

**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, Tuesday,  
Wednesday and  
Friday  
5:15 p.m.

**THANKSGIVING DAY  
MASS  
10:00 a.m.**

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday and Sunday  
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday,  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**STUDENT HOLY HOUR**  
Thursday  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
No Holy Hour Thursday, November. 24

**HOLY HOUR**  
Friday  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.  
No Holy Hour Friday, November. 25

**MASS SCHEDULE  
at KANLEY CHAPEL  
WMU CAMPUS**  
12:10 p.m.  
Friday, December 2  
Friday, December 9

HAPPY  
Thanksgiving  
DAY

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34



**St. Thomas More  
Catholic Student Parish**

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21-25  
Monday & Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
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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*

**Hudson Licari** son of Cody & Megan  
who was baptized on Sunday, November 13, 2022

**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](mailto:sttoms@sttomskazoo.org)



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process for adults entering the Catholic Christian Community. If you have never been baptized, been baptized in another Christian denomination and would like to be in full communion with the Catholic Church, or have been baptized Catholic but have not received first Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please prayerfully consider joining us on Sunday nights to find out more about our Catholic community.

If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please join us Sunday 20 November at 6 PM in the Cougar Room to discuss your questions about Catholicism and Scripture. **Note that we will not be meeting Sunday November 27 due to holiday travel.**

Contact Fr. Paul ([frpaul@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:frpaul@sttomskazoo.org)) or  
Claire McSwiney ([claire.mcswiney@att.net](mailto:claire.mcswiney@att.net))  
for handouts ahead of the Sunday gathering.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

6:00 p.m. †David Steeno by Donna Oberhill

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20** — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 a.m. †Pepita Bellini by Sandy Borden

10:30 a.m. †Greg Pezzoli by Mom & Dad

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21** — The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:15 p.m. †Eric Anderson by Patty Anderson

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22** — St. Cecilia

5:15 p.m. †Ron Mackey by Cartmill Family

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23** — St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl Miguel Augustin Pro

5:15 p.m. Vocations

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24** — St. Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions

10:00 a.m. Those working for  
Thanksgiving Day law enforcement and fire departments

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25** — St. Catherine of Alexandria

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

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

6:00 p.m. †Augustine Novak by Ivana Nyirenda

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27** — First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Peace in the world

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

6:00 p.m. †Deceased members of the Cartmill Family  
by Bill & Maureen Cartmill

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of November 20, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
<b>Monday</b>	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; Ps 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28
<b>Friday</b>	Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a; Lk 21:29-33
<b>Saturday</b>	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

a post  
from  
Fr. Paul

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy Thanksgiving! During this past week, I've had the opportunity to reflect on the many blessings from our faith community.

This certainly isn't an exhaustive list. I do hope it causes you to stop, ponder and appreciate the gift of our faith!

Things I am grateful for (In no particular order):

1. Pope Francis: He reminds and challenges us to keep our faith and heart together!
2. The men and women of law enforcement: Their service helps keep our community safe so families can celebrate Thanksgiving in peace!
3. College students: They are the generation starting to take ownership of their faith!
4. International College students: They remind us that our faith is truly universal!
5. Religious Education/Teachers and parents: The teachers pass on the basic tenets of the faith to the very young generation!
6. Staff/Deacons here at St. Tom's: They are the ones who keep the life blood of this parish flowing!
7. Social outreach programs (including our Sister Parish in El Salvador, the Gospel Mission, the Toilet Paper Ministry, AA, Student-AA, Al Anon, Bible Studies, Yoga – stretch/relax): They give us practical applications to bring the life of the gospel to people!
8. RCIA: This program helps adults learn what this thing called the Catholic Faith is all about!
9. Family: We all have a family! 10.
10. Parishioners: This parish would not be here if it wasn't for you! Thank you for your support, your enthusiasm and your prayers!

Wherever this Thanksgiving takes you this year, I pray it is safe and blessed!

Peace, *FR. Paul*



## NEWS AROUND THE AREA



## Underwear Party Week

Monday, December 5  
through

Friday, December 9, 2022

9:00AM — 4:00PM Daily

At

Ministry with Community

## Wish List:

- Men's Boxers or Boxer Briefs
- Women's Underwear
- Thermal Undergarments (Pants & Long-sleeved Shirts)
- Sweatshirts and Sweatpants
- Insulated Gloves
- Winter Hats
- Neck Gaiters or Scarves
- Hand Warmers

Men's and women's **adult** sizes M - 3XL. **New items only.**  
Plain colors preferred.

