

#### Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

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 OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday — Friday 5:15 p.m.
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.

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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**

# Congratulations Collins Allyn Bordner

daughter of Brandon & Courtney who was baptized on Saturday, May 15, 2021.

**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, MAY 23 — SUNDAY, MAY 30

**Sunday** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:

19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**Monday** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5,

6-7; Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday** Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23; Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday** Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13;

Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday** Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 10:46-52

**Friday** Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;

Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday** Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mk 11:27-33

**Sunday** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22;

Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 22** — St. Rita of Cascia

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SUNDAY, MAY 23 — Pentecost Sunday

8:30 a.m. †Louise McCarry mother of Ann Kilkuskie 10:30 a.m. †Norma Jean Jump mother of Jim Jump

6:00 p.m. † Edwin Kretsch by Tammy Boneburg

MONDAY, MAY 24 — The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

5:15 p.m. Peace in the world

 $\textbf{TUESDAY, MAY 25} \ -- \ \text{St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII,} \\$ 

St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 — St. Philip Neri

5:15 p.m. Men and women serving in the military

THURSDAY, MAY 27 — St. Augustine of Centerbury

5:15 p.m. Vocations

FRIDAY, MAY 28

5:15 p.m. For the homeless

SATURDAY, MAY 29 — St. Paul VI

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SUNDAY, MAY 30 - The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 a.m. †Louise McCarry by pen pal Lilie

10:30 a.m. † Bob Schinderle father of Amy Kavanaugh

6:00 p.m. † Bret Sunnerville



#### ALL MASSES STREAM LIVE ON FACEBOOK

Monday - Friday - 5:15 p.m. Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 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.

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 <a href="www.sttomskazoo.org">www.sttomskazoo.org</a> and click on sign-up for in person weekend mass.

Questions call 269-381-8917 (leave message)

a post from Fr. Paul

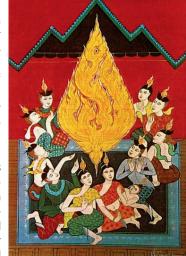
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Happy Pentecost! Have you ever tried to breathe without air? To see without light? To think when there is no thought? In our spiritual journey, we can't breathe, see or think or grow without the Holy Spirit in our lives! This is why this celebration is so im-

portant! This is why the Sacrament of Confirmation is so

important!

There are many passages in Sacred Scripture that point to the importance of Confirmation. I would invite vou all to read from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 19, verses 1-8. There is a great connection with John the Baptist. In Ephesus, St. Paul meets twelve people who were baptized by John. This was a baptism of repentance. St. Paul told them about Jesus, the Messiah! The Messiah could baptize them with the Holy Spirit and with fire. St. Paul



baptized these men in the manner that Christ said. They did not receive the Holy Spirit. Rather, it came upon them only after St. Paul confirmed them by the laying on of his hands.

This passage tells us that baptism, while extremely important (it is the gateway Sacrament), it is incomplete. The fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are received with the sealing of the baptized person at Confirmation with the oil of Holy Chrism.

Our Confirmation candidates will receive this Sacrament today, Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Cathedral. Please pray for them and they are "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

If you or no someone who has not been confirmed, please consider receiving this amazing Sacrament and receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in your lives! May God bless you all. Amen!

Peace,



PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 23, 2021

Dear Members of St. Thomas More,

As you know, we have had a Sister Parish in El Salvador since 1989. The priest that started our sister parish was a mission priest from Madrid, Spain. He served in El Salvador for 26 years before family responsibilities called him back to Spain. During the pandemic, he took the opportunity to write the history of his personal mission in El Salvador (complete with many pictures) during the 12 years of the Civil War and beyond. We are all a part of that history! Many of you that journeyed to El Salvador got to know Fr. Daniel personally, and those who haven't may really enjoy getting to know him and the Sister Parish through his book.





(Fr. Daniel Sánchez Barbero pictured above)

The book is full of detailed accounts of the most historic moments...

- The church martyrs
- The Repopulation Movement
- Encounters with the Armed Forces
- The politics within the Salvadoran church
- Establishing a NEW parish in La Chacra
- The development of lay leadership
- The accompaniment of Sister Parishes
- The killing of the Jesuits and the two women
- The creation of life-supporting programs in La Charcoal
- And so much more

In October 2020, The publication of Daniel's book was celebrated internationally via ZOOM. Many wanted a copy translated into English, so one of the other Sister Parish Members did the translation and is having it published through a Salvadoran publisher in the US.

We are a bit behind the eight ball- it is now out, but she ordered extra copies, so if any of you would like a copy-PLEASE send me your name **before the end of May** and I will try to get as many copies as we can. They are \$15 a piece and all proceeds will be donated to the Scholarship Program (Fr. Daniel was the founder of the program).

Thank you for your interest and support of our sister parish Mary Mother of the Poor.

Mary Frances Ross mfross50@gmail.com

### SALVADORAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

St. Tom's relationship with Maria Madre de los Pobres has extended over 25+ years. Our friendship and our the scholarship program have blessed the Salvadorans and us.

If you would like to be a partner in this scholarship program, pick-up the information flyer in the narthex or on our website — <a href="https://www.sttomskazoo.org/">www.sttomskazoo.org/</a>

You may send the form to the parish office or contact michelel@sttomskazoo.org with any questions.

The photos shown are from a previous delegation and groups of graduation high school & university students in the scholarship program.



