

**421 Monroe Street
Kalamazoo, MI**

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
6:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

No Mass Thursday

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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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 Aug. 6, 2023

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| Sunday | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9 |
| Monday | Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21 |
| Tuesday | Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 |
| Wednesday | Nm 13:1-2, 25 – 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28 |
| Thursday | 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26 |
| Friday | Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21; Mt 16:24-28 |
| Saturday | Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51; Mt 17:14-20 |
| Sunday | 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33 |

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 — The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
6:00 p.m. †Tony Pearl brother of Mary Stryker by friend

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 — The Transfiguration of the Lord
8:30 a.m. †Eloisa Garreton by Borden family
10:30 a.m. †Jan & Maria Josephine van den Hohmbergh
by family
6:00 p.m. †Connie Brenes by family

MONDAY, AUGUST 7 — St. Sixtus II & Companions; St. Cajetan
5:15 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 — St. Dominic
5:15 p.m. †Steven James Zblewski
by Sister Sandra Lawrence

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 — St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
5:15 p.m. Bishop Edward M. Lohse

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 — St. Lawrence
No Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 — St. Clare
5:15 p.m. †Orphaned souls by anonymous

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 — St. Jane Frances de Chantal
6:00 p.m. Paul & Sue Banner honor of 50th Anniversary
by Jim & Mary Grace

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 — Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. †Dora Borden by Borden family
10:30 a.m. †Mike Boltz by family
6:00 p.m. †Tom Hruovsky by brothers and sisters

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Solanus Casey Center in Detroit is an amazing place! When you enter the main building, you will notice on your left-hand side eight life-size statues of people representing the Beatitudes. The one representing Blessed are the Meek is Dr. Takashi Nagai.

Dr. Nagai was the Dean of Radiology at Nagasaki University in 1945. He was at his work when the atomic bomb exploded over Nagasaki on August 09 at 11:02 am. The explosion destroyed the city and killed many people, including Dr. Nagai's wife, Midori. After the bomb disaster, he put himself into service to the mass of victims of the explosion. He would have constant deadly exposure to the radiation. This would eventually cause his death on May 01, 1951.



During this time, Dr. Nagai wrote incredibly inspirational books which became best-sellers in Japan. This includes, *The Bells of Nagasaki*. In this book he explores the Christian message of love and forgiveness. The book and his life is said to have resonated deeply with the Japanese people in their great suffering during this time.

On November 23 of 1945, Dr. Nagai was asked to speak at the Catholic Cathedral in Nagasaki. (Dr. Nagai converted to the Catholic faith prior to his marriage to Midori, who was a cradle Catholic). He used the word "hansai", which the Japanese word for the Bible's "holocaust", or whole burnt offering. The doctor concluded his speech with the Beatitudes and to the skull-shaped hill outside Jerusalem: ".....we can turn our minds' eyes to Jesus carrying his Cross up the hill of Calvary.....The Lord has given; the Lord has taken away. Blessed by the name of the Lord. Let us be thankful that Nagasaki was chosen for the whole burnt sacrifice! Let us be thankful that through this sacrifice, peace was granted to the world and religious freedom to Japan." His entire speech had a profound impact on the people of Japan, Christian and non-Christian alike.

This week is the 78th year of the dropping of the atomic bomb over Hiroshima (August 06) and Nagasaki (August 09), Dr. Takashi Nagai kept looking to the Lord, even in the midst of suffering in his country and his personal sufferings. He is a wonderful example of Blessed are the Meek. Please keep praying for world peace. World peace has to start with in our own heart, by what we say/do and how we interact with one another. World peace has to begin in our hearts. It's all our prayers that our needed to help that these atomic weapons are never used again.

Sincerely, *FR. Paul*

BLOOD DRIVE



Neighbors Need Neighbors

Donate
Blood

**Thursday
August**

31

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.**

**Thank you for being a
LIFESAVER!**

ST. THOMAS MORE STUDENT PARISH BLOOD DRIVE!

**LOCATION:
Social Hall**

**PROMOTION:
EVERYONE WHO ATTEMPTS TO DONATE WILL
RECEIVE A \$15 E-GIFT CARD!**

**The Summer is a time when the entire blood
industry is impacted. We need ALL blood types to
save cancer warriors, patients battling sickle cell,
premature babies and other hospital patients
who require blood every day.**

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/150545

The link is also available on
St. Tom's website:
www.sttomskazoo.org



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH



Parish RETREAT

facilitated by Sister Dorothy Ederer

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23

All are welcome

MEN, WOMEN,
COLLEGE STUDENTS,
BRING A FRIEND

A Grand Rapids Dominican sister, Dorothy is an international and inspirational speaker, spiritual counselor, retreat director and writer. She has given talks in China, India, California and all over the United States.

She grew up in Saginaw, Michigan in a family of nine, including seven children and currently lives in Lansing, Michigan.

From 1982-1995 Dorothy worked at St. Thomas More. She describes her time at St. Tom's as "The best years in campus ministry for me".



Morning Refreshments and Check-In: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Retreat: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm

\$40.00 per person includes lunch and Sr. Dorothy's book

Ponder, Pause and Pray which the retreat is based on.

Registration forms available on the bulletin table or register online at www.sttomskazoo.org

Registration Deadline: September 1. Questions call the parish office—269-381-8917

AREA HAPPENINGS

GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A SPOUSE?

