

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH

421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, MI

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Week Two - March 5, 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 March 5

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

NO MASS
Wednesday & Thursday

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

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

NO RECONCILIATION
MARCH 8

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

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of March 5, 2023

Sunday	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 6 — Lenten Weekday

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 — Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 — St. John of God

No Mass

THURSDAY, MARCH 9 — St. Frances of Rome

No Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. Vocations

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 — Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. †Leola Marcusse by Corey Lager

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 — Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. †Susan J. Duff by Barbara Ceru
10:30 a.m. †Jan & Maria Josephine van den Hohmbergh
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

BLOOD DRIVE

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

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FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What was the purpose of the Transfiguration? We hear about the Transfiguration every Second Sunday of Lent.



The Transfiguration of Jesus icon print by Father John Giuliani is a depiction of Jesus' encounter with Moses and Elijah on Mt. Tabor.

Pope Francis wrote that the Lord "allowed the divine glory that could be understood through faith in his preaching and his miraculous gestures, to shine forth from within Him." He also wrote, "the 'brightness' that characterizes this extraordinary event symbolizes its purpose: to enlighten the minds and hearts of the disciples so that they may clearly understand who their Teacher is. It is a flash of light that suddenly opens onto the mystery of Jesus and illuminates his whole person and his whole story."

Jesus was also preparing them for the road he was going to take: the road of taking his death and crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus was preparing them for this painful moment. This wasn't their idea of a Messiah. Jesus needed to teach his disciples what the cross was.

Transfigured before them, Jesus showed his disciples His glory. He also showed them not to move away from the cross but showed them where the cross would lead. Those who die with Jesus shall rise again with Him. The cross is the path to the Resurrection. Pope Francis states also that the cross "...is a call to the love with which Jesus sacrificed Himself to save humanity from evil and sin."

Let this moment of the Transfiguration transform your life this Lent! May the cross this Lent help us develop a more serious awareness of the effects of sin in our lives and value the sacrifice which our Savior offered to redeem us all!

Peace, *FR. Paul*

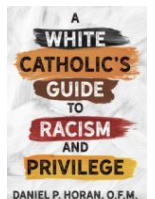
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**IT'S TIME TO HIT THE BOOKS!
IN MARCH JOIN THE
RACE MATTERS BOOK CLUB**

*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: 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. We have copies to share discreetly.



COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

at St. Thomas More
Catholic Student Parish

K COLLEGE STUDENTS

Care Packages will be out March 11/12 as you prepare for your final exams.

SUNDAY SUPPERS

are free, homemade meals for college students served following the 6:00 PM Mass. Sunday Supper won't be served March 5th or 12th. Supper will return March 19th.

MORE AT MIDWEEK AND STUDENT HOLY HOUR WILL NOT BE HAPPENING THIS WEEK DUE TO WMU'S SPRING BREAK.

SUNDAY SHUTTLE

Are you a college student who would like a ride to a 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.

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



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Toilet paper donations for those in need.

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MON-THURS 9:00 AM-3:00 PM; FRI. 9:00AM-1:00PM
OR BRING TO CHURCH WHEN YOU COME TO MASS

FOAM RECYCLING CONTINUES

Foam accepted at the parish garage only. Either inside the garage or in the large brown bin outside the door.

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

— 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. 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 during the summer Thanks so much for your willingness to help these families in need.**

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 be held 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 tutzutriot@gmail.com

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. 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

FEBRUARY 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	6,889.00
Electronic gifts for February 2023	23,639.08
Total gifts to date for February 2023	67,870.64

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