

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH

421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, MI

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Week Five - March 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 March 27

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.



PASSION
PLAY

WILL BE PERFORMED AT
ALL MASSES ON
PALM SUNDAY

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

*Congratulations to***Keith Raymond Hammis**

son of Keith & Kathleen

who was baptized on Sunday, March 19, 2023

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 26, 2023

Sunday	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 27 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. †Kenny Powell by McNally Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 28 — Lenten Weekday

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. †Homer Dunham by McNally Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 30 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. †Deceased members of Coyne/Jako Families
by Tom Coyne

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. †Mike Boltz husband of Terri Boltz

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 — Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. †Fr. John Grathwohl by Roth Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 a.m. †Harry Martin by Deidre Smith
10:30 a.m. †Kurtis Chaivre by family
6:00 p.m. In honor of Joan Boyd's 93rd birthday by family

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.

Our final gathering before the Great Easter Vigil will be Sunday 26 March at 5 PM in the Cougar Room.

We will talk about the Triduum, which is the continuous three-day liturgy that includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday and The Easter Vigil.

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

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

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

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This week we hear from the Gospel of John the raising of Lazarus. This is the last and most powerful of Jesus' miracles in the Gospel of John. There are a great many points to reflect on as we are drawing closer to Easter.

One aspect for meditation is belief/unbelief. Bishop Fulton Sheen in his book, *Life of Christ*, compares belief to the sun. He wrote, "AS the sun shines on med and hardens it, and shines on wax and softens it.....so too this great miracles of Our Blessed Lord hardened some unto unbelief, and softened others unto belief."



Watanabe Sadao,
The Raising of Lazarus, 1967,

The raising of Lazarus also implies that miracles are no cure for unbelief. Even as powerful a miracle as raising one from the dead. It tells us that we need the gift of faith in our lives, which is a free gift from God. Sometimes it's easy to forget about the power of faith.

As we continue our Lenten journey, how is your faith component doing? How is it during suffering times. We need faith in our lives and trust somehow that God can bring life out of death. That's the power in the words of St. Paul to the Romans, which we also heard today, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God." Keep up the faith as best as you can!

Peace, *FR. Paul*



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 from 7-9 PM. We will have praise and worship, a reflection on scripture, and intercessory prayer. At 8 we will share pizza and pop before doing a diy community service project! The projects will later be taken to a local retirement home.

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



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.

MIGRANT MINISTRY

Collecting Sheets and towels
For the Aleman Center through Palm Sunday, April 2

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE — Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.



2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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1

FAITH

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2

KNOWLEDGE

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3

SERVICE

Our students put their faith and knowledge into action through service to others. Through a variety of service projects and servant leadership opportunities, we instill in them one of the principles of our faith - to serve others before ourselves.

ENROLLMENT OPENS MONDAY, MARCH 6TH!

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530 W Kilgore Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

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Preschool-8th grade
600 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Hackett Catholic Prep:
9th-12th grade
1000 W. Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49008



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
OF GREATER KALAMAZOO

MARCH 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for March	55,000.00
3/5	8,351.90
3/12	5,577.00
3/19	7,371.12
3/26	
Electronic gifts for March 2023	27,219.14
Total gifts to date for March 2023	48,519.16

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