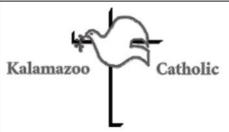
## St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish Parish Financial Report July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021

1	Actual	Budget	
Income Sunday Collections	513,940	457,125	General fund collection
Facilities Maintance Fund donations	66,539	15,000	Facilities maintenance fund donations
Other	98,800	44,082	Income from facilities rental, parents of students, retreats, Meijer and Hardings rewards, memorials
Total Income	679,279	516,207	
Expenses			
Support for CSGK	74,925	86,250	annual parish support for CSGK (Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo)
Parish Tithe (Donations)	18,780	22,856	our parish tithe donations to other ministries/services (up to 5% of Sunday donations)
Service to Parishioners	17,039	33,387	handouts, religious ed, tribunal fees, retreats, RCIA, music and liturgical supplies
Student Ministry	2,817	12,105	student retreats, student suppers and other student activities and FOCUS missionaries
Salary and benefits	246,018	277,447	all clergy, lay and support staff
Office Operations	21,736	22,319	office supplies and processes
Buildings and Maintenance	72,070	69,506	all building maintenance and utilities - church, office building, apartment building, rectory
Facility Insurance Premiums	12,117	12,117	required insurance through Michigan Catholic Conference
	465,502	535,987	
Building Furnishings & Equipment	38,075 (1)	9,000	budgeted capital improvements and equipment
Total Expenses	503,577	544,987	
Net Income (expense) before transfers	175,702	(28,780)	transfer of rectricted depotions to receive funds
Transfer to Savings	(166,699)	(15,000)	transfer of restricted donations to reserve funds (Facilities Maintenance Fund) and Parish Savings D&L
Transfer From Savings	-	14,468	transfer from parish savings account to cover operating expenses
Net Income (Expense) after Transfers	9,003	(29,312)	

<sup>(1)</sup> This overage is fully funded from amounts held in the Building Maintenance Reserve.

Note: Unrealized gains (losses) on held investments, due to change in market value amounted to \$93107.55

Anyone who wants a copy of the entire revene and expense statement and/or budget for the period can call the parish office and we will be glad to provide that information to you.



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weekly email or
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for updates
on all
the activities
we offer for
students.

#### **COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY**

at St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

#### **SUMMER HANGOUTS: GAMES EDITION!**

First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. throughout the summer on Zoom to reconnect with your Kalamazoo peeps and play some online games together.

#### **SUMMER HANGOUTS: ROSARY EDITION:**

Third Wednesday of the month, join us on Zoom to pray a rosary together --

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9027404194? pwd=VGxBYndwMiloSVE3TWt2RUJ4blU3dz09

Meeting ID: 902 740 4194

Passcode: STM

# WATCH FOR THE RETURN OF STUDENT HOLY HOUR IN THE FALL.

All summer long, you can join Fr. Paul for adoration Friday mornings 8-9 AM in the church. You can also see the parish office to apply for a key card to our Blessed Sacrament Chapel, which gives you 24/7 access to praying with Jesus in front of the tabernacle.

#### **HIKING PILGRIMAGE**

The Province of Michigan is planning a Young Adult Hiking Pilgrimage! Join young adults (18-39) from across Michigan for a weekend pilgrimage experience of camping, prayer, friendship, and hiking to the Shrine of the Cross in the Woods in Indian River, MI. Happening from Friday July 23 - Sunday July 25 and costing \$45 per person. You may find more information at Michigan Young Adult Hiking Pilgrimage 2021 (eventbee.com). <a href="https://www.eventbee.com/v/youngadulthiking2021#/tickets">https://www.eventbee.com/v/youngadulthiking2021#/tickets</a>

#### **REMINDER TEXTS**

Text @stromsr 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.



### **BAA UPDATE**

as of Monday, May 17 Total Pledges

169 = \$71,014 Goal 61% of

Difference -\$44,754

\$115,768



# 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-off.

# JOIN MEMBERS OF THE KALAMAZOO JUST FAITH COMMUNITY on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. to pray for an end to systemic racism.

On the anniversary of George Floyd's death, we gather to remember, pray, and lift our voices calling for an end to violence and systemic racism in our community, our nation, and our world.

We will meet outside of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 120 Roberson Street, Kalamazoo.

#### **MIGRANT MINISTRY DONATIONS**

Will be accepted at the back door of the parish office garage

June 1 through July 17

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

#### THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE ITEMS NEEDED:

- ◆ Rice◆ Flour

◆ Toiletries ESPECIALLY

- ♦ Sugar
- ◆ Blankets◆ Pillows

◆ Sheets

♦ Toothbrushes

- ♦ Cooking Oil
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Toothpaste◆ Soap
- ◆ Canned Tomatoes ◆ Diapers of all sizes

♦ Packs of Water

- ◆ Wipes
- ♦ Shampoo

Thank you! Your donations are appreciated. Due to Covid-19 restrictions and space limitation

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING
CLOTHING OR ITEMS OTHER THAN WHAT IS LISTED ABOVE.

St. Tom's is hosting a BLOOD DRIVE Thursday, June 10 11:00 - 5:00



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



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

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/127565

MAY SUNDAY COLLECTION				
Target for May	57,500.00			
5/2	11,336.00			
5/9	3,949.00			
5/16	6,590.02			
5/23				
5/30				
Electronic gifts for May 2021	20,143.67			
Total gifts to date for May 2021	42,018.69			



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