

**WEEKEND
MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday
6:00 p.m.

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

**DAILY
MASS SCHEDULE**

Week of February 6

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

NO MASS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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.

**NO HOLY HOUR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

**MASS at KANLEY CHAPEL
WMU CAMPUS**

12:10 p.m.
Friday, February 10
Communion Service

Friday, April 14



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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 February 5, 2023

Sunday	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
Monday	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Gn 1:20 --2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Congratulations

Avi David Gomes son of Theotonius & Jennifer
who was baptized on Sunday, January 29, 2023

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — St. Paul Miki and Companions

5:15 p.m. †Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:15 p.m. †Gretchen LaReau - 30th anniversary of death

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 — St. Scholastica

12:10 p.m. Communion Service
at Kanley Chapel - WMU Campus

No 5:15 p.m. Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — Our Lady of Lourdes

6:00 p.m. †Carol Johnson McCracken
by Denny & Bonnie Banghart

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. †Louise McCarry by pen pal Lillie Toole
10:30 a.m. Melody Shapman (living) by Rose Chaivre
6:00 p.m. Deceased & sick members of Bosshart/Urban
families by Terry & Judy Bosshart

RCIA — A Journey of Faith

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been praying with and for the Candidates that will be entering the Catholic Church at the Great Easter Vigil. The Candidates entered the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) last semester. This ministry accompanies those who 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 next gathering will be**Sunday 5 February at 5 PM in the Cougar Room.**

We will reflect more deeply this week on the Sacraments of Service, which include Holy Orders and Marriage.

Contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or

Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net)

for handouts ahead of the Sunday gathering.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds."

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our Sunday Gospel is the continuation of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is calling us the light and the salt of the world. I calling us that, Jesus is praising us for he's telling us we have talents and gifts that could be of great value and of help to others.



As we start February, we are finishing up our celebration of Catholic Schools week. We are also starting Black History Month. As the racial division still exists in our country, we may be light and salt by active listening to others. Fr. Josh Johnson in his book, *On Earth as it is in Heaven: Restoring God's vision of Race and Discipleship* (2022, Ascension Press), states, "Taking the time to hear each other's stories can establish the motivation needed to transform our world into a civilization of love."

How do we cultivate the habit of active listening? Fr. Johnson reminds us of Proverbs 18:2, "A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion." He further writes, "We should always seek to understand where the person is coming from based on his or her life experiences." We will not always agree with what is being expressed but taking the time to hear each other's stories is a good starting point.

And if we want to listen well, we need to pray well. We need to spend time in prayer. Let this be a good month for us to listen more and speak less! Then we can really become the salt of the Earth and the light of the World! Have a blessed week!

Peace, *FR. Paul*

RACE MATTERS

Building Our Beloved Community

Monday, February 27

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm via Zoom

Racism and the Catholic Church: Why Does it Matter at St. Tom's?

An Evening with

Father Gregory Heille, OP, Dmin

Professor of Preaching and Evangelization
Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO

As we complete Black History Month and begin lent, Father Greg will join us live via Zoom to help us consider racism in our church and the world.

How do the gospels call us to action?

How can we help build a more beloved community?

To register, email: sttomssjm@gmail.com.

It's Time to Hit the Books!

Coming in March,

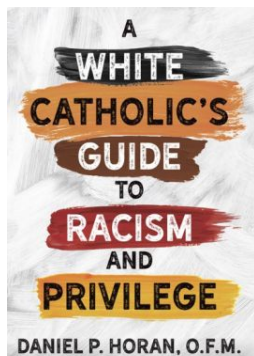
the Race Matters Book Club

A White Catholic's Guide to

Racism and Privilege

by Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM

We will discuss this easy-to-read, thoughtful, personal book. Father Horan invites his fellow white Catholics to become actively anti-racist and better allies to people of color as we work for racial justice in our culture and in the Church. Our hope is that the book will stimulate thoughtful discussion, encourage each of us to grow in better understanding ourselves and then use that knowledge to build our beloved community.



