

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH

421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, MI

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Week Four - March 19, 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 19

Monday - 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of March 19, 2023

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
Monday	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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 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

MONDAY, MARCH 20 — St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:15 p.m. †Angela Bomia

TUESDAY, MARCH 21 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. †Susan Duff and Rich Theakston
by Barbara Ceru

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. For Orphaned Souls

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 — St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. Honor of St. Joseph Protector and
Defender of the truth by Kathryn Muller

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 — The Annunciation of the Lord

6:00 p.m. †William Charles Eickelberg
by Joe & Becky Schmitt

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. †Matthew Kemper by Munley Family
10:30 a.m. †Francis Ross by Maggie Ebrite
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

RCIA — A Journey of Faith

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.

**Pray for our Candidates as you walk
through Lent alongside them through
Purification and Enlightenment to the Easter Vigil.**

Our next gathering will be Sunday 19 March at 5 PM in the Cougar Room. We will be reflecting on Catholic Social Teaching, sometimes referred to as one of the best kept secrets of the Church.

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

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE — Failure to forgive blinds us to another's goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "Go wash and see."

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel from John, chapter 09 is the healing of the blind man by Jesus. Jesus claimed uniqueness as a Divine Teacher. More than that, he was to sacrifice Himself for His sheep, not to be a Master over students. This theme is played out in the gospel this week.

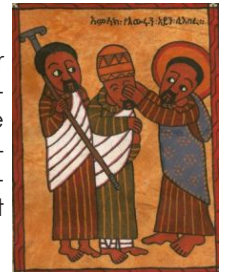
The blind man had his visual site restored. He was also very wise in his knowledge of the miracle than the Pharisees. One could say that the progress of the blind man's believe was like the woman at the well; from sir, to prophet, to the Messiah!

The Lord is always inviting us to that same recognition by opening our hearts and eyes to His love and teachings.

There are opportunities for us to perhaps have our eyes opened a bit more in our own community. One example is the Kalamazoo Regional Citizen's Academy. This is a program developed by the Kalamazoo Public Safety Department. It's a hands on program including discussion and presentations of different areas where the men and women of law enforcement are engaged in. This program is now being offered two times a year. The one coming up is in May, Saturday, May 6 and May 13. It is open to the public for those living in the Kalamazoo area. It's a wonderful opportunity to open our eyes to see how the public safety system works with the citizens of our community!

For more information, please look at our website, or kalamazoopublicsafety.org. I am planning on attending the Saturday sessions in May! Hope to see you there!

Peace, *FR. Paul*



An Ethiopian icon: Jesus healing the blind man. All humanity is in need of healing by the power of God's love in Christ Jesus



COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

at St. Thomas More
Catholic Student Parish

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. This week we are going roller skating! Meet here at 7:15 to carpool or at Roller World at 7:45. Yes, it's free, and yes there will be pizza.

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

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 zututriot@gmail.com

As of March 11, toilet paper ministry went over the **190,000 mark for number of rolls of TP distributed** since we started collecting in July of 2015. Thank you for all of the generous donations!



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.

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make the Once in a Blue Moon Sale for St. Augustine Cathedral school a phenomenal success! We had fantastic volunteers who got right to work setting up tables and bringing up the donated treasures and didn't stop until the sale was over and the gym completely emptied and cleaned up!

Our school received gifts of household goods, clothing, and furniture from many different parishes in the Kalamazoo diocese. Because of your generous donations, St. Augustine Cathedral school received over \$20,000 for its PTO programs!!! We believe this to be a record for the sale's 27-year history!

In case you are wondering, any unsold items go to as many charity groups as possible! If you know of any groups that may benefit from leftover clothing or household items from future sales, please contact St. Augustine school at (269) 349-1945.

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