St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street Kalamazoo, MI

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

6:00 p.m.

Week of January 30

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 5:15 p.m.

NO MASS FRIDAY

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.

HOLY HOUR

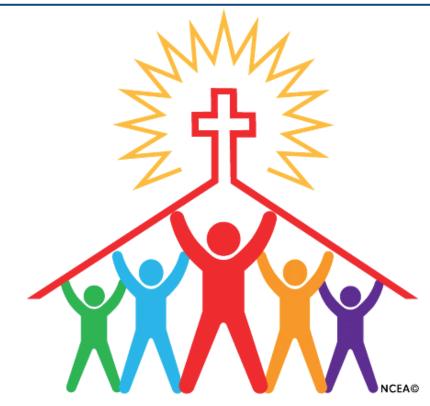
Friday 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

MASS at KANLEY CHAPEL WMU CAMPUS

12:10 p.m. Friday, February 3

Friday, February 10 Communion Service

Friday, April 14



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Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of January 29, 2023

Sunday Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Monday Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 & 30, 31-32;

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a;

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Friday Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;

Mt 5:13-16

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

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 — $\,$ St. Thomas Aquinas

6:00 p.m. †Phil Carey by Joan Carey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Catholic School Students and Staff

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

6:00 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

5:15 p.m. † James Homrich by Sue Henshaw

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 — St. John Boxco

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:15 p.m. †Dave Leonard, Jr

by Dad, Mom, Kim and Mackenzie

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 — The Presentation of the Lord

5:15 p.m. Vocations

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 — St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

12:10 p.m. Students and professors

at Kanley Chapel - WMU Campus

No 5:15 p.m. Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:00 p.m. John Sommerfeldt (living)

by Jim & Mary Grace

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Robert Smith (living) by Jayakasuma Family

10:30 a.m. †Jan & Maria Josephine van den Hohmbergh

by family

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

RCIA — A Journey of Faith

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.

Our gathering will be Sunday 29 January at 5 PM in the Cougar Room.

We will reflect more deeply this week on the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

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

FATHER PAUL'S POST



Catholic Schools Week 2023

January 29–February 4

www.NCEA.org/csw

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

What does Catholic Schools week and the Heisman trophy have in common? Probably



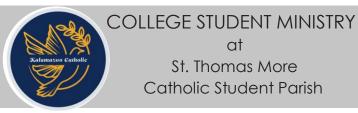
not much. However, it was very interesting that this year's winner for the best college football player went to USC's quarterback Caleb Williams. During his acceptance speech, he specifically thanked his Catholic School. He gave credit to the school for helping him be a "man for others." Typically those who win awards such as the Heisman thank parents, coaches, their faith or their teammates. Those are noble people to thank. I found it interesting that Caleb specifically thanked his Catholic School.

This week is the start of Catholic Schools week. It's a good opportunity to be reminded of the values our faith has to offer. Catholic Schools help with the practical application of putting "faith into action!" That's the best way of instilling the gifts of our faith and using them throughout our lives! The Catholic School system is a terrific way to apply our faith in this world.

Please stop a moment and say a prayer and/or thank those who work in Catholic Schools (teachers, faculty, administrators). Please also thank those who work in the religious education programs for students who do not attend Catholic Schools. These are the groups that make sure the faith is passed on to the next generation!

Have a blessed week!

Peace, FR, Paul





RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE! WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 24-26

SUNDAY SHUTTLE

Are you a college student who would like a ride to Sunday Mass? If so, please contact Lisa at <u>lisa@sttomskazoo.org</u> to ride the Sunday Shuttle or be paired with another student driving into Mass.

SUNDAY SUPPERS

are free, homemade meals for college students served around 7:00 PM in the Social Hall following the 6:00 PM Mass! Entrée, drink, desserts, and more.



MORE AT MIDWEEK

takes place on Wednesday nights from 7-9 PM. New and returning students get a chance to make new friends, catch up, and have some fun! This week we will have praise and worship, pizza, and then will be making blankets to donate to the See-ta Scholar Program at WMU.



STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic adoration and confession is in the Worship Space at St. Tom's on Thursdays 6-7 PM. Life is rarely quiet, but it's quiet here. Listen to Jesus speak to your heart.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

are starting up again this semester. College students can join student-led small groups to share life together, break open scripture, pray, and support one another in growing in the faith. If you are interested in hearing more or signing up for a group, please fill out the Goggle form

https://docs.google.com/forms/de/1FAlpQLSc9tB78niy3OrU5FXO6W5RB0BDUUvG8ve3A2 FA-TDtnWXF1g/viewform

and you will hear back from a student leader shortly.

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:

February 3 February 10 April 14

SOCIALS

Follow us on Instagram @KalamazooCatholic or sign up for our weekly email or GroupMe to get info on new events first. Email <u>Lisa@sttomskazoo.org</u> to subscribe to our weekly email. Our GroupMe texting group can be found here: https://groupme.com/join_group/89335085/4QjZw0gK

On Sunday evenings
during the fall and spring
college semesters,
St. Tom's provides a
Sunday Supper
for our Western, K College and
KVCC students.
It is a wonderful ministry

to see our students breaking

bread together.



