

**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 13

Wednesday & Thursday
5:15 p.m.

NO MASS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, and 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.

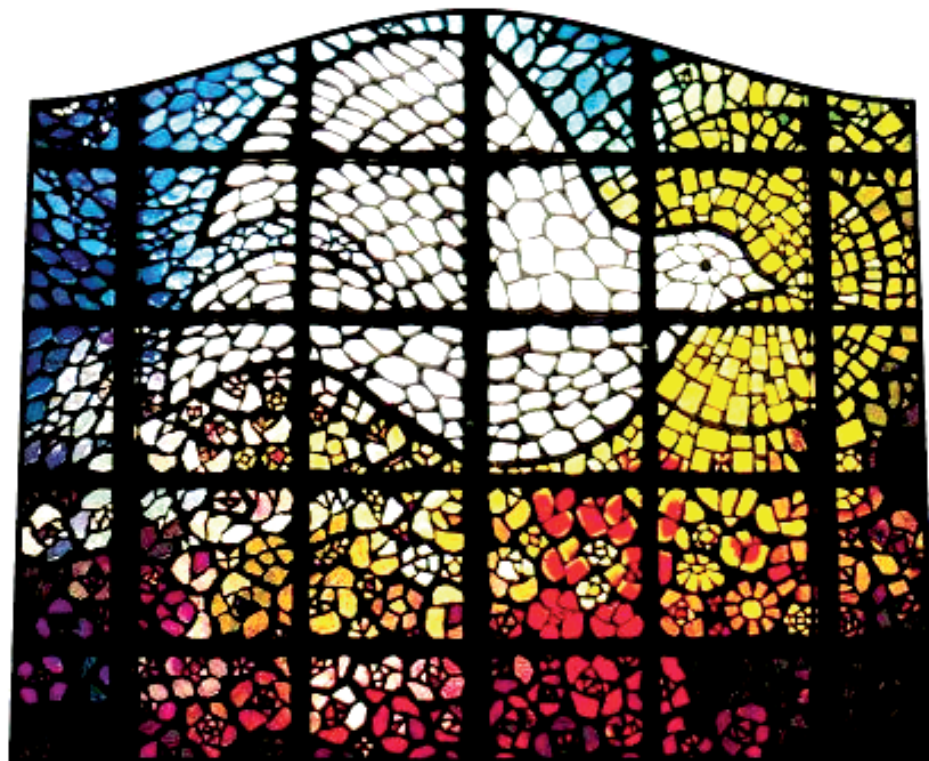
HOLY HOUR

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

**NO HOLY HOUR
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**MASS at KANLEY CHAPEL
WMU CAMPUS**

12:10 p.m.
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.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

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. In RCIA, we accompany 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 12 February at 5 PM in the Bronco Room (note the room change).

We will discuss the Sacraments of Healing, which include Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.
Contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net) for handouts ahead of the Sunday gathering.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — Our Lady of Lourdes
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. †Louise McCarry by pen pal Lilie 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
No Mass

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — Sts. Cyril and Methodius
No Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
5:15 p.m. People of Syria and Turkey

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
5:15 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 — The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
No Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
6:00 p.m. †Francis Ross by Joni Weaver

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 — Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. †Mario Bazali by Bazali-Walters family
10:30 a.m. †Jim Bosco by Sharon Bosco
6:00 p.m. †Ernest Bedard by Deidre & Doug Smith

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of February 12, 2023

Sunday Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37
Monday Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10;
Ps 29:1a & 2; 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10; Mk 8:41-21
Wednesday Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:22-26
Thursday Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23;
Mk 8:27-33
Friday Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13; 14-15;
Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE — To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns, if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.

FATHER PAUL'S POST

"Reflect upon the providence and wisdom of God in all created things and praise Him in them all."
St. Teresa of Avila

"Provided that God be glorified, we must not care by Whom."
Blessed Henriette Delille

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What does Black History Month and St. Teresa of Avila have in common? According to Fr. Josh Johnson in his book, *ON Earth as it is in Heaven: Restoring*

God's vision of Race and Discipleship, St. Teresa was the granddaughter of a Jewish man who had been forced to convert to Christianity. She would experience discrimination from her fellow Carmelite sisters. At the time, any sister who had Jewish or Moors blood were alienated. This was based on a Spanish policy that required nuns to prove that they were descendant of Christians and no one else.

The saint would remove this "purity of blood" requirement when she established the Discalced Carmelites.

This act of St. Teresa may have inspired Venerable Henriette Delille. Born in 1813 as a free person of color. Wanting to be a nun, she was never invited by a religious order because of her race. The Archdiocese of New Orleans finally gave her permission to establish a community of Black Sisters in New Orleans.

Blessed Henriette chose to take her vows on October 15, 1851. This day is the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila. This was a very deep statement Blessed Henriette made and a powerful voice for racial inclusion for the whole Body of Christ.

