

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday — Friday
5:15 p.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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.

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Thursday
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR

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

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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.



“All
LIFE has
inestimable
value, even the
weakest and most
vulnerable, the **sick**,
the **old**, the **unborn** and
the **poor** are masterpieces
of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

Respect Life

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE**CONGRATULATIONS**

Jude Patrick Rewa son of **Lucas & Patricia**
who was baptized on **Sunday, September 26, 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 prep meeting.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, October 3 - Sunday, October 10

Sunday	Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2	— The Holy Guardian Angels 6:00 p.m. † Tom Sommerfeldt by Denny & Bonnie Banghart
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3	— Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 a.m. People of the parish 10:30 a.m. † Richard Andrysiak by Rosalie & Don Philipp 6:00 p.m. † Ian McLeod father of Bryan McLeod
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4	— St. Francis of Assisi 5:15 p.m. † Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5	— B. Francis Xavier Seelos 5:15 p.m. † Phil Carey by Karen Klott
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6	— St. Bruno, Bl. Marie Rose Durocher 5:15 p.m. † Charlotte and † Lee Prince
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7	— Our Lady of the Rosary 5:15 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8	5:15 p.m. † Ken Klavinski
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9	— St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi 6:00 p.m. † Tom Sommerfeldt by Jim & Mary Grace
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10	— Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 a.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres 10:30 a.m. † Jan Jozef van den Hombergh by Stephanie Vasquez 6:00 p.m. People of the parish



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we start this month of October, it is also respect for life month. This year's theme is "Live the Gospel of Life," in recognition of the 25th anniversary of St. John Paul II's encyclical, "Evangelium Vitae" ("The Gospel of Life").

The history of Respect Life Month dates back to 1972, when the U.S. bishops started a respect life program in October, in anticipation of the Roe vs. Wade decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in January 1973. By law, the U.S. Supreme Court's term begins on the first Monday of October.

With today's readings, one powerful aspect in respecting family life! Families today have many looks; we see parents and grandparents raising children; single – parent families and foster-care families. This is a wonderful week to recognize this and ask God to continue to bless all families.

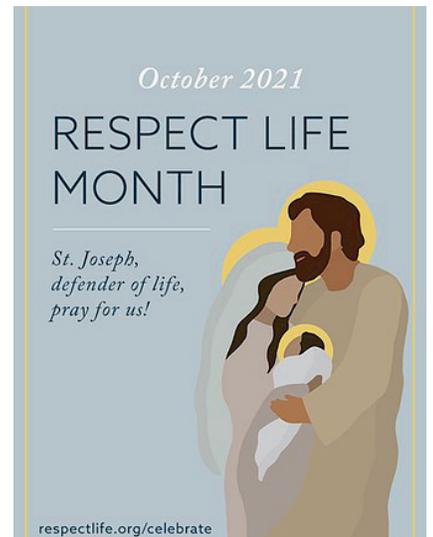
One meditation that I was reviewing put it this way: "At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

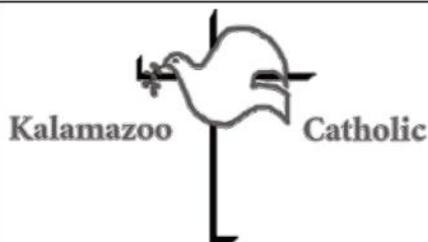
At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these 'little ones' in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers."

Say an extra prayer today for all the members in your own family, especially those who have died. Please say a prayer for those who have no family, that the Holy Spirit will touch their lives and feel the hand of God wherever they are.

Please take care.

Peace *FR. Paul*





COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY
at St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

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

SUNDAY SHUTTLE

Catch a ride from WMU to St. Tom's 6:00 Mass each week by meeting our white van at the upper entrance of Valley Dining Center no later than 5:20 or the Bernhard Center bookstore entrance no later than 5:40 or Spindler Hall no later than 5:45. Return service will drop you off directly to your on-campus dorm or apartment. Need to get a ride to Mass from off campus? Let [Lisa@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:lisa@sttomskazoo.org) know or ask in the Group Me.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Join us Saturday, October 9 from 7-9 AM to serve with toilet paper and food distribution to needy families at St. Andrew's Community Church in Kalamazoo. This is in conjunction with the St. Tom's toilet paper ministry.

SUNDAY SUPPER

Has returned with a free, homemade meal for college students and young adults in the Social Hall following the 6:00 pm Mass each week.



