

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street ~ Kalamazoo, MI 49006

THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR MASS

Daily

Monday — Friday

5:15 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

beginning March 28

Saturday

6:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Seating is limited for
proper social distancing

Please sign-up for weekend masses
on our website or call the office to
ensure seating is arranged accordingly.
We want all to attend and feel safe.

Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Student Holy Hour

Thursday 7:00 - 8:00 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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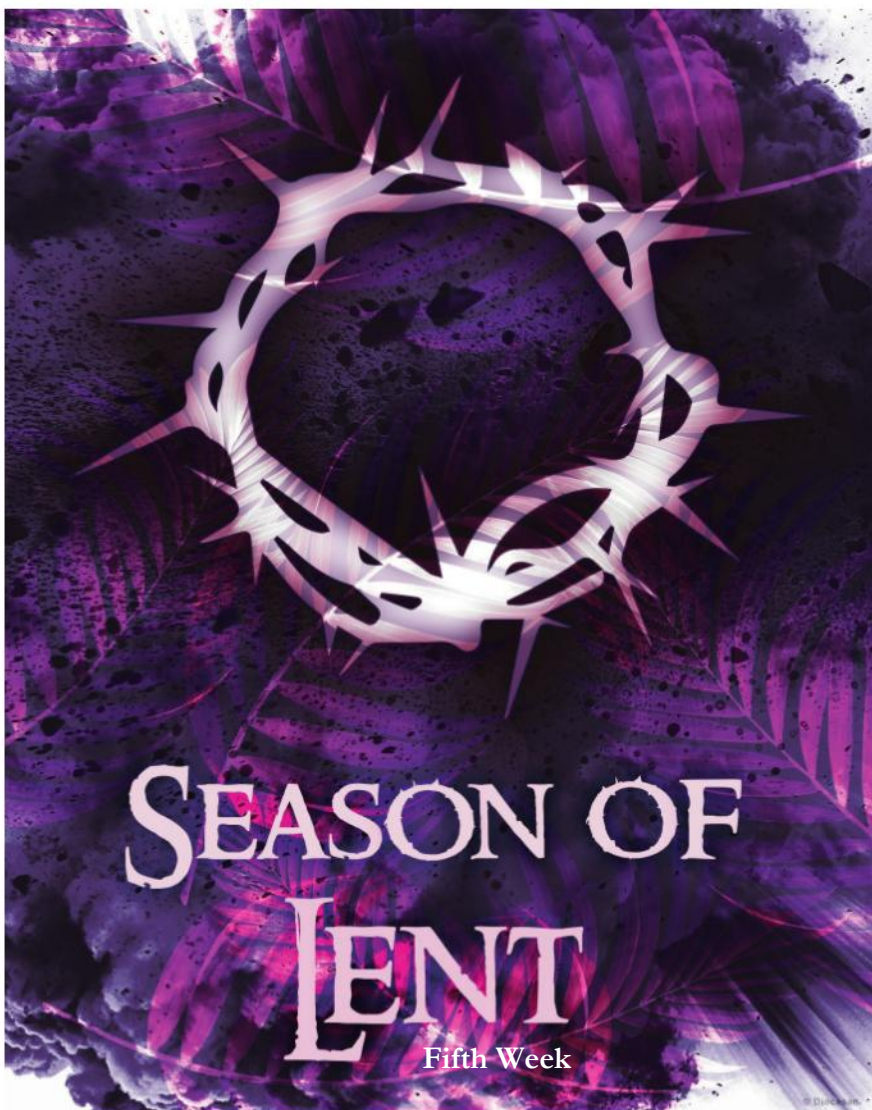
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THE PARISH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED

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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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 — SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Sunday	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

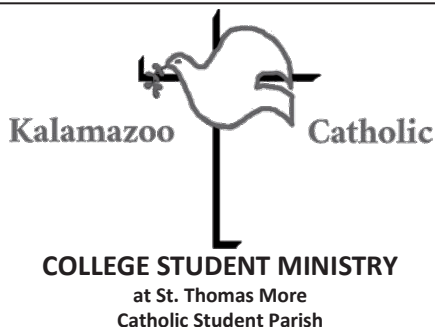
BAPTISM —

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



**STUDENT
HOLY
HOUR**
THURSDAYS
from 7-8 p.m.
in the
Worship Space
with
Fr. Harry Potter



MORE AT MIDWEEK on Wednesday, March 24 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This will be our final in-person More at Midweek of the academic year. Join us for pizza, faith-sharing, and prayer followed by karaoke and Just Dance. Stay tuned for our switch to virtual More at Midweek after Easter.

Week of March 28:
No student activities due to WMU Spring Break!