Peace, *FR. Paul*





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ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 4

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

Monday, February 27

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm via Zoom

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

Our guest speaker—Gregory Heille, OP, from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis—is co-author of a forthcoming book on *Preaching Racial Justice*. Fr. Greg will help us consider several questions:

What can we learn about racism and racial justice if we dig more deeply into the stories of the communities in which we have lived?

What can we do as members of the Kalamazoo, St. Tom's, and Roman Catholic communities to relearn our stories in a spirit of racial reparation?

How will our stories motivate us to act for justice as a Beloved Community?

To register, email: sttomssjm@gmail.com.

Please note: This event is limited to the first 100 registrants.



**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. 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.

JANUARY 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for February	55,000.00
2/5	23,622.00
2/12	
2/19	
2/26	
Electronic gifts for February 2023	10,041.00
Total gifts to date for February 2023	33,663.00

RACE MATTERS

*Building Our
Beloved
Community*

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., 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
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9:00 AM-3:00 PM
FRIDAY
9:00AM-1:00PM
OR BRING TO CHURCH**

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

**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

**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



Analysis to Action: A Green Team Training Series



Across Kalamazoo, congregational Green Teams are making meaningful change by reducing waste and energy use, installing solar panels and electric vehicle chargers, tending the soil around their buildings, and raising awareness of the impacts of climate change. How much more could we accomplish if we better understood roles and relationships in the work? Hope for Creation seeks to bring together local Green Team representatives – and anyone interested in faith-based environmental justice – to share successes and incorporate useful frameworks for effective and inclusive earth-care actions and advocacy. This four-part series is open to the public and designed to allow participation in one or more sessions. While we encourage individuals to purchase one or both books at a local bookstore, participation is welcomed even without having read the books. For more information, contact Hope for Creation at info@hopeforcreation.net. All four sessions take place at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish Church, 421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo.

Saturday, February 18, 3-4:30 PM:

What makes congregational earth-care programs successful in the long-term?

Learn from Cybelle Shattuck, WMU faculty and author of *Faith, Hope, and Sustainability: The Greening of US Faith Communities*, about the experiences of fifteen faith communities striving to care for the earth and live more sustainably. Explore how factors in four domains of activity—champions, faith leaders, congregations, and organizations—can support efforts to implement and sustain creation-care programs.

This session co-hosted by:

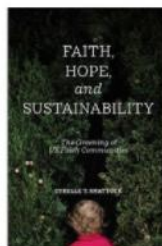
- Hope for Creation
- WMU Institute of the Environment and Sustainability
- St. Thomas More Catholic Parish Church

Thursday, March 2, 6:30-8 PM:

What are we missing by focusing exclusively on environmental sustainability?

Discuss the first two chapters of Leah Thomas' *Intersectional Environmentalist*, with KVCC instructor Claire McSwiney, who will lead a conversation about why congregational Green Teams would broaden their focus to include those who disproportionately bear the burden of environmental harm:

- Chapter 1: Intersectional Theory, Feminism + Intersectional Environmentalism
- Chapter 2: Environmental Justice: A Wider Lens

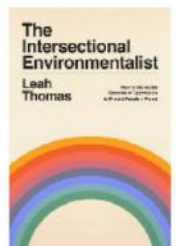


Thursday, March 9, 6:30-8 PM:

Why do we need to acknowledge disparity and broaden our collective attention to social and environmental justice?

Discuss Leah Thomas' *Intersectional Environmentalist*, chapters 3 & 4, with KVCC instructor Claire McSwiney, who will encourage us to acknowledge privilege, engage with those most affected, and move to right the environmental injustice in our community:

- Chapter 3: Unpacking Privilege
- Chapter 4: Who's Affected: The Reality for BIPOC Communities



Saturday, March 18, 3-5 PM:

Strategy Saturday: Moving Together Toward A Greener, Safer, and More Equitable Future for Everyone **How can we learn from each other's histories and advocate together?**

Consider how the wisdom of Leah Thomas' *Intersectional Environmentalist*, chapter 5: People + Planet, provides a foundation on which to build our shared work. This session will include time for participants to share their own stories and for local Green Teams to share their current and aspirational projects.

Presenters:

Cybelle Shattuck is Associate Professor with a joint position in the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability and the Department of Comparative Religion at Western Michigan University.

Claire McSwiney teaches in the biology department at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, is a former scientist at the Michigan State University Kellogg Biological Station, and is a parishioner at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish Church.



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COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

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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.

FINAL SECOND FRIDAY MASS

will be at Kanley Chapel on WMU's campus (across from Sangren Hall), April 14th at 12:10 PM with Fr. Paul. Come celebrate Easter with us between classes or on lunch!

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



catered by Dickey's BBQ
will be in the Cougar Room at St. Tom's starting at 6:30.
Attend a morning Mass and be there at the start or come in after the 6:00 PM Sunday Mass.
Come to watch or just hang out,
plus we will have Super Bowl squares to win gift cards!

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 listen to a talk from Michael Zutis about his experience reading 100 books in 2022 and what he learned from it.



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

For the following dates

March 26, April 2, April 16 and April 23

SUPPER SIGN-UP BOOK IS IN THE NARTHEX

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