



# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH

421 Monroe Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Ash WEDNESDAY

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Week of February 19

Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, and Friday  
5:15 p.m.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22

12:10 p.m.

at Kanley Chapel/WMU

Reconciliation follows

12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

at St. Tom's

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday and Sunday  
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

## STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Thursday  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## HOLY HOUR

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

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

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email: [sttoms@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:sttoms@sttomskazoo.org) website: [www.sttomskazoo.org](http://www.sttomskazoo.org)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

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

## RCIA — A Journey of Faith

Next week, our RCIA Candidates will celebrate the Rite of Sending at the 10:30 Mass and the Rite of Election at St. Augustine Cathedral. The Candidates entered the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) last semester. We have accompanied them in learning more about the basics of the Faith, as well as how Catholics pray, embrace our community, and live out their mission in the world. Please continue to pray for our Candidates as they continue their journey to the Easter Vigil.

Prayerfully consider joining us  
to find out more about our Catholic Faith.  
Contact Fr. Paul ([frpaul@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:frpaul@sttomskazoo.org)) or  
Claire McSwiney ([claire.mcswiney@att.net](mailto:claire.mcswiney@att.net))  
for more information.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

5:15 p.m. †Matthew Margiewicz by Diana Dreksler

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21** — St. Peter Damian

5:15 p.m. †Fr. James O'Leary

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22** — Ash Wednesday

at Kanley Chapel WMU Campus

12:10 p.m. MSU students, families, faculty, and staff  
at St. Tom's

12:10 p.m. People of Syria and Turkey

5:30 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23** — St. Polycarp

5:15 p.m. People of Ukraine

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24** — Friday after Ash Wednesday

5:15 p.m. †Deceased members of  
the Chadderdon family by Vera Russell

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25** — Saturday after Ash Wednesday

6:00 p.m. †Michael Hizer by family

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26** — First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. †Luba Korytowsky by Diana Dreksler

10:30 a.m. †Fr. James Dugal uncle of Tony Dugal

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of February 19, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	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
<b>Monday</b>	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 & 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 9:22-25
<b>Friday</b>	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
<b>Sunday</b>	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

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?

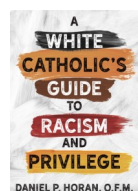
How will our stories motivate us to act for justice as a Beloved Community?

**There are two options for participants:**

1. **Zoom meeting:** Participate via Zoom from your home, *limited to the first 100 registrants.*
2. **In Person at St. Tom's:** Meet in the Cougar Room at St. Tom's, listen to Father Greg via Zoom, and discuss in person with facilitators from the Race Matters team. This option is *limited to the first 20 registrants.*

**To register, email: [sttomssjm@gmail.com](mailto: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, O.F.M.

Small group discussions of this book will encourage each of us to grow in better understanding ourselves and then use that knowledge to build our beloved community.

Book club discussion groups will meet in person at St. Tom's on **Tuesday, March 21**, 6:30-8:00 pm, **Wednesday, March 22**, 2:00-3:30 pm, **Saturday, March 25**, 10:00-11:30 am AND via Zoom on **Monday, March 27**, 7:00-8:30 pm.

**To register, email: [sttomssjm@gmail.com](mailto:sttomssjm@gmail.com)**

**and include the date you would like to attend.**

If you would like to participate but can't afford to buy the book, send an email to: [sttomssjm@gmail.com](mailto:sttomssjm@gmail.com). We have copies to share discreetly.

**RACE MATTERS**

*Building Our  
Beloved  
Community*

# LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,  
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION



You are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice.

## RICE BOWLS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

CRS Rice Bowl: Your Lenten alms change lives globally and in your own community. 75% of donations support CRS programs around the world. 25% of donations stay in the Diocese of Kalamazoo and support local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Your donations will help provide lifesaving support to more than 159 million people in more than 100 countries. Visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for resources for families and parishes.



## THE LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

with Lenten reflections  
are available in the narthex.

## LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed by all those 14 and above on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays in Lent. On Fridays outside Lent, they may substitute another penitential act in place of abstinence. Fasting is required of those ages 18 to 60 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The USCCB has defined fasting in the United States as one full meal and two smaller meals not equaling another full meal together. Snacking is not permitted. (People may be excused from these practices for certain reasons, e.g. pregnant mothers.)



**PRIVATE RECONCILIATION**  
here at St. Tom's  
Every Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.;  
Saturday & Sunday 5:00-5:30 p.m.

## Kalamazoo Area Lenten Penance Services

Priests in the Kalamazoo area parishes are working together during the Lenten season to offer a schedule that meets the needs and convenience of many people. Rather than every parish having its own service and trying to find priests to assist at each one, we are going to offer several services throughout the area and priests will be available at the end of each service for individual confessions. Everyone is invited to attend at the location that best suits your needs.