**No open-knit or crocheted items, please.**

## What About Socks?

Thanks to the generosity of our community and a few sock manufacturers, we are grateful to say that we **do not** need to ask for socks this year!

**During Underwear Party Week, we will accept your donations at our back door off of Ransom Street.** Please ring the doorbell (the door will be clearly marked) and we will assist you with your donations.

**YOU MAY ALSO DROP ITEMS OFF**

**AT THE ST. TOM'S GARAGE OR IN THE NARTHEX  
THROUGH DECEMBER 9.**

## ADVENT FAMILY GATHERING

**FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES,**

Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at  
St. Thomas More Parish Social Hall.

Open to all ages and disability types. Advent activities,  
music, prayer, simple lunch. There is no cost for this event.

Please register by Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> to

Lisa Irwin at 269-381-9800 x 227 or [lisairwin@ccdok.org](mailto:lisairwin@ccdok.org)

Clear your clutter!

**Once in a Blue Moon Garage Sale**

**March 10 and 11, 2023**

**DONATION DROP-OFF DATES!**

Make a difference in your diocese!

Did you know that the Once in a Blue Moon garage sale  
for St. Augustine Cathedral School  
accepts donations many times per year  
in preparation for their *huge* sale in March?

We accept most items in *clean and good condition*:  
clothes, toys, household, tools, home décor,  
sporting goods, electronics, etc.

We **DO NOT** accept:

Sleeper sofas, large exercise equipment,  
tube TVs, mattresses, or personal pillows.

**THE NEXT DONATION DROP-OFF DATE IS**

**Saturday, December 3, 10:00-2:00**

Donations will be accepted behind the  
Crowley Center next to the school.

Donations are tax-deductible and receipts are available

Questions? Call the school at **349-1945**

Thank you for your support!



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**December 6, 2022**

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## THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 20, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, one of our most treasured national holidays, we have the opportunity to turn our attention away from all the problems of the world, so that we can pause to realize how blessed we truly are, and to give thanks to God for His abundant blessings. Thanksgiving urges us to take a much-needed break from the things that trouble us so that we can say “thank you” to those people, and for those things, that bring us joy and peace in spite of the challenges we face.

Among those challenges is the growing and strident divisiveness over abortion and all human life issues. In addition, we can easily be overwhelmed by the political and social issues that confront us, including racism, political divisions, inflation, wars in Ukraine and other parts of the world, the increased suffering of those most in need, and all the economic problems that cause everyone so much fear and anxiety these days.

And yet, when we pause and reflect, we have so much for which to be grateful. Most importantly, we give thanks for the gift of our faith, and in particular for Jesus’ Resurrection, which gives us the reason to live always in hope.

For us as Catholics, our reasons for thanksgiving are celebrated regularly every time we come together for the Holy Eucharist (whose name comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving, “ευχαριστία”). We are invited to give heartfelt thanks for the gift of life itself, for our parents and families, for the love that we share with spouses and children, for our friends, for our freedom as Americans, for our material possessions, for our intellectual gifts and talents, and for much, much more.

On Thanksgiving Day, we are invited to say a special “thank you” to God for our vocation as missionary disciples of Jesus, as we accompany the people we love, the people we work with, our neighbors—and even strangers and people we dislike—along our journey of faith. Gratitude is a powerful virtue. It opens our hearts to the healing power of God’s grace. It helps us look beyond our own selfish wants and fears to the gifts we receive from others and to the opportunities to share with others, and to return thanks to God, for all that He has generously given to us.

This Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to God for the precious gift of human life, and to make reparation for any times we have individually, or that our society has collectively, abused that precious gift. Let us offer prayers of gratitude for all the people in our lives who have shared their gifts with us. Let us say prayers of contrition for our sins, and then ask for the grace to forgive those who have harmed us in any way.

Healing and wholeness come about when our hearts are clean and when we can praise and give thanks to God, the Source of all our blessings. It is with this sense of abundant gratitude that I invite you to enter the new Liturgical Year about to begin the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 27th. As we begin the Season of Advent may we do so with gratitude for the gift of our faith. May this new Church year help us to prepare our hearts and minds as we continue “waiting in joyful hope” for all the ways Our Lord wants to come to us.

