

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 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 to*

Michael Beau Loomis son of **Richard and Cara**
who was baptized on Sunday, October 17, 2021

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 24 — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Sunday	Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52
Monday	Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3,4-5, 6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16
Friday	Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

MASS INTENTIONS**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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:15 p.m. Patricia Paul (living) by Jim & Mary Grace

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

5:15 p.m. † Dorothy Walters by Bazali-Walters family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

5:15 p.m. Kevin Doherty (living)
by Bev Stokes & Annette Maccardini

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 — Sts. Simon and Jude

5:15 p.m. † Andy Criner by Pauline Maurer

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

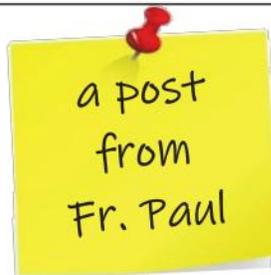
5:15 p.m. † Deacon Robert Bambrick by George Hebben

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:00 p.m. † Phil Carey by Joan Carey

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 — Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. People of the parish
10:30 a.m. † Grace Makela by Sandy & Paul Beiter
6:00 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Both my parents worked for most of their adult lives, in the health care field. My mother was a nurse, and my father was a precursor to the physician assistant. That is probably why I gravitated to the health care field as well.

I always am honored in any way to make hospital visits. Some of the situations in which the patients and their families find themselves in are definitely unplanned. Our bodies break down, things happen without much warning. This can interfere with the decision-making process of what are the next steps.

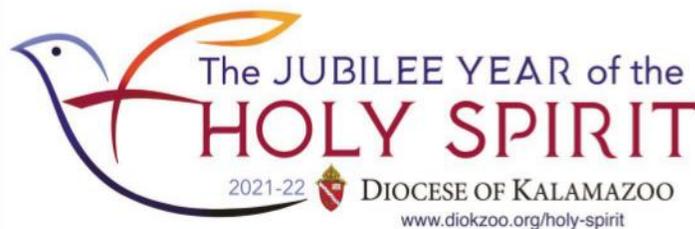


I have noticed that when unexpected events occur, families are better prepared when the patient has an advanced directive in place. Questions regarding use of extra-ordinary measures, though still stressful and challenging, do not seem overwhelming to the families if there is a directive in place. This was the situation with both my mother and father. They both had advanced directives in place and made known to me their wishes when the end of their life was approaching.

As we continue this respect life month, it is a good time to consider if you have an Advanced Directive in place. If not, please consult your primary care provider. Please talk to your family. Please feel free to talk to clergy about end-of-life issues. This is especially important if someone is not familiar with what the Catholic teachings are when it comes to end-of-life issues. Some people have a funeral plan in place as well. These steps can feel very complicated and rushed, especially if they come up quickly. People who have prepared for such an event typically bring much comfort for their families when end-of-life decisions are needed.

Please take care and have a blessed week.

Sincerely, *FR. Paul*



The Holy Spirit will guide you to all truth and declare to you the things that are coming. ~ John 16:13

SEE HOW YOU CAN ENCOUNTER
THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE.



• For resources: select the QR code with your smartphone and scan the barcode

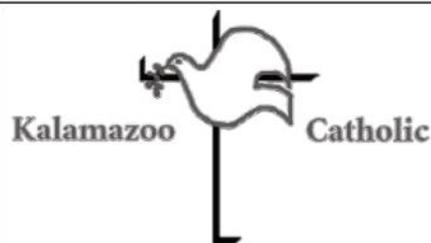


50/50 CASH PRIZE RAFFLE AT ST. TOM'S

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

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Thursdays 6-7 p.m.

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

Confession is usually available.

SOCIALS — Follow us on Instagram @KalamazooCatholic or sign up for our weekly email or GroupMe to get info on new events first. Email Lisa@sttomskazoo.org to subscribe to our weekly email and GroupMe.



SCAN ME

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.

deadline to register is Sunday, October 24.

THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

The cost is \$100 or students registered with St. Tom's \$50.

Google Form or paper forms are available to register.

Here is the signup link!

<https://forms.gle/Nj4tKJEJVuvRDnYa6>

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. Join us on 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 asking in the St. Tom's Student GroupMe or emailing lisa@sttomskazoo.org.

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

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 know or ask in the Group Me.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS WEEK (NOV 7-13)

is a time to celebrate vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Sister Sue McCrery, a former St. Tom's Pastoral Team member, and Sister of St. Joseph from Nazareth will join us for the 10:30 Mass on November 7, to briefly tell us about their Associate program, lay women and men who share the mission of the Sisters.

Mary Frances Ross, a longtime parishioner will make her commitment as an Associate in the Congregation of St. Joseph at this Mass. We hope you can join us!

CSJ website: <https://www.csjoseph.org>

The Congregation of St. Joseph is honored to be the first of seven congregations of women religious featured in this 30 minute film produced by Salt+Light, a Canadian Catholic TV network. The film was created through a grant from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to Loyola Institute of Ministry. YouTube link below.

