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## ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH

421 Monroe Street  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday  
6:00 p.m.

Sunday  
8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,  
and 6:00 p.m.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

APRIL 24 - 28

Monday through Thursday  
5:15 p.m.

Friday  
Baccalaureate Mass  
7:30 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.

### PARISH OFFICE LOCATED AT

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.;  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 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.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

*Congratulations***Nadine VonderBerg**daughter of Bryce & Gabrielle  
who was baptized on Saturday, April 15, 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.orgSCRIPTURE READINGS Week of April 23, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

6:00 p.m. † Jim Greene by Ann &amp; Bob Campbell

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23** — Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. † Bill Homola

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

6:00 p.m. † Ann Hayes Wild

**MONDAY, APRIL 24** — St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

5:15 p.m. † Catherine Lynch-Sadler

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25** — St. Mark

5:15 p.m. † Ann Hayes Wild by Barb &amp; Vic Ceru

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**

5:15 p.m. Philip Schmitt (living) by Anna Schmitt

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

5:15 p.m. Deceased students of WMU, K College &amp; KVCC

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28** — St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort  
Baccalaureate Mass

7:30 p.m. † Monique Coyne by Tom Coyne

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29** — St. Catherine of Siena

6:00 p.m. † Paul Koellner husband of Mary Ann Koellner

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30** — Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. † Bill Homola by Jim &amp; Barbara Gilbert

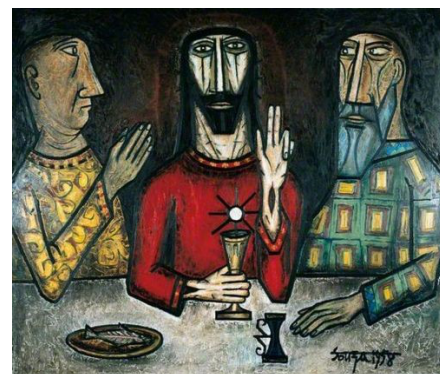
10:30 a.m. † John Munley by Munley Family

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

## FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this week's gospel from St. Luke, we hear of two disciples of Jesus. They had put all their hopes and dreams in Jesus. When Jesus was crucified, they lost their faith. They had heard that Jesus had risen, but they just couldn't believe it. Jesus' conversation with them and the breaking of the bread made them aware that Jesus was really alive; their hopes had returned!



Francis Newton Souza, 'Supper at Emmaus with the Believer and the Skeptic'

Have you heard of anything happening like this to yourself or someone else? Someone who has lost faith? St. Luke reminds that that discouragement and frustrations happen all the time. St. Luke also reminds us that Jesus does not desert us in these moments. However, we may not recognize Jesus. He may come to us as a stranger; Jesus could come to us in a book we are reading or a movie we are watching. He could be speaking to us through a friend. He does speak to us in the Sacred Scriptures.

Jesus also nourishes us in the Eucharist. If we do have doubts or get discouraged in our lives because of the many things that life throws at us, remember this passage from Luke. Jesus set the hearts of the two disciples on fire; they recognized him in the breaking of the bread. He is with us always in the breaking of the bread. Take care.

Sincerely, *FR. Paul*

## 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.

**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 [zututritot@gmail.com](mailto:zututritot@gmail.com)

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Thank you to all who donated at our last blood drive. We collected 29 units which exceeded our goal of 25!





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IS OPEN  
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9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
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CHURCH WHEN YOU  
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## TOILET PAPER MINISTRY

Toilet paper donations for those in need.

### FOAM RECYCLING CONTINUES

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

## RACE MATTERS

*Building Our  
Beloved  
Community*

All are welcome to join in a special,  
two-part April Race Matters event,  
**Standing in Solidarity.**  
Join in one or both events!

**Thursday, April 27,  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm,  
in the Cougar Room,**

Sisters Mary Ellen Gondeck and Kit  
Kaiser will share how and why they

are called to witness and how it can help grow the beloved community. They began witnessing on Friday afternoons with other members of the Congregation of Saint Joseph on June 6, 2020 as a response to the killing of George Floyd. After the conversation, you can make signs for witnessing on Friday, April 28.

**On Friday, April 28, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm,** we will gather to witness as a community in front of the historic entrance to Nazareth College on Gull Road. We will stand with signs expressing our solidarity against racism. Signs will be available, or you may bring your own. Dress for the weather and bring a chair if you need one. This is a family-friendly event. At the end of the hour, we will briefly discuss the experience.

**To register,** email: [sttomssjm@gmail.com](mailto:sttomssjm@gmail.com).

**Please note:** Registration is not required but helps us share

### NEXT WEEKEND IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND FOR THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL.

This appeal is our opportunity as Christian stewards to show our gratitude for all God's gifts and to do what He has asked us to do—reinvest a small portion of our blessings into growing His Kingdom and continuing the work of Jesus Christ.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

## APRIL 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for March	55,000.00
4/2	11,651.45
4/9 Easter	16,179.74
4/16	6,558.25
4/23	
4/30	
Electronic gifts for April 2023	20,719.91
Total gifts to date for April 2023	55,109.35



## COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

at St. Thomas More  
Catholic Student Parish

**WMU AND KVCC STUDENTS  
GOOD LUCK ON ALL OF YOUR FINALS AND  
DON'T FORGET TO PICK-UP YOUR CARE PACKAGE**

### BACCALAUREATE

Are you graduating this semester or over the summer?

We would like to honor our (almost) graduates by hosting a baccalaureate Mass and reception for you and your family and friends on Friday, April 28 at 7:30 PM.

**If you are interested, please email**  
[lisa@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:lisa@sttomskazoo.org)

**with your name, photo, degree/program, and  
number of guests by or before Monday, April 24.**

Please also indicate if you would like to have a role in the Mass—reading, sharing your St. Tom's experience, music ministry, or something else.

Dress code: You can wear your cap and gown/dress up or whatever you would typically wear to Mass.



### SUNDAY SUPPERS ARE FREE, HOMEMADE MEALS

for college students served around 7:00 PM in the Social Hall following the 6:00 PM Sunday Mass! Entrée, drink, desserts, and more. This Sunday, April 23, will be the last one till fall.

### MORE AT MIDWEEK WILL RETURN IN THE FALL

Thank you to everyone who came this year and we hope to see you in the fall!

### STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Eucharistic adoration and confession is in the Worship Space at St. Tom's on Thursdays 6-7 PM. Spend 5 minutes or the whole hour. Life is rarely quiet, but it's quiet here – enjoy it! April 27 will be the last one till the fall.

### 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](mailto:lisa@sttomskazoo.org) to ride the Sunday Shuttle or be paired with another student driving into Mass.

### 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/89335085/4QjZw0gK](https://groupme.com/join_group/89335085/4QjZw0gK)

## AREA HAPPENINGS

### THE HACKETT BAND BOOSTERS

are eagerly planning our annual Jazz Night- an evening of fun and music, with the proceeds going to support our music program. This event takes place May 6 from 7-10 p.m. at Hackett's cafeteria.

Tickets available at

<https://hackettband.ludus.com>





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