



**St. Thomas More
Catholic
Student Parish**

421 Monroe Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday
5:15 p.m.

Saturday
6:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

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.

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God Bless
AMERICA
HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
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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, JULY 4 — SUNDAY, JULY 11**

Sunday	Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a
Monday	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE —

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 3	— St. Thomas 6:00 p.m. Tom Sommerfeldt (living) by Jim & Mary Grace
SUNDAY, JULY 4	— Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 a.m. † Dan Martin by Lue Cervone & Terry Brown 10:30 a.m. † John & Caroline Rourke by Cartmill family 6:00 p.m. † Geraldine Schubert by daughter Elizabeth
MONDAY, JULY 5	— St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal 10:00 a.m. † Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph
TUESDAY, JULY 6	— St. Maria Goretti 5:15 p.m. Tom Sommerfeldt (living) by Jim & Mary Grace
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7	5:15 p.m. Vocations
THURSDAY, JULY 8	5:15 p.m. Communion Service
FRIDAY, JULY 9	— St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions 5:15 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family
SATURDAY, JULY 10	6:00 p.m. † Larry & Barbara (living) Paulik by Donna Holmes
SUNDAY, JULY 11	— Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 a.m. † Clifford VanAman by Bob VanAman 10:30 a.m. † Jan van den Hombergh by family 6:00 p.m. † Robert Schinderte by Amy Kavanaugh

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

*Congratulations to Titus Christopher Heyduk
son of Mark and Lisa
who was baptized on Sunday, June 27, 2021.*

BAPTISM

Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament. Our next class is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7 at 6:45 p.m.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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

For more information or to register for
baptism or marriage prep class
call the parish office at
269-381-8917 or email sttoms@sttomskazoo.org



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy Fourth of July to you all! In his book, *Life Lessons from the Monastery*, Abbot Jerome Kodell, O.S.B. tells the story of a little boy who watched a goldfish swimming in his glass bowl. The little boy was sad that the goldfish had no real freedom. The little boy had a solution: he got a hammer and smashed the bowl to give the goldfish his freedom!

As we celebrate the fourth of July, there is much confusion about what freedom means. True freedom enables us to do and act as we ought, not as we want. Abbot Jerome Kodell goes on to describe what true freedom is: He writes, "True freedom involves being unbound also from the internal restrictions imposed by unseen masters that drive decisions and actions; passions, fears, prejudices, resentments, insecurities. These hidden masters make us a prey for the external masters: opinion, fashion, social pressures, esteem of peers, influence of celebrities."

This is why our faith is so important! It is the Lord who can give us the true gift of freedom. Our faith let's us see that we are all lovingly created by our Maker. God wants us to live our life to the fullest and not be slaves to the internal/external masters that want to take away our freedom.

I hope you have a blessed and safe holiday. May you always cling to the Lord for true freedom! And, as you are celebrating the day, keep you eyes on the small fish bowls! Take care.

Peace, *FR. Paul*

A NEW ITEM FOR RECYCLING AT ST. TOM'S - FOAM

Hope for Creation, now the southwest chapter of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light, approached the city of Kalamazoo about the potential to start recycling foam over a year ago. Some members of Hope for Creation had been recycling their foam in Cooper Township and felt that this would be a good idea for Kalamazoo. Early this year, once the logistics were worked out, the Kalamazoo City Council approved a one-year trial for quarterly expanded polystyrene foam collections at Mayor's Riverfront Park. Hope for Creation is providing volunteers for the Saturday collection dates. In addition, many churches are collecting foam from their congregations the quarterly collection dates.



We are establishing a place for foam recycling here at St. Tom's. A RECEPTACLE HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE PARISH OFFICE GARAGE.

Same location items are being collected for Migrant Ministry and Toilet Paper Ministry

See the opposite side of this page for additional details about what can and cannot be collected.

In addition, there is also good information provided on how to avoid bringing foam into your home.

If you live in Kalamazoo, there is information on this program in your "View from the Curb". Further info can be found in this article [Kalamazoo residents can now recycle foam at four drop-off events this year - mlive.com](http://mlive.com)

Depending on how much we accrue, we might need to engage volunteers to help mobilize on the collection dates. if you are interested in helping with this project or need more information contact Claire McSwiney at claire.mcswiney@att.net

FUTURE DATES

(if you want to bring foam directly to the collection site)
+July 31, 2021 +October 30, 2021 +January 29, 2022

WHAT WE CAN COLLECT

the foam has to be clean, particularly if there was food in it

#6 Expanded polystyrene
(ex. Foam from appliances and used to ship prescriptions)

Foam egg cartons

Foam base for meat/veggies

Foam takeout containers

Foam cups



Yes

WHAT WE CANNOT COLLECT

Packing peanuts

Foam that comes from housing materials that has flame retardant

Excessive soil/food



No



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

www.sttomskazoo.org/

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



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.

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
- ◆ Sugar
- ◆ Cooking Oil
- ◆ Canned Tomatoes
- ◆ Packs of Water
- ◆ Sheets
- ◆ Blankets
- ◆ Pillows
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Diapers of all sizes
- ◆ Wipes
- ◆ Toiletries
- ESPECIALLY
- ◆ Toothbrushes
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Soap
- ◆ Shampoo

Thank you! Your gently used or new 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. Vincent DePaul Society
513 Eleanor Street
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269-388-4544

St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store IS OPEN FOR SHOPPING ONCE AGAIN ON Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Donations of clothing and household goods are being accepted during the hours the Store is open.