BIBLE STUDIES AND SMALL GROUPS

have started, but we can still get you in: Please fill out this Google form <https://forms.gle/YuJ3pHUxXYtCL4St5> and a student leader will get in touch with you.



STUDENT HOLY HOUR ON THURSDAYS FROM 6:00-7:00 PM.

Join us in the worship space for an hour of quiet prayer with our Lord.

MORE AT MIDWEEK ON WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00

with Praise and worship, free pizza and pop, and an activity that changes each week.

This week the Student Ministry Team's very own Evan Esper continues our Virtues and Vices series with Greed and Temperance. This event is free for college students and a perfect way to meet new people and catch up with old friends. Let us know if you need a ride by asking in the St. Tom's Student GroupMe or emailing lisa@sttomskazoo.org.

JOB

I am looking for a student with nursing, medical, occupational therapy, or educational background to care for an elderly male. He is mostly independent, but needs a caring person to prep meals and be present in the home. Days vary and we are willing to work out a schedule that meets everyone's needs. This position offers a free apartment to live in for a student full-time. The rate of pay is negotiable is based on a few factors. This is a unique opportunity. Start date is flexible. Please call or email information about yourself and background, studies, resume etc. Contact Karen at 248 431-0252 or email at huronvalleygrl@aol.com

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

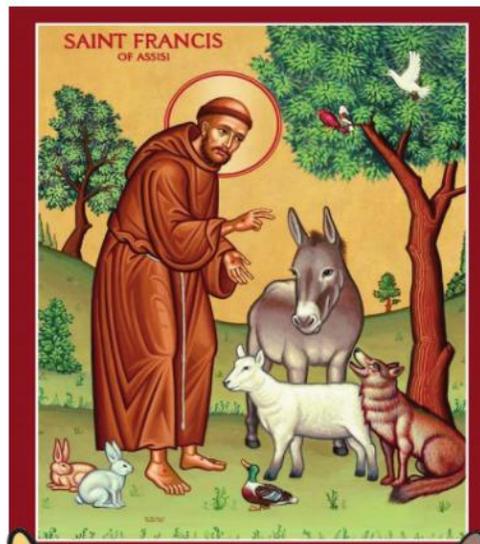
SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

from 6:00 - 6:40 p.m. in the Chapel each Monday. Need some quiet prayer time? Join us for a brief devotional reading followed by 25 minutes of prayer & meditation in shared silence.

SUNDAY SUPPERS

IN THE SOCIAL HALL AFTER THE 6:00 MASS.

Help is once again needed for this ministry serving the college students. Sign-up in the narthex to bring dessert, host a meal, help with set up, serving, or clean up this semester.



PET BLESSING

Outside here at St. Tom's in front of the church under the covered area.

Saturday, October 9 — 10:00 am

PLEASE HAVE YOUR PETS ON A LEASH OR IN A CRATE.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE — Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another. Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY COLLECTION

Weekly Target for September	12,692.31
9/5	9,742.22
9/12	8,514.00
9/19	6,395.00
9/26	6,487.34
Electronic gifts for September 2021	18,902.00
Total gifts to date for September 2021	55,794.23

50/50 CASH PRIZE RAFFLE AT ST. TOM'S

Beginning this weekend, we will be selling raffle tickets for a 50/50 cash prize.

All proceeds will benefit our Sister Parish Scholarship Program.



The tickets will cost \$5 each or five for \$20 and will be available for purchase after all masses.

They may also be purchased in the parish office during regular office hours.

The drawing will be held

Saturday, October 30 at 7:15 p.m. in the social hall.

**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.

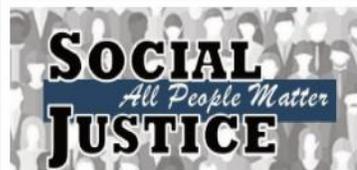
If you would like to be a partner in this scholarship program, pick-up the information flyer in the narthex or on our website

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.

**FOAM RECYCLING**

Additional information available on our [website](#) or pick-up a flyer in the narthex for the types of foam accepted.



The back door of the office garage is open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Mon-Fr ifor drop-off the items listed above

What's Happening

AROUND THE AREA

FALL TREASURE SALE -

Friday, October 8, 7:00-5:00 & Saturday, October 9, 7:00-2:00 Antiques, housewares, unique finds. Second Christian Reformed Church, 3015 Nichols Rd., Kalamazoo. All proceeds benefit KDC (Kalamazoo Deacons Conference) to provide a helping hand to those who are in need.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA MONTHLY ROSARY RALLIES

together with the Kalamazoo/Portage Knights of Columbus **October 9. 9:30 – 10:10 am**

Join us for a Public Recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the St. Augustine Cathedral Steps in Kalamazoo monthly, on the second Saturday at 9:30 am rain, snow, or shine. Bring your rosary. For information contact Cindy Vennix at 269-377-687 or cindy.vennix@gmail.com or Sandra Sherwood at 269-665-9062 or ejsherwood@charter.net. October Intention: For conversion of heart for all those who have become distant from God.