<https://youtu.be/JRAM4yWHLjY?t=147>



Each October the Church in the United States celebrates RESPECT LIFE MONTH

As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

For resources and ideas to help build a culture of life this October and throughout the year go to

<https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

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FOR FREE

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish
invites you, your family and your friends to join us on

All Souls Day

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

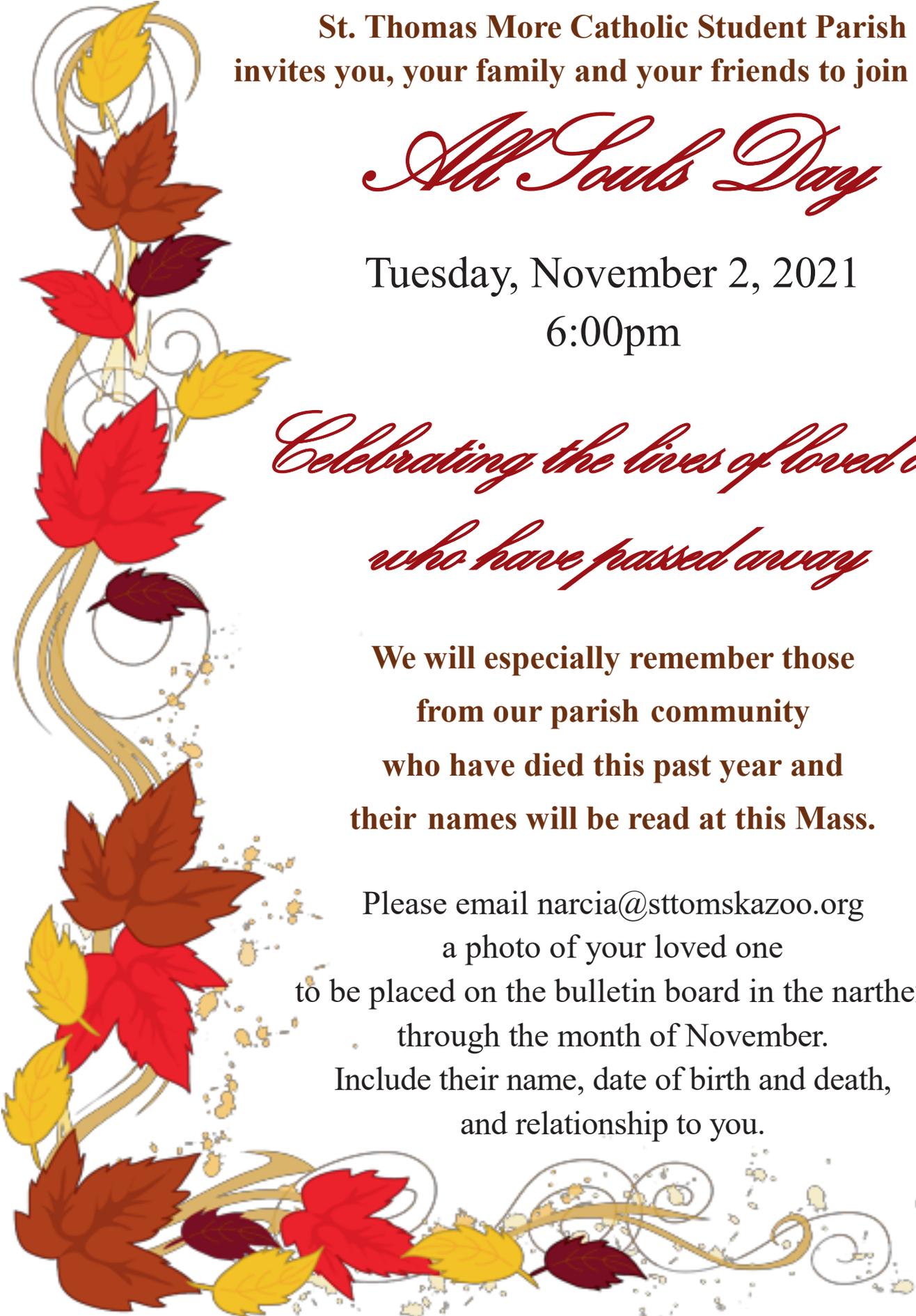
6:00pm

*Celebrating the lives of loved ones
who have passed away*

**We will especially remember those
from our parish community
who have died this past year and
their names will be read at this Mass.**

Please email narcia@sttomskazoo.org
a photo of your loved one
to be placed on the bulletin board in the narthex
through the month of November.

Include their name, date of birth and death,
and relationship to you.



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.



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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE AREA

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, Nov 6, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm and
Sunday, Nov 7, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.
Bennett Gym at St. Joseph Church,
930 Lake St., Kalamazoo.

All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

More information available at

www.stjosephkalamazoo.org or on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephkalamazoo>

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. This is a paid position that follows the school calendar.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

In light of our mother's terminal illness, we are looking for someone to live in the family home with our brother Peter, who is 52 years old and developmentally disabled. Peter is not physically disabled, and he is able to bathe, dress, feed, and generally care for himself. He is fine on his own for periods of time during the day. This is not an ad for employment. Rather, we are looking for someone to be present and simply live in the home with Peter. Along with free room and board, the family will cover all of the costs associated with the home - gas, electric, water, sewer, TV, phone, groceries, taxes, homeowner's insurance, needed repairs, etc. We may also make a car available. We are looking for a female with a caregiver spirit, preferably in her 40s or 50s, but we would consider a younger or older woman. We do want someone who is interested in living in the home on a long-term basis. We are Peter's three brothers and live with our families in the Kalamazoo area, and we would be frequently stopping by to check on Peter. He hopes to stay in the family home, which is a nice ranch house in a good neighborhood. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call John at 269-254-6370 for more information.



**Thursday
November**

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10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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

**ST. THOMAS MORE STUDENT PARISH
BLOOD DRIVE!**

LOCATION
Social Hall

Covid-19 continues to impact our blood supply.

ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE NEEDED!

BLOOD FACTS:

-Someone needs blood every 2 seconds.

-Each whole blood donation saves up to 3 lives!

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/133105

MASKS MUST BE WORN TO DONATE.



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its chairs will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.

Adapted from the stewardship prayer of the Diocese of San Diego

OCTOBER SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for October	63,461.55
10/3	7,897.00
10/10	8,583.09
10/17	5,550.00
10/24	
10/31	
Electronic gifts for October 2021	20,078.67
Total gifts to date for October 2021	42,108.76

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