We help people with utility shutoffs, evictions, funerals, water bills, and relocations for those in temporary housing or are homeless.

We also connect the people we serve to other agencies in the community that can further assist them.

We pray that you will continue to support us with your purchases and your donations.



Nine Steps Toward a Polystyrene-Free World

from <https://lifeyourway.net/>

Hope for Creation

Supports polystyrene* recycling (#9 on this list)
as we move toward a polystyrene-free world.
Here are other things you can do "upstream"
to reduce the use of polystyrene:

1. Bring your own takeout containers.
2. Refuse polystyrene cups whenever possible.
3. Choose paper plates or bowls instead of polystyrene.
4. Avoid polystyrene egg cartons.
5. Convince your grocery store to stop using polystyrene trays for produce & meat.
6. Work with your school system to find alternatives for polystyrene lunch trays.
7. Resist and reuse polystyrene packing peanuts.
8. Reuse: Make your own bean bag refills.
9. Recycle: Some forms of polystyrene can actually be recycled.

**Polystyrene is to Styrofoam as tissues are to Kleenex (general term vs. brand name).*

Hope for Creation, a grassroots inter-religious group working to encourage and support faith-based action on climate change and environmental justice in greater Kalamazoo, invites you to join us! Becoming part of Hope for Creation (the Southwest Michigan Chapter of Michigan Interfaith Power & Light) connects your congregation with others across the region and is a symbol of your congregation's commitment to Earth stewardship and climate action.

Learn more: https://www.miipl.org/southwest_mi_chapter

Email us: hopeforcreationswmi@gmail.com

Follow us: <https://www.facebook.com/HopeForCreationSWMI/>

Hope for Creation
supports the City of Kalamazoo's
new pilot initiative:

EPS & STYROFOAM RECYCLING AVAILABLE IN 2021

Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) and Styrofoam recycling will be available to Kalamazoo residents starting in April! The City of Kalamazoo's Environmental Concerns Committee is piloting a one-year program with four collection days. Residents can drop off any amount of the accepted materials. Hope for Creation will provide volunteers to help accept, sort, and load materials.

Where: **Mayors' Riverfront Park, 251 Mills Street**

When: **Saturdays, 10 AM - 1 PM: April 24, July 31, October 30, 2021, & January 29, 2022**

ACCEPTED:

- Foam labeled with a 6 symbol only
- Foam must be in clear or translucent bags
- Food containers must be rinsed, wiped, or cleaned

NOT ACCEPTED:

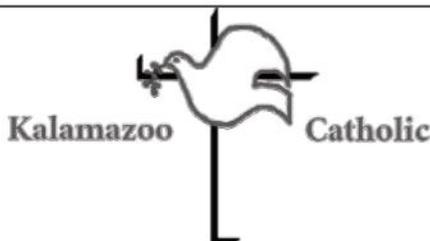
- Straws or lids
- Packing peanuts (some office and shipping centers will accept packing peanuts)





The St. Tom's Young Adult Group is back in session! Join us at St. Tom's on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. as we journey through a study on the Psalms. The group is open to all young adults (young professionals, single, married, parents, and anything in between!) in the Kalamazoo area who seek to grow in faith through prayer, study, service, fellowship, and community.

For more information email sttomsyoungadults@gmail.com or visit the St. Tom's website



COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY
at St. Thomas More
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Follow us on Instagram @KalamazooCatholic or sign up for our weekly email or GroupMe for updates on all the activities we offer for students.

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:

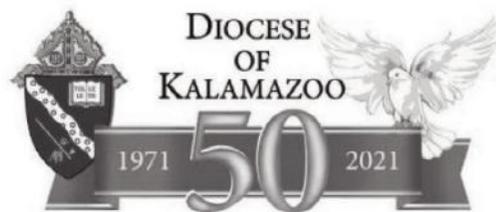
Third Wednesday of the month, join us on Zoom to pray a rosary together --

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9027404194?pwd=VGxBYndwMjloSVE3TWt2RUJ4blU3dz09>

Meeting ID: 902 740 4194 Passcode: STM

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.



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SPECIAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021
AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE AFTERNOON

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Concelebrating priests should bring an alb and cincture.
Priests not concelebrating and Deacons should wear clerics.

The favor of your reply is requested by July 14, 2021.

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Please RSVP online at our diocesan website
by following this link: www.diokzoo.org/reservation

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our parish collected \$[amount]. Our contributions will join with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See.



There is no better time than now to consider making your donations to St. Tom's electronically. And YES there's an APP for that! With GivePlus, you can quickly and easily give to St. Tom's using your smartphone. You may make credit or debit card donations as a guest user, or create an account to set up recurring donations and view your giving history. Either way, GivePlus offers a safe, secure way to make one-time or recurring contributions. GivePlus is free to use and available for download at the App Store.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ST. THOMAS MORE AND OUR MINISTRIES.

JUNE SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for June	46,000.00
6/6	6,355.20
6/13	6,527.04
6/20	3,259.24
6/27	5,149.00
Electronic gifts for June 2021	24,138.67
Total gifts to date for June 2021	45,429.15

**BISHOP'S
ANNUAL
APPEAL**

DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

UPDATE

as of Monday, June 28

Total Pledges
233 = \$84,019

Goal
73% of \$115,768

Difference
-\$31,749

St. Thomas More Parish Office is located at 1333 W. Lovell Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006
Phone: 269-381-8917 Fax: 269-381-0195 email: sttoms@sttomskazoo.org website: www.sttomskazoo.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **(Office Closed Monday, July 5)**



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