JUBILEE YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – OCTOBER

The month of October focuses on the gift of Understanding and the fruit of Peace. The bishop asks all to use the prayer of the month found on the diocesan website,

www.diokzoo.org/holy-spirit under October Resources to

activate this gift in our lives and increase this fruit within us.



Stewardship Retreat: - **October 9**

"ENCOUNTERING CHRIST:

JOYFULLY UNLEASHING YOUR GIFTS"

Are you interested in exploring what it might mean to be a Stewardship Leader within your parish?

The diocesan office of Stewardship and Development is hosting a day of prayer and reflection on October 9th. The day-long retreat is designed to help participants encounter Christ more deeply while encouraging the joy of generous giving. The program will open with Mass celebrated by Bishop Bradley followed by talks and reflections from Rev. Ken Schmidt, Marcy McCarthy and Jay Landry. This event offers a light breakfast, lunch (a \$5 free-will lunch donation is suggested), and childcare at no cost. Please register online at www.diokzoo.org/stewardship-and-development

WIDOWED FRIENDS MASS – October 11

A special Mass for all men and women who have been widowed will be celebrated on Monday, October 11 at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo, 4:00 p.m. with Bishop Bradley as the main celebrant. A small reception will follow in the Crowley Center.

The widowed friends is a diocesan-sponsored group that currently meets virtually the third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-5:00 p.m. via ZOOM. Contact: Socorro Truchan at 269-349-8714 ext. 1112 via email: struchan@diokzoo.org.

SISTER OF ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL SERVICE DAY – October 16

The Sisters of St. Joseph will hold their annual Service Day. All are welcome to bring toiletries for Afghan families relocating to Kalamazoo, socks for men and women for Ministry with Community, non-perishable food items for Loves and Fishes. Barrels for items will be located under the carport in the Nazareth Parking Lot, 2929 Nazareth Rd., Kalamazoo from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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.

For You



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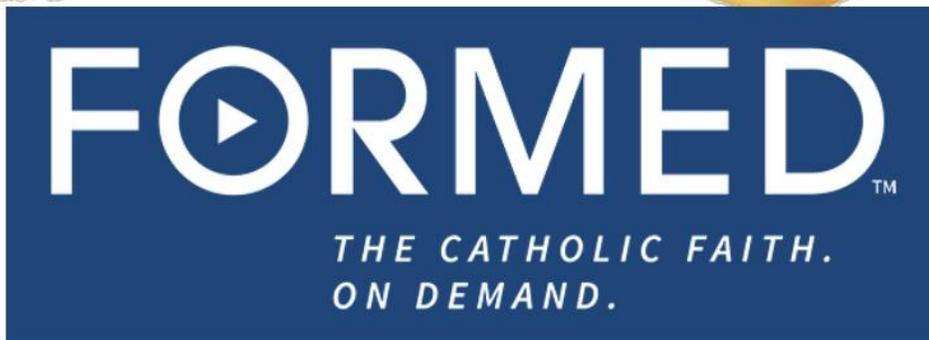
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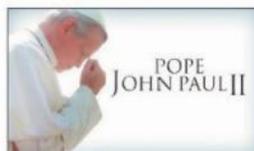
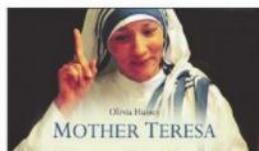
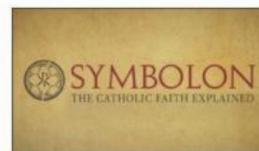
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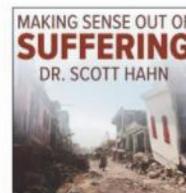
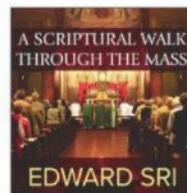
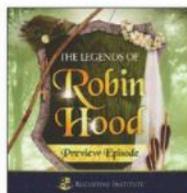
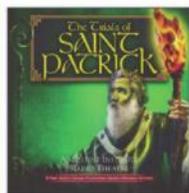
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