I thank God for all of you—clergy, religious, and lay faithful in our beloved Diocese of Kalamazoo. May God be praised always for His goodness to us! And may we have the serenity, wisdom and courage to look beyond life’s challenges, and be humbled and grateful for all God’s abundant blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving, and may you have a hope-filled Advent Season!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Paul J. Bradley  
Bishop of Kalamazoo

THE BACK DOOR OF THE OFFICE GARAGE IS OPEN

MONDAY-THURSDAY  
9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
FRIDAY 9:00AM-1:00PM  
OR BRING TO CHURCH  
WHEN YOU  
COME TO MASS

**TOILET PAPER MINISTRY**

Toilet paper donations  
for those in need.

**FOAM RECYCLING****WHAT WE CAN COLLECT:**

The foam has to be clean, particularly if there was food in it.

#6 Expanded polystyrene (ex. Foam from appliances and used to ship prescriptions)

Foam egg cartons; Foam base for meat/veggies;

Foam takeout containers; Foam cups

**WHAT WE CANNOT COLLECT:**

Packing peanuts; Foam that comes from housing materials that has flame retardant.

Excessive soil/food.

**FOAM ACCEPTED AT THE PARISH OFFICE GARAGE ONLY**

Either inside the garage or in the large brown bin outside the door.

**HERE AT ST. TOM'S****REACH, STRETCH, RELAX**

Join us for group chair exercise class that targets balance, flexibility, range of movement and breathing. The class meets every Wednesday 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Cougar Room. This class is appropriate for "every body". Contact Matt Barretta at 343-7857 or 548-6837 for more information.

**YOGA**

Experience the benefits of yoga every Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00-11:00 am in the Cougar Room. Reduce stress, improve awareness, posture, strength, balance and flexibility. Uniting body, mind and spirit with instructor Gena Pezzoli. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. Suggested donation of \$10 to help our Feminine Care Product Ministry.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR —**

Grades 1-6

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:00 pm. If you have a child in grades 1-6 who would be interested in joining our new Children's Choir, contact Michael Zutis at [zututriot@gmail.com](mailto:zututriot@gmail.com)

**▼ NOVEMBER 2022 SUNDAY COLLECTION ▼**

Target for November	55,000.00
11/6	9,633.12
11/13	6,662.11
11/20	
11/27	
Electronic gifts for November 2022	12,728.00
Total gifts to date for November 2022	29,023.23

Are you grieving  
the death of someone  
and  
wondering how you  
will navigate the  
holidays this year?



Join grief counselor Mary Beckley-Clark MSW on

**Saturday, December 3rd**  
**from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

in the Cougar Room

to learn some practical coping strategies.

This workshop will include

a video presentation and group discussion.

Participants will also receive a copy of the  
GriefShare Holiday Survival Guide.

Questions call the parish office—269-381-8917



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

**BACCALAUREATE**

Are you graduating this semester?

We would like to honor our graduates

by hosting a baccalaureate Mass and

reception for you and your family and friends on

Friday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m.

If you are interested, please email [lisa@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:lisa@sttomskazoo.org)

with your name, photo, degree/program, and

number of guests by or before Monday, December 12.

**SUNDAY SUPPERS ARE FREE,**

homemade meals for college students served at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall following the 6:00 p.m. Mass! Entrée, drink, desserts, and more. **There is no supper on November 27.**

**MORE AT MIDWEEK**

Takes place on Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. **There is no More @ Midweek on November 23.**

**STUDENT HOLY HOUR Eucharistic adoration and confession**

is in the Worship Space at St. Tom's on Thursdays 6-7 PM. **There is no Holy Hour November 24.**

**FIRST AND SECOND FRIDAY MASSES**

are at Kanley Chapel on WMU's campus (across from Sangren Hall), and they start at 12:10 PM with Fr. Paul. Come celebrate the Eucharist between classes or on your lunch. These are the dates: 12/2/2022 and 12/9/2022

**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](mailto:Lisa@sttomskazoo.org) to subscribe to our weekly email. Our GroupMe texting group can be found here: [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/89335085/4QjZw0gK](https://groupme.com/join_group/89335085/4QjZw0gK)



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Assisted living apartments are currently available.  
For a tour contact Mikayla MacRitchie, Administrator (269) 381-6290 or [mmacritchie@csjinitiatives.org](mailto:mmacritchie@csjinitiatives.org)

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