



St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, MI

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 — WEEK OF JULY 17

Wednesday: 5:15 p.m.

No Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

RECONCILIATION

Saturday and Sunday

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

NO HOLY HOUR

Friday, July 21

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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.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of July 16, 2023

Sunday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9
Monday	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 – 11:1
Tuesday	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 15 — St. Bonaventure

6:00 p.m. Mark Krone (living) by Jane Krone

SUNDAY, JULY 16 — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. People of the parish

10:30 a.m. †Elizabeth Garrison by Jan & John Witman

6:00 p.m. Bishop-Elect Edward Lohse

MONDAY, JULY 17

No Mass

TUESDAY, JULY 18 — St. Camillus de Lellis

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

5:15 p.m. Amy Alfen (living) by Jim & Mary Grace

THURSDAY, JULY 20 — St. Apollinaris

No Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 21 — St. Lawrence of Brindisi

No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 22 — St. Mary Magdalene

6:00 p.m. †Maureen Norman by Roth Family

SUNDAY, JULY 23 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. People of the parish

10:30 a.m. †Marv & Bernie Downey by Paul & Sandy Beiter

6:00 p.m. †Jacqueline Simon by Fran Stockwell

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A normal farmer is very careful not to waste seed by throwing it on rocky ground or footpaths or into weeds. Seed is expensive! However, the farmer in the gospel parable today is no ordinary farmer. The farmer is God! God scattered the seed and it went everywhere! God's call and grace are offered to everyone without discrimination!

And.....to grow the seeds in our lives takes work!! St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it." God's grace, like seeds, needs to keep being watered by prayer, the sacraments, and good works!

God offers grace for free, but we can't ignore it! We can't sit on it, nor can we let it be choked out by distractions or laziness or by temptation. We have to nurture it and that's why we're here today!

Have a blessed week!

Peace, *FR. Paul*



HERE AT ST. TOM'S

ATTENTION : ARTISTS & CRAFTERS

St. Tom's Arts & Crafts Show will be held on Saturday, November 11. Please save this date to display your awesome works. Thank you - Art & Craft show committee.

DATES TO MAKE NOTE OF

Blood Drive - Thursday, August 31. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

[Versiti Blood Center of Michigan - Donor Portal](#)

Parish Retreat - Saturday, September 23 with Sister Dorothy Ederer.

Watch for more info in the next few weeks.

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.

MASS INTENTION

if you wish to have a Mass offered for someone who has died or in celebration of someone's special day call the parish office, 381-8917. The intention appears under the Mass schedule in our bulletin. They can be set for weekday or weekend Mass. The usual donation is \$10.



COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

at
St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

SUMMER INVOLVEMENT

Are you a student who will be in Kalamazoo during July, and 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

NEWS FROM AROUND THE AREA

BRIDGES MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING — is now offering Play Group Therapy for children 5 years old through 5th grade. Play therapy is to children what counseling is to adults. Play therapy utilizes play, children's natural medium of expression, to help them express their feelings more easily through toys instead of words. These are individual sessions held Monday-Friday 9am-5pm depending on availability. They are held at our Main Office, 1819 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048. Call 269-381-9800 to schedule an appointment with a trained therapist. For more information, or answers to Frequently Asked Questions, go to www.ccdok.org/bridges/

"I WAS IN PRISON JAIL AND YOU VISITED ME." — "Please consider joining the Kalamazoo Diocese' Jail Ministry team. We have returned to the Kalamazoo County Jail after the jail's three-year Covid break. Men's services have resumed with a Friday afternoon bible study, and a new women's service will start soon, as more women volunteers join the ministry. For more information, please Email Lisa Irwin at lisairwin@ccdok.org.

THE CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

Circle of Friends is moving to evening for the Summer! This gathering for adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities is a time of fellowship, activities and reflection on the Sunday readings and a simple dinner. We will gather on Wed., July 26 and Wed., Aug. 23 from 6:00 – 7:30p.m. in the Cougar Room at St. Thomas More, 421 Monroe St. Contact Lisa Irwin, lisairwin@ccdok.org or 381-9800 x227 to RSVP or for more information.

MIGRANT MINISTRY COLLECTION

FINAL COLLECTION DAY — MONDAY, JULY 17

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE ALEMAN CENTER IN HARTFORD

FOOD ITEMS: Cereal; Flour; Sugar; Cooking Oil;
Tomato Sauce; Canned Corn.

MISC. ITEMS: Pots; Pans; Dishes;
Baby wipes; diapers size 3 & up.

TOILETRIES especially:

Toothbrushes; Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo

CLOTHING ITEMS **only the following:**

Men's and women's sweatshirts, hoodies, and jeans.
Men's long sleeve button down shirts

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OR BRING TO CHURCH WHEN YOU COME TO MASS

PLEASE ONLY LEAVE THE ITEMS THAT ARE LISTED ABOVE

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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TOILET PAPER MINISTRY

**Toilet paper donations
for those in need.**

FOAM RECYCLING

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



More than 200 participants explored the topic, "Racism in the Catholic Church: Why Does It Matter at St. Tom's?" this year.

While the Race Matters Team is busy planning fall events, we encourage you to continue your journey.

Scan this QR code for a list of ideas for the summer. Thank you to all who participated and to Father Paul and the St. Tom's team for their assistance and support.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

DIocese of Kalamazoo

As of Monday, July 10, 2023

TOTAL PLEDGES	179	75,266
GOAL	58%	130,785
DIFFERENCE		-55,519

Percentage of participation **28%**

JULY 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for July	70,755
7/2	10,189
7/9	7,697
7/16	
7/23	
7/30	
Electronic gifts for July 2023	13,191
Total gifts to date for July 2023	31,077

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with them in their residential complex at
2929 Nazareth Road in Kalamazoo.
Assisted living apartments
are currently available.
For a tour contact Tammy Nelson,
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