

# 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.

## 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

Welcome Alumni

# Homecoming WEEKEND

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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.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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](http://www.diokzoo.org/holy-spirit) under October Resources to activate this gift in our lives and increase this fruit within us.



## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION —

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

### BAPTISM —

Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament.

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 17 — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
<b>Monday</b>	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48
<b>Thursday</b>	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53
<b>Friday</b>	Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59
<b>Saturday</b>	Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
<b>Sunday</b>	Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16** — St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque  
6:00 p.m. † Ted Campbell by Joan Carey

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17** — Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 a.m. People of the parish  
10:30 a.m. † Jan van den Hombergh by family  
6:00 p.m. Refugee families

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18** — St. Luke  
5:15 p.m. Mary Ann Grace (living) by Jim & Mary Grace

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19** — St. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions  
5:15 p.m. † Lindsay Cox, Jr. husband of Erin Raderstorf

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20** — St. Paul of the Cross  
5:15 p.m. Nancy Miller (living) by Pauline Maurer

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
5:15 p.m. Vocations

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22** — St. John Paul II  
5:15 p.m. † Fr. John Ederer by Pauline Maurer

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23** — St. John of Capistrano  
6:00 p.m. † Tom Sommerfeldt  
by Denny & Bonnie Banghart

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24** — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 a.m. † Lee Nemecek husband of Pat  
10:30 a.m. † Grace Makela by Maryanne Munley  
6:00 p.m. † Daniel Howley McLaughlin  
by Ann Howley-O'Brien

a post  
from  
Fr. Paul

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Catholic News Agency report that Pope Francis formally launched the two-year global consultation process leading to the 2023 synod on synodality on Sunday with a call to "look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say."

The pope said that Catholics taking part in the synodal path should strive to "become experts in the art of encounter."

"Not so much by organizing events or theorizing about problems, as in taking time to encounter the Lord and one another," he said.

"Time to devote to prayer and adoration -- this prayer that we neglect so much: to adore, to make room for adoration -- listening to what the Spirit wants to say to the Church."

"Time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations, and ministries."

This sounds very interesting, and it can be very confusing. What is synodality? The most recent definition I have received is that Synodality: "Is a form of Ecclesial discernment and decision-making process, guided by the Holy Spirit that are 1) Communal: 2) Hierarchical: 3) Dialogical: and 4) Consensus-based.

It's a way to see what is working in the church, and what is not. It is 1) Communal in that it's a way of getting to the fullness of the church. What should the proper response be about current issues facing the church? Is the church able to do this together with the Holy Spirit? It's 2) hierarchical because it needs the input of both clergy and laity. It's an opportunity for all to listen to each other. It's 3) dialogical because it is about speaking and listening. It is 4) Consensus-based and that its goal is to reach a workable consensus, which takes time and skill.

The workshop I attend used the Council of Jerusalem as an example. This is found in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 15. The Pope is hoping that this form of dialogue will be a better opportunity for people to voice their concerns in a way that all can be heard. It doesn't mean that all suggestions will be implemented. It does mean that all will strive to be listened to!

I am sure we will hear more about this process as it unfolds. All dioceses are encouraged to have a small synod of their own during this time. Our diocese has started this process as well. I suspect more information will be available as this process unfolds.

This is a newer situation for us as a church. I am enthused about what this process may offer. I hope you have a blessed day. Take care.

Peace, *FR. Paul*

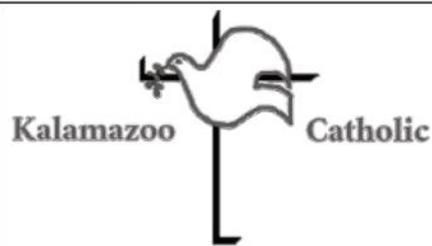


October is Respect Life Month in the U.S. Catholic Church and kicks off a year-long observance to help Catholics understand, value and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life. This year's theme is St. Joseph, defender of life, inspired by the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis. Learn more about upholding the sanctity of every human life at [respectlife.org/respect-life-month](https://respectlife.org/respect-life-month).



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

All proceeds will benefit our Sister Parish Scholarship Program.  
 Tickets are \$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.



**COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY**  
 at St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

**SOCIALS:**  
 Follow us on Instagram  
 @KalamazooCatholic  
 or sign up for our weekly email or GroupMe to get info on new events first.



**COLLEGE STUDENT RETREAT**

Do you ever wonder who you are at your very core? How do you identify yourself? How do your actions flow from how you see yourself? Bring your questions and answers before the Lord as we explore our relationship, identity, and mission together.

The title this year is **R.I.M.: Relationship-Identity-Mission.**

It will be held October 29-31 at Pretty Lake Camp, deadline to register is Sunday, October 24.

The cost will be \$100 or students registered with St. Tom's can attend for \$50.

Google Form or paper forms are available to register.

**MORE AT MIDWEEK (M@M) IS WEDNESDAYS** at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for praise and worship, faith-sharing, intercessory prayer, free pizza and pop, and an activity that changes each week. Come for all or part of the evening as you are able. This upcoming Wednesday is fall break so there will be no More at Midweek this week. However, join us the week of October 27th for the continuation of our Virtues and Vices Series: Lust and Chastity. Katie Schmidt and Alison Yelsma will be our speakers. 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 emailing [lisa@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:lisa@sttomskazoo.org), or by asking in the St. Tom's Student GroupMe.

**SUNDAY SUPPERS**

There will be no Sunday Supper in the Social Hall after the 6:00 Mass on October 24th. Sunday Supper will resume on October 31st.

**SUNDAY SHUTTLE:**

There will be no Sunday Shuttle on October 24th. However, it will resume on October 31st. 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.

**STUDENT HOLY HOUR:**

There will be no Student Holy Hour on October 21st. Student Holy Hour is on Thursdays from 6 to 7 PM. Join us in the worship space for an hour of quiet prayer with our Lord. Confession is usually available.



**BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, November 4

10:00 am — 4:00 pm

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**FOAM RECYCLING**

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

**TOILET PAPER MINISTRY**

Toilet paper donation for those in need.



The back door of the office garage is open 9:00 - 1:00 Mon-Fri for drop-off the items listed above

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

St. Augustine Cathedral School is looking for an After School Care Program supervisor. Do you enjoy kids? Would you like to spend afternoons playing outside, helping kids with homework, playing board games, etc. Hours are Monday through Friday, 2:45pm to 6:00pm. If you are interested, email principal Andra Zommers, [azommers@stakzoo.org](mailto:azommers@stakzoo.org). This is a paid position that follows the school calendar.

**HERE AT ST. TOM'S**

**SUNDAY SUPPER HELP**

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. Suppers are after 6:00 pm Mass in the social hall.

**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.

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10/24	
10/31	
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