

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH

421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, MI

LENT

FASTING
PRAYING
ALMSGIVING

Week Three - March 12, 2023

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

Parish Office is located at
1333 W. Lovell Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006
Phone: 269-381-8917 Fax 269-281-0195

email: sttoms@sttomskazoo.org website: 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.

Fr. Paul Redmond, Pastor | ext. 264 | frpaul@sttomskazoo.org

Pete Chadderdon | ext. 234
Maintenance
pete@sttomskazoo.org

Michele Cretsinger | ext. 273
Office Manager
Bulletin Editor
michele@sttomskazoo.org

Lisa Heyduk | ext. 272
Campus Minister
lisa@sttomskazoo.org

Martha Reid | ext. 266
Bookkeeper
martha@sttomskazoo.org

deacon joe schmitt | ext. 274
Pastoral Associate
Marriage & Baptismal Preparation
jhschmitt@charter.net

Narcia Schultz-Acker | ext. 261
Parish Secretary
Safe Environment Coordinator
narcia@sttomskazoo.org

Deacon Frank Sila
Retired
frank.sila@sttomskazoo.org

Michael Zutis
Director of Music Ministry
zututriot@gmail.com

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Week of March 12

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday
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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 20
6:30 p.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.

RCIA — A Journey of Faith

Continue to pray for our Candidates as they journey through Purification and Enlightenment to the Easter Vigil.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process for adults entering the Catholic Christian Community. If you 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 Cougar Room. We will be reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and how it is the basis for what we believe and what we do.

Contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net) for handouts ahead of the Sunday gathering.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 13 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. †Anne Anson sister of Msgr. Mike Hazard

TUESDAY, MARCH 14 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. †Ellen Faurot wife of Dennis Faurot

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 — Lenten Weekday

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 16 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. Vocations

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 — St. Patrick

5:15 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 — St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. †Tony Romano husband of Jeanne Romano

10:30 a.m. †Michael Berard by friend

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of March 12, 2023

Sunday

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 & 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The readings this week focus on water. The Book of Exodus, Moses is leading his people from the desert to the Promised Land...The people are complaining of the lack of water. Moses turns to God. God supplies their needs. God was not going to abandon his people.



Woman of Samaria, by Hery Nurhancoko, Indonesia

This reading ties in well with the Gospel from John! Jesus offers "living water" to a woman he meets at the well. At first, she doesn't understand this term. Jesus in a wonderful encounter, slowly opens up her spiritual eyes so she does understand! It is this living water that leads to eternal life. This living water is offered to us as we meet Jesus in faith, prayer and in the Eucharist. Have a blessed day!

Peace, *FR. Paul*

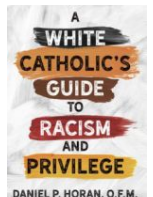
RACE MATTERS

*Building Our
Beloved
Community*

**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 to better understand ourselves and then use that knowledge to build our beloved community.

You have the option of attending
any one of four book club discussion groups.

Three 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, or

Saturday, March 25, 10:00-11:30 am.

The fourth group will meet via **Zoom** on
Monday, March 27, 7:00-8:30 pm.

To register, email: sttomssim@gmail.com and include the date of the session 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. We have copies to share discreetly.



COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

at St. Thomas More
Catholic Student Parish

K COLLEGE STUDENTS

Pick up your Care Package in the narthex,
as you prepare for your final exams.

SUNDAY SUPPERS

are free, homemade meals for college students served following the 6:00 PM Mass. Supper will return March 19th.

MORE AT MIDWEEK

takes place on Wednesday nights from 7-9 PM. Come enjoy praise and worship, pizza, and making rosaries.

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.

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



Visit Hackett Catholic Prep
for their Open House

Thursday, March 16 from 6-8 pm



HACKETT
CATHOLIC PREP

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
of Greater Kalamazoo



The Diocese of Kalamazoo is blessed with many senior priests. Although retired they continue to serve through prayer, assisting in parishes with Masses and confessions, visiting nursing homes and countless other ways. The special collection will support our diocesan priests' retirement fund. Please prayerfully consider your gift. Place your donation in the boxes located in the worship space.