The meals are prepared by St. Tom Parishioners.

We have an awesome clean-up crew and
group of dessert makers,

BUT WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE COOKS!

Any Questions? Please text or call Sue (269-998-6123) or Reed (269-207-6127) Youngs SUPPER SIGN-UP BOOK IS IN THE NARTHEX.

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Starting January 17th, the young adult group will be starting a new series of sessions about saints and Catholic art. They will meet weekly on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM upstairs. Come join for discussion and fellowship!

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. Yoga will not meet on Tuesday, January 31, Thursday, February 2 and Tuesday, February 7.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR — Grades 1-6

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:00 pm., in the Bronco Roomlf you have a child in grades 1-6 who would be interested in joining our new Children's Choir, contact Michael Zutis at zutzutriot@amail.com

COFFEE, DONUTS, & FELLOWSHIP

coffee & donuts following 8:30 and 10:30 Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for pick up prior to the 8:30 Mass and clean up after the 10:30 Mass. You may sign up in the narthex or at the link below https://sttomskazoo.flocknote.com/signup/98448

MASS INTENTION

if you wish to have a Mass offered for someone who has died or in celebration of someone's special day call the parish office, 381-8917. The intention appears under the Mass schedule in our bulletin. They can be set for weekday or weekend Mass. The usual donation is \$10.

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

THANK YOU

to all who participated in our first **Race Matters** event last Monday.

The video interview with Father Bryan Massingale, "Racism in the Catholic Church One Year After George Floyd's Murder," is available on YouTube.

RACE MATTERS

Building Our Beloved Community

Here is the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TOLfWNycD4A.

Our next gathering will be

Monday, February 27, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm via Zoom

Racism and the Catholic Church:

Why Does it Matter at St. Tom's

Father Gregory Heille, OP, Dmin, from the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO, will join us live via Zoom to help us consider this important question. **To register, email:** sttomssjm@gmail.com.

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Mark your calendars for our future blood drives



Tuesday, April 4 Thursday, June 8 Thursday, August 31 Thursday, November 2



Register to donate April 4 at link below

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/145403

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

INVISIBLE NEEDS PROJECT COLLECTION







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THE INVISIBLE NEED PROJECT SUPPORTS WMU STUDENTS WITH UNMET BASIC



FOOD PANTRY

NEEDS THROUGH 5 MAIN INITIATIVES.

- STUDENT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND
 - BOOKS FOR BRONCOS
- STUDENT HEALTH ASSISTANCE FUND
 - BRONCOS. PERIOD.



Specific Items Needed:

Deodorant Toothbrushes Cooking Oil Condiments

Toothpaste Mouthwash

Total gifts to date for January 2023

Snack Items





Soap Feminine Hygiene Products

PLACE YOUR ITEMS IN THE BIN AT CHURCH

OR



NEARLY 35% OF COLLEGE STUDENTS FACE FOOD INSECURITY ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

JANUARY 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for January	55,000.00
1/1	4,623.50
1/8	8,757.00
1/15	14,885.53
1/22	11,129.75
1/29	
Electronic gifts for January 2023	24,948.67

NEWS AROUND THE AREA

13-WEEK GRIEFSHARE PROGRAM AT ST. CATHERINE'S OF SIENA

1150 W. Centre Ave., Portage, MI On Tuesday, February 21, from 6:30-8:30 pm, St. Catherine's will begin a 13-week GriefShare program.

This is for those who have lost a loved one and are seeking to learn more about how to successfully navigate the grief journey. We meet on Tuesday evenings for 13 consecutive weeks. Participants view a video, may take notes, and share in a discussion of the video which addresses different aspects of the grieving process. Sharing is voluntary! Over the course of the 13 weeks, we create a sacred space for the work of grieving which is often not found in our everyday lives. The registration fee for this program is \$20.00 and includes the workbook which is ordered online at the time of registration.

Registration for this program is online at www.griefshare.org.

St. Catherine's entry will come up if you enter the zip 49024.

If you have any questions about this program,
feel free to contact Paula White at
(269) 330 3762 or pwhitentc@mac.com



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 <u>clean and good condition</u>: 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.

***Please **WAIT** to drop off large furniture or appliances
Until the week of the sale.***

Donation drop-off date:

Saturday, February 11, 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

CAREGIVER CONNECTION

Caregiver Connection is monthly zoom gathering that offers community, support and faith sharing to those caring for a loved one living with a disability. Recently a participant remarked, ""This is a spot of grace, mercy, kindness and love." Caregiver Connection meets on the first Sunday of the month (except on holiday weekends when it moves to the second Sunday) from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. To learn more or to register go to www.ccdok.org/connections-registration or contact Lisa Irwin at the Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-381-9800 x227 or by email at lisairwin@ ccdok.org. Upcoming dates: Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9, Aug. 6, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3.

MID-LIFE SINGLES (mid-30s to 50s)

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging in the New Year? Register today for a life-changing RE-FLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Feb 24-26, 2023. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

The CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.



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