

# ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH

421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, MI

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Week One - February 26, 2023

## 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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## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Week of February 27

### NO MASS

Monday & Tuesday

Mass

Wednesday & Friday  
5:15 p.m.

Communion Service  
Thursday 5:15 p.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.

## HOLY HOUR

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

**NO HOLY HOUR FRIDAY, MARCH 3**

## 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 26, 2023

<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
<b>Monday</b>	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday</b>	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;

## RCIA — A Journey of Faith

This week, our RCIA Candidates will celebrate the Rite of Sending at the 10:30 Mass and the Rite of Election at St. Augustine Cathedral. Isabel Campbell, Tom Beam, Alex Nam, and Dana Hammond entered the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) this fall. Please continue to pray for our Candidates this weekend as we share their growth, they meet the Bishop, and they continue to the next step in 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 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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27** — St. Gregory of Narek

No Mass

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28** — Lenten Weekday

No Mass

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1** — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. People of Turkey & Syria

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2** — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3** — St. Katharine Drexel

5:15 p.m. For Michigan State University

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4** — St. Casimir

6:00 p.m. †Lou Thierwechter by joe & Becky Schmitt

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5** — Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. †Eugene Burgwald by Vera Russell

10:30 a.m. †Tony Peral, brother of Mary Stryker by Friends

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

## 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)

## FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Vices and Virtues. When we try to grow in virtue, most always it will involve letting go of a vice! Getting rid of vices, whether extreme or light, is what the Church is trying to get us to do as we start this season of Lent.

Two stories in this weeks readings, the Fall of Adam and Eve and the temptations of Jesus, are powerful reminders of this theme. Jesus shows us that temptations can be overcome. However, they can only be overcome with the help of God's word!

Jesus example in the desert reminds us of what to do to grow in virtue. Jesus was humble, faithful, to serve and not be served, and He was ready to pay whatever price this would require of Him. It shows what kind of Son of God he was, that he loved the Father with his whole heart and soul and mind and strength. It is also a reminder to us that no matter how holy we are; no matter how filled we are with the Spirit of God, we still have to guard against the temptations of the devil, for he is interested in leading any one of us astray! It can be hard to resist temptation. Jesus knows this because he experienced temptations. As we journey this Lenten season, it would be good to recall this and know that Jesus is there with us in the desert when we face our temptations. We can always call on Him for help!!!

Take care!

Peace, *FR. Paul*



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**



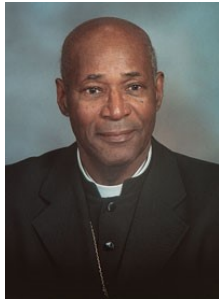


## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### BISHOP ANDERSON, SSE

Moses B. Anderson, SSE was born on September 9, 1928 in Selma, Alabama, and graduated from Knox Academy there in

1949. He was a member of the Society of St. Edmund. Anderson then attended Saint Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont, where he majored in philosophy attaining a B.A. and graduating magna cum laude. From there he moved on to St. Edmund Seminary in Burlington, Vermont. He earned an M.S. in Sociology at St. Michael's College in 1961. He also earned an M.A. in Theology at Xavier University in 1968. During his tenure at Xavier he was a part of a team that formed the Black Catholic Institute.



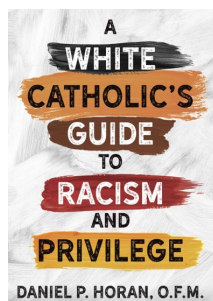
Anderson was ordained on May 30, 1958. In 1982 he became the first and only African American bishop ordained for the Archdiocese of Detroit. On January 18, 1992, he became the pastor of Precious Blood Parish in Detroit.

He retired in 2003 upon reaching the age of 75; and passed away on January 1, 2013

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

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

Registration for our February event closed February 22. Thank you for your interest. We are looking forward to an enlightening session with our guest speaker — Gregory Heille, OP, from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.



### 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  
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: [sttomssim@gmail.com](mailto:sttomssim@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: [sttomssim@gmail.com](mailto:sttomssim@gmail.com). We have copies to share discreetly.



### 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).



**PLEASE SHEETS AND TOWELS ONLY; clothing and other household items will be collected beginning late May or early June. Thanks so much for your willingness to help these families in need.**

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE AREA

**Analysis to Action: A Green Team Training Series continues Thursday, March 2, 6:30-8 PM in the Social Hall here at St. Tom's WHAT ARE WE MISSING BY FOCUSING EXCLUSIVELY ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY?**

Discuss the first two chapters of Leah Thomas' Intersectional Environmentalist, with KVCC instructor and St. Tom's Parishioner, 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

The next session will be Thursday, March 9, 6:30-8 PM - check our website for the flyer with full details of the series

**BIPOLAR MATTERS****Support Group for Women**

Meets at the First Congregational Church, 345 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Mondays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. For more information call Paula Chomis 269-903-9247

**OPEN DOORS—KALAMAZOO****IS LOOKING FOR HOSTS FOR THEIR COMMUNITY DINNERS.**

What does it take to host?

Find a group of volunteers, choose a date to serve, plan a menu, prepare a meal, join us for dinner; clean-up. Flyers available on the bulletin table in the narthex and on our website. For more details please call Cherrie Venema at 343-6064 or by email at [cvenema@opendoorskalamazoo.org](mailto:cvenema@opendoorskalamazoo.org).

**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

**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: March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9, Aug. 6, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3

**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

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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!

## BLOOD DRIVE



**REGISTER AT THE LINK BELOW  
TO DONATE  
AT ST. TOM'S BLOOD DRIVE  
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4**

[https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/145403](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/145403)



## 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 from 7-9. This Wednesday we will have praise and worship, pizza, and play a Lenten themed Jeopardy!

## 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)

## JANUARY 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for February	55,000.00
2/5	23,622.00
2/12	7,739.86
2/19	5,980.70
2/26	
Electronic gifts for February 2023	21,114.08
Total gifts to date for February 2023	58,456.64

## 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. **No Yoga Thursday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 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 [zutzutriot@gmail.com](mailto:zutzutriot@gmail.com)



**THE BACK DOOR OF  
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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

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



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

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