MARCH 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for March	55,000.00
3/5	8,351.90
3/12	
3/19	
3/26	
Electronic gifts for March 2023	11,144.65
Total gifts to date for March 2023	19,496.55

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

PENANCE SERVICE

here at St. Tom's on Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Register at this link https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/145403 to donate blood on Tuesday, April 4, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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



TOILET PAPER MINISTRY
Toilet paper donations for those in need.

THE BACK DOOR OF THE OFFICE GARAGE IS OPEN
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.

John D. Bradshaw, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
Parishioners
269-373-4400

For Advertising Info
Please contact
JEFF INGERSOLL
616.299.2388
jingersoll@diocesan.com

KEI
ELECTRICAL
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE
6185 W. KL Ave.
372-2035
www.keiecm.com

#1 Rated Funeral Home Read Our Google Reviews
Life Story FUNERAL HOMES
Betler
Scott Betler
Catholic Funeral Director
(269) 375-2900
BetlerLifeStory.com

NAYLOR Landscape Management
Landscape Design,
Construction & Maintenance
375-0084
"Making Landscapes a Showplace!"
www.naylorlandscape.com
Barney & Judy Naylor
St. Augustine Parishioners

Langeland Family Funeral Homes
Our Family Serving You for 87 Years
Catholic Funeral Directors on Staff
Win Swieczkowski • www.langelands.com • 343-1508
WESTSIDE - CLIMAX - COMSTOCK - GALESBURG - KALAMAZOO - PORTAGE

A-1 AutoBody SHOP, INC.
"Service Since 1969"
COMPLETE AUTO BODY REPAIRS & REFINISHING
327-8600 Parishioner 416 Romance Rd.

MCM
MECHANICALLY MINDED | RELATIONSHIP DRIVEN
24 hour emergency service 269-349-3661
Design/Build Services for all Mechanical Systems
Plumbing • Pipe Fitting • HVAC • Medical Gas
Sheetmetal • Engineering • Energy Management
7184 DOUGLAS AVE. • KALAMAZOO

LAKELAND ASPHALT
PAVING THE WAY SINCE 1959
INDUSTRIAL MUNICIPAL RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL
FOR ALL YOUR PAVING NEEDS
FREE ESTIMATES
Plant & Office 474 Avenue "A" Battle Creek
964-1720

STAFFORD-SMITH, Inc.
Design-Engineering-Sales-Installation-Service
COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION
FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
3414 S BURDICK ST. www.staffordsmith.com **343-1240**

Gallagher UNIFORM
800-468-7174
GallagherUniform.com

BERNIE'S Sew & Vac
3911 GULL RD.
385-3100
www.BerniesSewVac.com
Chuck and Kathy Mizikar • Parishioners

Redmond Funeral Home
www.redmondfuneralhomes.net
MARTHA L. REDMOND
4100 S Westnedge 2300 East G Ave.
Kalamazoo 4100 East G Ave.
343-6156 349-7735
Serving Families with Dignity and Grace Since 1934

ZEMLICK.COM
Oh, ya! We have Furniture too!

DIEKEMAHAMANN
architecture & engineering
www.dhae.com 269-373-1108

KALAMAZOO SMILES
Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
Katherine M. Bandos, DMD
Parishioner
269-353-3700 | 5925 Venture Park Dr.
www.kalamazoosmiles.com

The GRANITE SHOP
Central Tile and terrazzo co., inc.
375-1660
5180 South 9th Street
www.centraltile.net
Parishioners

MOLLY MAID
a neighborly company
269-552-4949
3800 Covington Road, Kalamazoo

The Sisters of St. Joseph
are currently inviting lay individuals to live with them in their residential complex at 2929 Nazareth Road in Kalamazoo.
Assisted living apartments are currently available.
For a tour contact Tammy Nelson, Marketing Director (269) 381-6290
www.csjinitiatives.org/kalamazoo or tnelson@csjoseph.org

Are YOU the SMARTEST Catholic in Michigan?

CATHOLIC GAME SHOW

Buy game show tickets to the Catholic Game Show and you could win thousands of dollars
Live on Stage!
Tibbits Opera House in Coldwater, Michigan
on April 22nd, 2023!
GO TO **CCPED.ORG**

AND buy a raffle ticket to WIN \$50,000
All money goes to Michigan Catholic Schools!!!