

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
6:00 p.m.

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday
5:15 p.m.

No Mass Friday, November 12

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.

No Holy Hour Friday, November 12

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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.



VETERANS DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



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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

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, NOVEMBER 7 — SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Sunday	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday	Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	Wis 7:22b—8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday	Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6:00 p.m. † Tom Sommerfeldt by Mark & Cynthia Schauer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 — Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. † Erin Canning by Jim & Sheila Bridenstine

10:30 a.m. † Frank Stokes by Bev Stokes

6:00 p.m. † Felipe Agas by family & friends

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 — The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — St. Leo the Great

5:15 p.m. Vocations

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — St. Martin of Tours

5:15 p.m. † Curtis and Elliot Abueva
by Grandma & Grandpa

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 — St. Josaphat

No Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 — St.

6:00 p.m. † Tom Sommerfeldt
by Denny & Bonnie Banghart

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 — Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. † Leonard Gutowski by Narcia Schultz-Acker

10:30 a.m. † Earl W. Israel by Joan & Rene Adrian

6:00 p.m. Steve & Mimi Mis (50th Wedding Anniversary)
By Terry & Judy Bosshart

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

will be displayed in the worship space during the month of November. You may take a form from the bulletin table and write the names of your loved ones who have died and who we will lovingly remember during each of our Masses.

There is a basket on the bulletin table to place your page and it will be added to the book.



a post
from
Fr. Paul

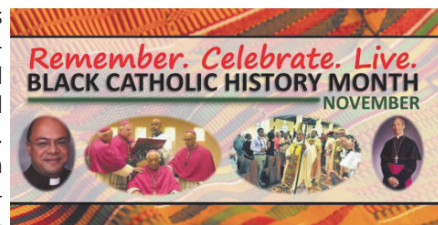
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November is Black Catholic History Month. According to the Catholic University of America, this remembrance was started on July 24, 1990, by the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States. It marks a

time when the Church prays for all saints and souls in loving

remembrance, as well as a time to recall the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora.

Why was this month chosen? A major reason to choose November was on the fact that a number of important dates to Catholics of African descent fell within this month. These include:



Nov. 1 All Saints Day: an opportunity to review the lives of the hundreds of Saints of African descent in the first 300 years of the Church.

Nov. 2 All Souls Day: a time to remember all those African lost to cruel treatment in the Middle Passage crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.

Nov. 3: Martin de Porres became the first black American saint. He was canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 16, 1962. Throughout his life, St. Martin de Porres exemplified God's love for all people, regardless of their level in society.

Nov. 13: The birth of St. Augustine in 354 A.D., the first Doctor of the Church from North Africa.

Nov. 20: The death of Zumbi of Palmares in Brazil, South American founder of a free state for Blacks.

According to the Pew Research Center, of the 200 million people of African descent in the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world, over 173 million of them live in the African continent. The largest percentage of growth in the Catholic population over the last 100 years, occurred in sub-Saharan Africa. According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, there are over 3 million African American Catholics in the U.S. Today, there are 250 African American priests, 437 deacons, and 75 men of African descent in seminary formation for the priesthood in the United States. There are 5 living African American bishops, of whom two head U.S. dioceses. One of them, the Archbishop of Washington, was elevated to the College of Cardinals on November 28, 2020. There are also 400 African American religious sisters and 50 religious brothers in the United States. November is a month of Thanksgiving! It's a way to be thankful for the historic contributions of black Catholics!

I hope you have a blessed week. *FR. Paul*



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.

MORE AT MIDWEEK (M@M) IS WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM.

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. Our guest speaker will be Cathy Stoner--Alternatives Care Center of Kalamazoo, executive director. She will be discussing honoring others, helping someone in your life deal with unexpected circumstances, approaching others with compassion when discussing polarizing topics, and how to talk to others with charity. It will be 6:30 start with pizza, 7-8 praise and worship, and Cathy's talk at 8. 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 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 — 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 after Sunday Supper. 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.

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

November 7-13 is **NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK**

It is an annual invitation to reflect on the idea of vocation. Did you know that the word vocation is related to the term "vocal cords" and means "a calling"? More precisely it means spending your life doing what your innermost heart feels called to do. To follow a vocation means living your own unique life. That's of course what all of us would like to accomplish, but how shall we do it?

If we ask people who are doing what they really love to do, "How did you get to where you are?" We find that many of them started by asking themselves some basic questions:

1. What would I really like to do? 2. What am I good at doing or learning? 3. What opportunity is life offering me, right now, for doing what makes me come joyfully alive? Thus they started with themselves, with their own gifts and preferences.

Vision Vocation Guide 2015

God calls you to make definitive choices, and He has a plan for each of you: To discover that plan and to respond to your vocation is to move toward personal fulfillment.

Pope Francis, 2013 World Youth Day



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



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.

Questions—Call Michele at the parish office, ext. 273



Who of us isn't suffering

from the loss of family or friends during the pandemic,

the stress of wearing masks or not, getting vaccinated or not?

Now add to that the American holiday season, already evident in the stores.

How can we "celebrate" Thanksgiving, Advent, and the Christmas season?

Join Sister Sue McCrery on

Monday, November 15 at 7:00 pm

or

Thursday, November 18 at 1:00 pm

at St. Tom's in the worship space

to get some ideas about how to prepare for the holidays in ways that honor your grieving and give you some control over the holiday expectations and plans.

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	3,986.00
10/31	4,857.10
Electronic gifts for October 2021	23,123.67
Total gifts to date for October 2021	53,996.86

Synod on Synodality 2021-23, Preparation

The Diocese has formed a Synod Coordinating Team to guide this historic process. Details can be found on the diocesan website (www.diokzoo.org/synod). If you would like to contribute your time and talent a sign-up page may be found there as well.



The upcoming Synod requires attentive listening. What is the Synod hoping to hear? The Synod hopes to hear the Spirit that guides each of us in all our moments. How has the Holy Spirit touched you and family? That question is an invitation to prayer. If you would include in your prayer and reflection the Synod preparation, it would be appreciated. If you know of any homebound, please extend to them this invitation to prayer. The desert experience feeds the intimacy of their prayer.

Here are a few words to the Holy Spirit as revised by Fr. Ken Schmidt:

Lord, God, we know that by baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit,

You reign in our lives, and you call us to holiness and truth.

Renew us that we might be all that you want us to be,

so that we live in accord with your desires.

We strive to be attentive to your promptings.

Help us to do what is right.

Grant us the gift of knowledge, to be informed.

the gift of wisdom, to use our experience.

the gift of understanding, to learn from one another.

the gift of right judgment, to make good decisions.

the gift of courage, to enact what we decide.

the gift of reverence, to trust you.

the gift of wonder, to be inspired by you.

We ask this in the power of your Spirit,

and in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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