The book is available locally at The Newman Bookstore, 340 E. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo and This Is a Bookstore in the Oakwood Plaza or wherever you usually buy books.

If you would like to participate in the book club, but can't afford to buy a copy, send an email to:

sttomssjm@gmail.com.

A book will be provided for you discreetly.

Dates and times for book club sessions coming soon.



REGISTER AT THE LINK BELOW TO DONATE
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ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/145403

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	8,276.00
Electronic gifts for January 2023	27,298.67
Total gifts to date for January 2023	74,970.45

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. **Yoga will not meet on Tuesday, February 7.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR — Grades 1-6

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



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.



THE INVISIBLE NEED PROJECT supports Western Michigan University students with unmet basic needs. Collection begins next weekend...you may drop off items at the church on the weekend or at the parish garage during the week.

Specific items requested are:

Deodorant	Toothbrushes (single packs)
Toothpaste	Mouthwash
Soap	Feminine Hygiene Products
Cooking Oil	Pasta
Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, soy sauce, etc)	
Snack Items (crackers, chips, pretzels, etc.)	

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.

NEWS AROUND THE AREA

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.

***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**



SHAMROCK

CELEBRATION

SAT FEB 11 2023
5:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Hackett Catholic Prep Gymnasium

You can register and find more information on the Live
 Auction and Irish Champion items online at
<http://bidpal.net/2023shamrock>



INTERESTED IN THE DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM?

A new group of men is being recruited for the Diocese of Kalamazoo Deacon Formation Program. Formation will begin fall of 2023. A session is scheduled for Immaculate Conception Church, Hartford at 3:00 pm Sunday, February 12th. Applications for Inquiry for the Permanent Diaconate are now being accepted. See diokzoo.org/permanent-diaconate for more information.

13-WEEK GRIEF SHARE 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 pwhitenc@mac.com

KALAMAZOO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN LENTEN RETREAT

The Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all of our sisters in Christ to encounter Jesus in a deeper way through the Eucharist, Reconciliation, and More. A Lenten Retreat will be held at St. Augustine Cathedral and The Crowley Center on Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The cost to register is just \$25 per person, which includes lunch and will help us cover our costs. To register, email KDCCW Treasurer Ann Vrablic at annie.vroom@gmail.com or call 517.812.3727. Please provide your name, email address, phone number, and the name/city of your home parish. Mail your registration check by March 1st to Ann Vrablic, 387 Progress Drive, Coldwater, MI 49036. Please register by March 6th, even if you are paying at the door. Scholarships are available with prior approval. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact KDCCW President, Becky Borglin at becky.borglin@gmail.com or call 269.325.1354 and leave a message

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 REFLECT 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.



COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

at
St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish



SPRING STUDENT RETREAT!

Join your fellow college students from St. Tom's - February 24 - 26 for our spring retreat

The Eucharist!

A prayerful retreat away from the craziness to reflect on the Eucharist as a sacred meal, sacrifice, and the real presence of Jesus Christ.



Sign up and get more information with this link: <https://forms.gle/4JQJQXs56Z2QcYwTA>

SUNDAY SHUTTLE

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

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.

VERITAS FORUM AT WMU

Is there knowledge beyond science? Two biologists will be discussing faith, science, and philosophy on Friday, February 10th at 7 PM in Sangren Hall, Room 3310. Find more information on their Facebook page: Veritas Forum at Western Michigan University.

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, Friday, February 10, Communion Service with deacon Joe and Friday, April 14 Mass with Father Paul.

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. Our GroupMe texting group can be found here: https://groupme.com/join_group/89335085/4QjZw0gK

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.



a BBQ Sunday Supper combined with a Super Bowl watch party in the Cougar Room at St. Tom's starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12
PLUS A SUPER BOWL SQUARES FUNDRAISER.

MORE AT MIDWEEK

takes place on Wednesday nights from 7-9 PM. Join us for praise and worship, pizza, and then a fun and thought-provoking time finding faith in your favorite songs.

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/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9tB78niy3OrU5FXO6W5RB0BDUUVg8ve3A2_FATDtnWXF1g/viewform



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

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

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