**St. Ann Gull Lake — Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 p.m.**  
12648 East D Avenue, Augusta

**St. Catherine of Siena — Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.**  
1150 W. Centre Avenue, Portage

**St. Thomas More — Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.**  
421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo

**St. Monica — Thursday, March 23, 6:00 p.m.**  
434 W. Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo

**St. Martin of Tours — Sunday, March 26, 3:00 p.m.**  
5855 East W Avenue, Vicksburg

**St. Joseph — Monday, March 27, 5:30 p.m.**  
936 Lake Street, Kalamazoo

**St. Ambrose — Tuesday, March 28, 6:00 p.m.**  
1628 East G Avenue, Parchment

**St. Augustine Cathedral — Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m.**  
542 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo

## COLLECTING SHEETS AND TOWELS NOW THROUGH PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2 FOR THE ALEMAN CENTER

Do you have spare linens you can share? Both new and used sheets and towels are needed. The Aleman Center serves over 400 families each year, migrant workers who come to Michigan from the south to pick summer produce. Living conditions on the farms are sparse, and families arrive with few possessions, clothing, or household items. St. Tom's parishioners generously provide groceries, donated clothing, and volunteers to help every summer. One of the biggest needs often goes unmet because we do not receive enough donations of sheets and towels. You can help make a difference for these families. During Lent we will be collecting sheets and towels for families who need them this spring and summer. Donations may be placed in the box located near the toilet paper collection area. If possible, please label sheets with the size (we need all sizes).

**Sheets and towels only, please; clothing and other household items will be collected during the summer. Thanks so much for your willingness to help these families in need.**





**THEA BOWMAN**, FSPA (born **Bertha Elizabeth Bowman**; December 29, 1937 – March 30, 1990)

was a Black Catholic religious sister, teacher, musician, liturgist and scholar who made major contributions to the ministry of the Catholic Church toward African Americans.



She became an evangelist among her people, assisted in the production of an African-American Catholic hymnal, and was a popular speaker on faith and spirituality in her final years, in addition to recording music. She also helped found the National Black Sisters' Conference to provide support for African-American women in Catholic religious life. She died of cancer in 1990.

In 2018, the Diocese of Jackson opened her cause for sainthood and she was designated a Servant of God.



## NEWS FROM 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](mailto: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](mailto:becky.borglin@gmail.com) or call 269.325.1354 and leave a message

#### EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Kalamazoo seeks an organized administrative professional for its Executive Coordinator role. Ideal candidates have at least three to five years supporting an Executive Team; are competent in Microsoft Office; and are excellent at multi tasking. Click here for the full job description. The Executive Coordinator will work directly with each Diocesan Secretariat to provide operational support and assistance for day-to-day office functions as well as Diocesan hosted events. In addition, this role also provides administrative support for Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Application and cover letter may be sent to Tammi Wachterhauser, [twachterhauser@diokzoo.org](mailto:twachterhauser@diokzoo.org).

#### FOUNDATION DIRECTOR

The Diocese of Kalamazoo seeks a dynamic, mission-driven Foundation Director to lead the growth of The Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Michigan along with the diocese's development and stewardship efforts. Candidates should have a minimum of three to five years experience in the areas of development. A complete job description may be found at [diokzoo.org/employment](http://diokzoo.org/employment). Applications, cover letters & resumes should be submitted to: [twachterhauser@diokzoo.org](mailto:twachterhauser@diokzoo.org).

### ONCE IN A BLUE MOON GARAGE SALE

March 10 and 11, 2023

#### LAST Donation Drop-off dates!

Make a difference in your diocese AND community!

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:

#### ESPECIALLY NEEDED:

Furniture, baby items, appliances, housewares

We DO NOT accept;

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

#### **LAST Donation drop-off dates:**

**Monday, March 6, 10:00-6:00**

**Tuesday, March 7, 10:00-6:00**

Donations will be accepted in the gym at 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!

### 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](http://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](mailto:lisairwin@ccdok.org). Upcoming 2023 dates: February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9, Aug. 6, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3



## COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

at  
St. Thomas More  
Catholic Student Parish

### 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. This week is Ash Wednesday. Mass will be from 5:30-6:30, followed by that around 6:35 we will have pizza together and around 7:00 we will talk about why we use ashes to begin our Lenten journey.

### SUNDAY SHUTTLE

Are you a college student who would like a ride to Sunday Mass? If so, please contact Lisa at [lisa@sttomskazoo.org](mailto: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](mailto:lisa@sttomskazoo.org) to subscribe to our weekly email. Our GroupMe texting group can be found here: [https://groupme.com/join\\_group/89335085/4QiZw0gK](https://groupme.com/join_group/89335085/4QiZw0gK)



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ON  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4**

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## JANUARY 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for February	55,000.00
2/5	23,622.00
2/12	7,739.86
2/19	
2/26	
Electronic gifts for February 2023	13,021.41
Total gifts to date for February 2023	44,383.27

## 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 [zututriot@gmail.com](mailto:zututriot@gmail.com)



**THE BACK DOOR OF  
THE OFFICE GARAGE IS  
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MONDAY-THURSDAY  
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 continues through February...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

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www.csjinitiatives.org/kalamazoo or tnelson@csjoseph.org

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