REMINDER TEXTS Text @sttomsr to 81010 to sign up for reminders for our weekly campus ministry events. We will continue to use our St. Tom's Students GroupMe to let you know about our one-off events, for you to set up social events, make prayer requests, ask for a ride to an event or invites to local or online Catholic 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 — Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. † Leonard Drescher by Joe & Becky Schmitt

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30 a.m. † John Andrysiak
by Rosemary Krulac & Dave Kacsor
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

MONDAY, MARCH 22 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. † Louise McCarry by Maggie Ebrite

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 — St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

5:15 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family

THURSDAY, MARCH 25 — The Annunciation of the Lord

5:15 p.m. † Pepita Bellini by Borden family

FRIDAY, MARCH 26 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. Healthcare workers

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 — Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. † Phil Carey by Joni Weaver

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 a.m. People of the parish
10:30 a.m. † Charles & Leona Heimberg
by Cartmill family
6:00 p.m. † Greg Pezzoli by Pezzoli family

MASS INTENTION —

if you wish to have a Mass offered for someone who has died or in celebration of someone's special day call the parish office, 381-8917. The intention appears under the Mass schedule in our bulletin. They can be set for weekday or weekend Mass. The usual donation is \$10.



ALL MASSES 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 box on the
homepage that says
live stream mass at St. Tom's.

Email birthdays, anniversaries, and good news to
sttoms@sttomskazoo.org

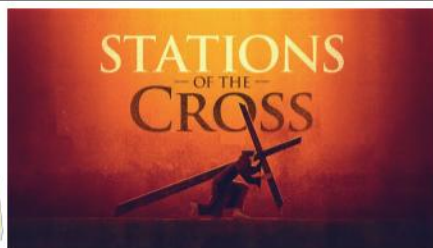


Seating is substantially reduced to accommodate
social distancing guidelines due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Everyone is welcome - signing up is recommended.

Sign-up at our website www.sttomskazoo.org and click on
sign-up for in person weekend mass.

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



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of the devotions that I have really learned to appreciate over the years during Lent is The Stations of the Cross. They traditionally follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to the tomb of Christ. It is an incredible way to spend some time with Christ and walk in His way.

Around the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the *Via Dolorosa* (Sorrowful Way), or simply the Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross.

According to Catholic Straight Answers, tradition holds that our Blessed Mother visited daily the scenes of our Lord's passion. When Christianity was legalized in AD 313, this pathway was marked with its important stations. St. Jerome (342-420), living in Bethlehem during the latter part of his life, attested to the crowds of pilgrims from various countries who visited these holy places and followed the Way of the Cross.

Over time, this devotion continued to grow in popularity. In 1342, the Franciscans were appointed as guardians of the shrines of the Holy Land.

William Wey, an English pilgrim, visited the Holy Land 1462, and is credited with the term *stations*. He described the manner in which a pilgrim followed the steps of Christ.

Because of the Muslim being in the Holy Land, actual visiting the original sites became very restricted. However, reproductions of the Stations were created. Many of these stations were produced by renowned artists and are considered masterpieces today.

At the end of the 17th century, the erection of stations in churches became more popular. In 1686, Pope Innocent XI, realizing that few people could travel to the Holy Land due to the Moslem oppression, granted the Franciscans the right to erect stations in all of their churches and that the same indulgences would be given to the faithful for practicing the devotion as if on an actual pilgrimage. Pope Benedict XIII extended these indulgences to all of the faithful in 1726. Five years later, Pope Clement XII permitted stations to be erected in all churches and fixed the number at 14.

The number of Stations has remained at 14 to this time (the 15th is the Resurrection of Jesus).

Over my life, I have grown to embrace the time I have spent meditating on the Stations of the Cross. This year, we hope to have a meditation on the Stations using the Memoria as the visual. This was developed by Fr. Ken Schmitt. The plan is to have this recorded and ready for Good Friday! I do hope you are able to view this recording. May it help you draw closer to Jesus as we continue this Lenten journey to Easter. May God bless you all.

Peace,

FR. Paul



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MIGRANT MINISTRY

COLLECTING SHEETS, BLANKETS & TOWELS

Do you have spare linens you can share? Both new and used sheets, blankets, and towels are needed. Also needed are **quart size glass jars with lids** (clean pasta sauce jars are great).

Please note: These are the only items we are collecting at this time. Watch for other updates in the coming weeks.

**The back door of the office garage is open
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
for drop-off of any items listed above.**



St. Tom's is hosting a BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, April 15, 11:00 - 5:00

Register to donate by visiting versiti.org
or follow the link below



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Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of water
before donating.

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/127478

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

MARCH SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for March	46,000.00
3/7	7,432.00
3/14	8,887.00
3/21	
3/28	
Electronic gifts for March 2021	21,468.67
Total gifts to date for March 2021	37,787.67

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