

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

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

No Thursday Mass
May through August

RECONCILIATION

Saturday and Sunday
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR

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

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

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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

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

*Congratulations***Angelo Joseph Comensoli**son of Paul and Cheryl
who was baptized on Sunday, April 30, 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 May 7, 2023

Sunday	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
Monday	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 6

6:00 p.m. †Phil Cary by Ann & Bob Campbell

SUNDAY, MAY 7 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. People of the parish

10:30 a.m. †Jan & Maria Josephine van den Hohmbergh
by family

FIRST COMMUNION

1:00 p.m. First Communicants

6:00 p.m. †Rene Adrian by Jim & Barbara Gilbert

MONDAY, MAY 8

5:15 p.m. For orphaned souls

TUESDAY, MAY 9

5:15 p.m. †Bill Homola by Dick & Becky Crites

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 — St. John of Avila, St. Damien de Veuster

5:15 p.m. †Siobhán Ryan-Ovington by Tom Coyne

THURSDAY, MAY 11

No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 12 — Sts. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras5:15 p.m. †Robert Muller brother of Kathryn Muller and
son of Bruce and Florence Muller**SATURDAY, MAY 13 — Our Lady of Fatima**

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

SUNDAY, MAY 14 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. †Ann Hayes Wild by Barb and Vic Ceru

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

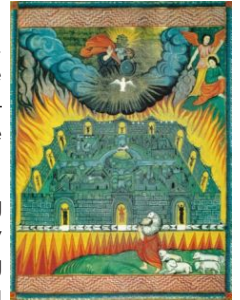
6:00 p.m. Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts & Guardians

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate this fifth week of Easter, Jesus tells us that he is going to prepare a place for you! It's good for us to remember that we are preparing the place also, by our good works!

The Gospel reminds us that we are living in two worlds. We have our everyday world of living: studying, working, putting food on the table, etc. We also have a world which we hope to be a part of forever! That's the world where Jesus (together with us) is building a place for us to be able to enjoy our heavenly Father and His presence and love, and the love of all our brothers and Sisters for all eternity.



With this message, it seems so appropriate to have our First Communion Mass celebration this weekend! The Eucharist is a powerful reminder that Jesus is still very much present with us! It's a little taste of the heavenly banquet that awaits! Please keep our young parishioners and their families in prayer as they have this wonderful celebration!

It is also this weekend that Fr. Luis from our Sister Parish in El Salvador, Mary Mother of the Poor! His visit this weekend with his interpreter, Wendy, is a reminder that the Mansion Jesus is preparing for us is going to house all our brothers and sisters, not just in our parish, but throughout the world! I hope you have a chance to say hello to Fr. Luis this weekend!

BISHOP'S
ANNUAL
APPEAL

DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

As we start this month of May, it is a reminder for the annual Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)! Many registered in our parish should have received an appeal packet.

I ask that you prayerfully consider making a contribution this year! I plan on contributing as it was through this program that paid for my studies for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit!

There are more projects/activities that the BAA support, including the local Catholic Charities programs – which includes the ARK, Migrant ministries and jail ministries; RCIA programs and the permanent diaconate program!

Also, checks should be payable to St. Thomas More with BAA noted in the memo line. Please **do not** make them out to Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Thank you for your time, and please take care.

Sincerely, *FR. Paul*

APRIL 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for April	68,750.00
4/2	11,651.45
4/9 Easter	16,179.74
4/16	6,558.25
4/23	3,902.16
4/30	7,545.05
Electronic gifts for April 2023	25,162.91
Total gifts to date for April 2023	70,999.56

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

SUNDAY SHUTTLE DRIVERS

We are looking for a few more drivers to drive the church's minivan to pick up our students for the 6 pm Sunday Mass (drop them back off too, of course).

About a dozen of our students live just off campus and have been using the shuttle to get to Mass. Our incoming freshmen may have interest in on campus pick up as well.

You will need to be background checked and be up-to-date with Virtus training and requirements.

If you would like to be part of the "Driving Rotation", contact the office or Lisa Heyduk: Lisa@sttomskazoo.org.

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.

AREA HAPPENINGS

MEMORIAL DAY AT MT. OLIVET CEMETERY

Come join us on Monday, May 29th at 10:00am for Mass at the Mausoleum at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Kalamazoo, followed by a procession and military remembrance. Latin Mass will be offered at 8:00am.

**VOLUNTEERING AT MT. OLIVET CEMETERY**

A volunteer meeting will be held on May 11th at 6:30pm at the St. Joseph Gym (930 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49001) to discuss the event and remaining volunteer opportunities for the Memorial Day event. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Ellen Nightingale ellen.night@gmail.com

PEACE HOUSE SPRING WORK PARTY

WHEN: Sunday, May 21, 1-5 pm

WHERE: Peace House, 321 Phelps Ave. (Kalamazoo's Eastside neighborhood). Peace House is an organization that provides free afterschool and summer programs for children.

WHAT: Please join us to help us get our space ready for our summer program. Work includes simple yard work, planting, cleaning and repairing. Adults, families and kids are all welcome (under 13 with an adult).

WHY: A great opportunity to give to others, our community, and spend time with others. (If you haven't seen our new swing gazebo, you can try it out!)

CONTACT US: For more information you can reach us at peacehousekzoo@gmail.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE

THE BACK DOOR OF THE OFFICE GARAGE IS OPEN
MONDAY — FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
OR BRING TO CHURCH WHEN YOU COME TO MASS



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.

In four months, in four different events, we explored the topic.

RACISM IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:
WHY DOES IT MATTER AT ST. TOM'S?

More than 200 individuals engaged in these events to listen, learn, and reflect on this timely topic. The Race Matters Team needs your help to evaluate these events and gather ideas for future programs.

Please join us on

Monday, May 22, 7:00 – 8:30 pm via Zoom

for a Race Matters Wrap Up Event. We want to hear from you as we begin to plan our Fall 2023 events.

To register, please email: sttomssjm@gmail.com.

RACE MATTERS

*Building Our
Beloved
Community*



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE NAACP?**

(National Association for the Advancement of Colored People)

We are very excited to announce that Wendy Fields, the president of the Kalamazoo NAACP chapter, is giving a presentation on this group and their history here in Kalamazoo.

Please join us on **Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30 pm at St. Tom's in the Cougar room** for this program. There is no fee. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Cretsinger at rcretsinger@gmail.com



COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

at St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

**Sunday Supper, Student Holy Hour, and
More at Midweek will return in the fall!**

SUMMER INVOLVEMENT

Are you a student who will be in Kalamazoo during May, June, July, or August and are interested in doing something with local Catholics? We want to know what you want to see from Kalamazoo Catholic at St. Tom's. Please fill out this short survey: <https://forms.gle/4ZmR6NS65rdoPPKy6>

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.

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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Assisted living apartments are currently available.
For a tour contact Tammy Nelson, Marketing Director (269) 381-6290 or tnelson@csjoseph.org
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