Or do you know someone who is? Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem very hard to bear. Find help at a Lost of a Spouse seminar sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena Parish. This 2-hour seminar will take place on Thursday, August 10 from 6:30-8:30 pm, in person, at St. Catherine of Siena. There is a \$10 cost which includes the workbook. For mor information or to register go to www.grifshar.org. Registration may also be made by phone Paula White at 269-330-3762 or email pwhitenc@mac.com

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

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., Aug. 23 from 6:00 – 7:30p.m. in the Cougar Room at St. Thomas More. Contact Lisa Irwin, lisairwin@ccdok.org or 381-9800 x227 to RSVP or for more information.

ROSARY RALLY AT MICHIGAN'S STATE

Join us on Sunday, August 13, 3:00 pm in front of the steps at the Michigan State Capitol building in Lansing where we will be led in prayer for our state and nation. It will last about an hour. Please bring chairs, water and your rosary. A public square rosary rally is a time to give witness to people of all races and beliefs, keep polarizing politics out, and focus on prayer to unite our nation. If you are interested in helping with this campaign or have any questions, please reach out to Sandra Sherwood at ejsherwood@charter.net.

"TRIVIA NIGHT"

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6:00-8:00 pm,, Jac's Cekola's Pizza, 9th Street, Kalamazoo. A fundraiser benefiting our Bread of Life Food Program. This is a multi-round trivia competition that will test your mind and help feed the hungry! Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each round. Register your team of 4 today for \$100 and bring non-perishable food items (peanut butter, canned tuna/chicken, beef stew) for the chance to win door prizes! Check out our website at www.ccdok.org/trivia-night/ for more details and to register to participate.

KALAMAZOO DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY have opened the application process for the Fall Kalamazoo Regional Citizens Academy which will be **held on Saturday, Sept. 16**. Apply online at: <https://kalamazoopublicsafety.org/community/citizens-academy/>

APPLY NOW! JOB OPENINGS AT ST. MONICA SCHOOL

- Middle School English Language Arts Teacher (Full-time salaried)
- Full Time 4th Grade Aide (40 hrs/week)
- Early Childhood Classroom Aide, Wed - Fri (25 hrs/week)
- Traffic Monitors (10 hrs/week) (morning and afternoon)
- Lunch Room Monitor (12 hrs/week)
- After-School Care Worker (12 hrs/week)
- Substitute Teachers
- Office Staff Substitutes

For questions or to apply, please email Principal Jordon Beery: jbeery@stmonicakazoo.org or call the school office at 269-345-2444 for more information. Come join our team!



**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS
WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

The list is endless of all the
time, talent, and treasures
you share with our
St. Tom's Community.

THANK YOU 

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

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



MIGRANT MINISTRY BACKPACKS

we are accepting donations of backpacks and items to fill them now through SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

PLEASE NOTE : Aug. 13 is the final day.

THE BAGS WILL BE FILLED ON MON., AUG. 14

Even though we are currently without camp, we are still going to collect backpacks and school supplies for the migrant children of the diocese and hopefully our future camp! If you feel moved to join us, a list below (what goes in each bag) can be dropped off in the Narthex or garage, thank you in advance for your kindness! Thanks so much! Ree Millard any questions give me a call 269-720-0510.

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| 2 - Folders with pockets | 1 - Ruler |
| 2 - Spiral Notebooks | 1 - big Pink Eraser |
| (college or wide ruled) | 1 - pair of Scissors |
| 5 - Pencils | 1 - Pencil sharpener |
| 5 - Pens | 1 - 8 pack of Markers |
| 2 - Glue Sticks | 1 - 24 pack of Crayons |

St. Tom's will be sponsoring

CARING NETWORK'S PARISH PLAYPEN

during the month of **August!**

The pro-life agency serves pregnant and parenting women of all ages, faiths, and marital status. Thank you for donating the following items to re-stock the Caring Closet:

- Infant and toddler hygiene products (shampoo & lotion)
- Baby wipes
- Diapers, sizes 4, 5, 6
- Girls' pajamas sizes 6-24months
- Detergent/cleaning supplies
- Toddler cups, plates and utensils
- New infant bottles

Please visit www.ccdok.org to support Caring Network pregnant and parenting mothers.

JULY 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

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| Target for July | 70,755 |
| 7/2 | 10,189 |
| 7/9 | 7,697 |
| 7/16 | 7,613 |
| 7/23 | 11,072 |
| 7/30 | 7,939 |
| Electronic gifts for July 2023 | 25,754 |
| Total gifts to date for July 2023 | 70,264 |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Religious Education
Registration Open
Now through August 28.
Packets are available on the table in the hallway by the meeting rooms or at www.sttomskazoo.org

Please return forms to: narcia@sttomskazoo.org, the parish office, or drop in the box marked Religious Education on the bulletin table at the entrance.

Make note after August 28 there is \$25 late fee.

For more information or questions contact
Narcia Schultz-Acker - 269-381-8917, x261

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.

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.

SUNDAY SUPPERS

The sign-up book is in the narthex for Sunday Supper cooks, helpers, and dessert makers. For more information or questions email michele@sttomskazoo.org or call her at 381-8917, ext. 273



COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY

SUNDAY SHUTTLE

Are you a college student who would like a ride to a Sunday Mass? If so, please contact 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

ATTENTION STUDENTS AA meets at St. Tom's

Unity Service & Recovery meets weekly at 8:00 p.m. on Fridays & Saturdays upstairs in the social hall. Questions please call: Nicolas at 231-735-2765 or Brad at 574-218-5146.

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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
www.csjinitatives.org/kalamazoo

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