# 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.

#### **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

Eila Rose Whiteman daughter of Andrew & Caitlin who was baptized on Saturday, November 6, 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, NOVEMBER 14 — SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

**Sunday** Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14,18;

Mk 13:24-32

Monday 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61,

134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15;

Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

**Friday** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc,

11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19;

Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday** Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;Jn 18:33b-37

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 — St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

6:00 p.m. † Tom Sommerfeldt

by Denny & Bonnie Banghart

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14** — Thirty-Third 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

 $\textbf{MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15} \longrightarrow \textbf{St. Albert the Great}$ 

5:15 p.m. † Tom Bauhof by Ginny Bauhof

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 — St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude

5:15 p.m. † Erin Velthuysen wife of Joseph

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 — St. Elizabeth of Hungary

5:15 p.m. Pauline Bambrick (living) by George Hebben

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18** — The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5:15 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:00 p.m. † Dolores Rusilowski by Libby Heiny-Cogswell

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21** — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 a.m. † Eric Anderson by Anderson Family

10:30 a.m. **†** Grace Makela by Jane Crotty

6:00 p.m. † Don Peyok by Amy & Jay Morris

#### 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.



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.



#### **FOAM RECYCLING**

Additional information available on our <u>website</u> or pick-up a flyer in the narthex for the types of foam accepted.

#### **TOILET PAPER MINISTRY**

Toilet paper donation for those in need.



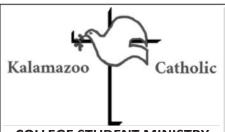
The back door of the office garage is open 9:00 -1:00 Mon-Fri for drop-off the items listed above

#### **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



#### COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

GroupMe or emailing lisa@sttomskazoo.org.

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. We will be making no sew fleece blankets for the Seita Scholar Program at WMU. Bring a pair of scissors if you can! 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



#### 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 <u>Lisa@sttomskazoo.org</u> know or ask in the Group Me.

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NOVEMBER SUNDAY COLLECTION	
Target for November	50,769.24
11/7	11,639.00
11/14	
11/21	
11/28	
Electronic gifts for November 2021	12,047.00
Total gifts to date for November 2021	23,686.00

## Fruit of the Month: PATIENCE

During the month of November, our focus is on the Spirit's Fruit of



patience and gift of Counsel. In St. Paul's famous teaching on love in 1 Cor 13:1-13, he lists patience as loves first attribute. If we cannot be patient with others, we fail in love as the Holy Spirit gives it. The Greek word St. Paul uses for love is "agape" (A'-ga-pay) which is sacrificial in nature. It is the willingness to give completely of one's self for the sake of the beloved. This is the love Christ had for us. It is characterized first and foremost by patience.

#### Gift of the Month: COUNSEL

(a.k.a., "prudence" or "right judgement")

This gift is characterized by subjugating our will to God's. We do this by considering his law and commandments in deciding to do something. We must first ask ourselves, is it consistent with all of God's laws and commandments. God's law of love does not conflict with the rest of his commandments. Indulgent love that does not follow God's law or that is not consistent with the natural law he created is not love at all. If true love is sacrificial in nature which seeks the good of other, we first must know God's laws, and subjugate our will to his. Seek God's counsel by asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in all decisions, especially moral ones which seem difficult.

#### **FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Today's gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change.



#### FACTS ABOUT THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

## Who?

Pope Francis wants to hear from us!

## Us Who?

All People of God – Catholics, the laity, clergy, religious, former Catholics, people of other faiths, and others who want to speak to the the Church.



## How?

In our diocese people are invited to gather for prayer, reflection, listening and sharing about the Church. Listening sessions will be scheduled around the diocese early in 2022. There will be opportunities for small groups to meet or to submit written responses. Our input will be summarized in a diocesan report to be shared with everyone, and also sent to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, who will prepare a national report.

For more info go to: https://diokzoo.org/synod

## What?

A Synod about "Synodality" SYNODALITY is a concept of people journeying together for the purpose of listening to where the Holy Spirit is leading the Church.

A SYNOD is a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Holy Spirit, where people gather to pray, listen carefully to one another and to the Holy Spirit, and discern what this means for the Church.

## When?

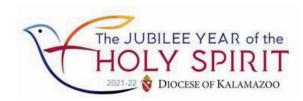
October 2021 – April 2022 Meetings in the local dioceses

September 2022 – March 2023 Meetings at national & continental levels

> October 2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome

## Where?

The first phase of the synod takes place at the local level in dioceses around the world. Summaries of these meetings go to the national then continental levels, and are used to prepare the "working documents" that will be used at the Synod of Bishops in Rome in 2023.



## Why?

Because "the time is ripe for a wider participation of the people of God in a decision-making process that affects the whole church and everyone in the church."

-- Cardinal Mario Grech, head of the Vatican's office of the Synod of Bishops

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 (<a href="www.diokzoo.org/synod">www.diokzoo.org/synod</a>).

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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