strict stay at home policy has been in effect. She reports that several older people in the community have died, probably due to the Coronavirus. Many people are afraid of going to the hospital because they may never return home and see their family again. The gangs in the areas have been threatening to remove people from their homes/communities if they have the virus.

There have been storms/floods during the past few months. This has subsided, thankfully. The damage from the tropical storm affected the fence surrounding the parish. The parish helped by delivering supplies (food, water, pupusas, breads, medicines, etc.) They have received help from other organizations, including some government assistance.

The clinic at the parish has had significant changes since March. 1) The physician, Dr. Chavez has been hired by the government. The clinic does not currently have a physician. The clinic has had a difficult time getting testing equipment for the Covid virus. They suspect a high number of clients who come to the clinic have the Covid virus. Many people exhibit symptoms of the virus. 2) Dental services are also significantly diminished. 3) In early July, the clinical laboratory graduate resigned. Currently the lab part of the clinic is closed.

The parish did receive the money our church sent to them in March. It has helped very much.

The high school and university students are studying online at all levels. The challenge is for the family/students to access the internet. They state that this is an incredible challenge also for many of the teachers/professors to offer classes online. They access on the computer or by phone. This creates an additional expense. Sometimes a student needs to spend up to one dollar or more to access the online classes. In many cases, each family has 3-4 students. This can become expensive. Some students are choosing to work currently rather than continue their studies. We did receive a current update of students who are continuing their studies. Rosibel also reports that many people are feeling the psychological effects of loneliness, separation anxiety, etc. It has been a challenging time for their entire country. They appreciate all the assistance that St. Tom's has provided during this time.

Please continue to keep Rosibel, Fr. Luiz, and the people of our Sister parish in your prayers. It is a demanding and stressful time for everyone. The Sister parish committee here continues to meet on a regular basis. We will continue to monitor their situation and see if we can be of assistance in any way.

Please take care.

Peace,

FR. Paul



we are hosting a blood drive
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
11:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Register to donate at the link below

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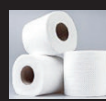


AUGUST 2020 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for August	57,500.00
8/2	6,937.00
8/9	4,652.00
8/16	4,621.48
8/23	3,156.00
8/30	
Electronic gifts for August 2020	24,283.42
Total gifts to date for August 2020	43,649.90

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All People Matter
JUSTICE

**TOILET
PAPER
MINISTRY**



toilet paper
donation
for those in need.

The back door of the office garage is open
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday for drop of
all items listed, as well as returnable cans & bottles.
Call the parish office or email sttoms@sttomskazoo.org
for more information about how to donate.

**St. Tom's is sponsoring Caring Network's Parish Playpen
during the month of August!**

Caring Network assists pregnant women of all ages, faiths, and marital status with life-affirming decisions. The Caring Network needs new items for the women and children they serve, including: Receiving blankets and crib sheets; Pree-mie clothing and newborn clothing; underwear (sizes 2T-6) socks for 0-12 months; baby towels, wash cloths & burp cloths. Call 381-1234 or visit www.ccdok.org for more info.



THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

August 24, 2020
St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we are all well aware, it has been a little more than five months since we began to deal with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to initiate unprecedented restrictions to our coming together for public Masses. I remember vividly that date of March 20, 2020 when I first issued a General Dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass. While we were able to return to the public celebration of Mass two months later on May 31, 2020, the Solemnity of Pentecost, we have done so limiting attendance to no more than 25 percent of each church's capacity and following protocols for social distancing, mask wearing and strict hygienic practices. During these past months a General Dispensation was granted to remain in effect until September 6, 2020 in order to accommodate people who were in a vulnerable category, who were medical personnel/caregivers, or even for those who were seriously concerned for their safety in gatherings of people.

Even though I had hoped that by now, we would be at a point that some of these restrictions would be lifted, it is clear at present that is not the case. Therefore, **I am extending the existing General Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days through Sunday, November 22, 2020**, the Last Sunday of the Church Year. I do so with the hope that as we celebrate the beginning of the new Church Year on the first Sunday of Advent on November 30, 2020, the overall situation will have improved and, hopefully, a General Dispensation at that time will no longer be needed.

However, even as I extend this General Dispensation, I must share with you a growing concern that I have about how these more than five months, during which most of our Faithful people have not been coming to Mass in person, might begin---perhaps subconsciously---to encourage a habit of allowing Sunday to become just like any other day.

It is important that we remember the very serious obligation we all have of coming together as People of Faith, to worship and praise God in the best possible way that Jesus has provided for us: by coming together for the Holy Mass and by celebrating the Eucharist. In light of this, the General Dispensation is a special, temporary accommodation for an extraordinary situation. Those who are able to safely attend Mass should make every effort to do so. I am grateful for the diligent and committed efforts of our clergy and lay leaders in taking all the necessary, additional safety precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible while at church. There are also those Parish Collaboratives offering Mass outdoors to accommodate more people, and I invite you to consider that option as well. As you examine your own daily activities (returning to work or school, going to restaurants, attending social gatherings, etc.), please make every effort to return to the practice of Sunday Mass as soon as you can safely do so.

I also wish to clarify that this General Dispensation is **not** a dispensation from the equally serious obligation that we all have to be faithful to the Third Commandment, "To keep holy the Lord's Day". Even though there is nothing that will equal attending Mass in person, I ask you to consider the possibility of, individually, as a couple, or as a family, prayerfully participating in Sunday Mass through one of the many live-streamed weekly Sunday Masses available to us. If you are unable to do that, perhaps you can spend time prayerfully reading and reflecting on the Scripture Readings for that particular Sunday (which can be found at www.diokzoo.org). You may also consider praying the Rosary together, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet together, or performing some Spiritual or Corporal Works of Mercy together. Performing one, or all of these pious actions, will assist you to remain in the habit of worshipping God on Sundays.

As your Bishop and your Pastor, I want all of us to stay safe and be well, fully aware that this pandemic is far from over, and that this COVID-19 virus is not ready to loosen its hold on us quite yet. However, I also appeal to you from *my heart* to not let *your hearts* grow cold by allowing bad habits to form; rather let us consciously choose to develop the virtues of prayerfulness, praise, and awareness of God's Presence in our lives. Let us actively express our love for Jesus, and our faith in our loving God who wants nothing more than for us to be united to Him, and to one another. In the beautiful words of St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans from yesterday's Mass (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time):

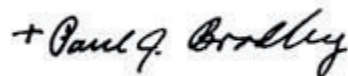
Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen." (Rom 11:33-36)

As we give our praise and thanks to God our Father, we continue to ask His blessings upon us all in these challenging times, praying that we will emerge from these days as truly courageous disciples and joyful witnesses of our Lord Jesus, and, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we will radiate Jesus' love to all the world. Let us continue to trust in the intercession of our Blessed Mother, to whom our Diocese has been consecrated, that her maternal prayers will obtain the graces and guidance we need during these times, and bring an end to the pandemic.


Assuring you of my daily prayers and remembrances before the Lord, and asking that we continue to pray for one another, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Paul J. Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley
Bishop of Kalamazoo

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