



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 AUGUST 21

Monday: 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday - 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.

Thursday - No Mass

Friday - 5:15 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday and Sunday

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

6:00 - 6:30 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.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR BOTH CLASSES

To register or for more information
call the parish office at 269-381-8917 or
email sttoms@sttomskazoo.org

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of Aug. 20, 2023

Sunday	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
Monday	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40; 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 — St. John Eudes	6:00 p.m. †Mark and Jonathon Cook by Vic & Barb Ceru
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 a.m. People of the parish 10:30 a.m. †Fred Clark father of Steve Clark 6:00 p.m. †Steven James Zblewski by sister Sandra Lawrence
MONDAY, AUGUST 21 — St. Pius X	5:15 p.m. †Charlie Heller by Kalamazoo Cursillo
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 — The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:15 p.m. †David Patnode
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 — St. Rose of Lima	5:15 p.m. †Bill Redmond cousin of Fr. Paul
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 — St. Bartholomew	No Mass
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 — St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz	5:15 p.m. Bishop Edward Lohse, Diocese of Kalamazoo
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26	6:00 p.m. †Marlen Boothby by joe & Becky schmitt
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 — Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 a.m. People of the parish 10:30 a.m. †Dennis Chaivre by Rose Chaivre 6:00 p.m. †Monique Coyne by Tom Coyne

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

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE — The mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The power of prayer, even when it seems too difficult! Gospel is Matthew 15: 21-28 for this Sunday. A poor woman asks Jesus for a favor. He seems to ignore or even insult her! From our perspective, why are we uncomfortable with this passage?

Is it because we think Jesus or God should never say "no" to us? Is it because we think God should answer every reasonable request? We all have expectations/perceptions of how we think God should act. Many times, God doesn't fit into these expectations!

Today's Gospel is a wonderful example of faith and perseverance in prayer. Notice that the woman went to the apostles and petitioned them first! It worked! They started to complain to Jesus about her. He didn't ignore her request!

We may not fully or ever understand the dynamics of prayer, but Jesus said there is great power in prayer! Sometimes we have to say, "thy will be done." Other times, Jesus encourages us not to give up praying! Either way, keeping the Lord in our lives through prayer is the best way to follow the Lord's path He has for us! So, keep praying!

Have a blessed week.

Sincerely, *FR. Paul*



AUGUST 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for August	56,604
8/6	6,315
8/13	6,532
8/20	
8/27	
Electronic gifts for August 2023	12,086
Total gifts to date for July 2023	24,933

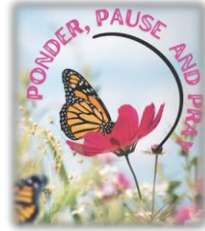
HERE AT ST. TOM'S

BLOOD DRIVE - OUR GOAL FOR THIS DRIVE IS 26 UNITS.

Thursday, August 31, 11:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. Please register to donate at this link <https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/150545> or at our website www.sttomskazoo.org.

PARISH RETREAT

We are hosting a retreat on **Saturday, September 23** facilitated by Sr. Dorothy Ederer. You may register at our website www.sttomskazoo.org or registration flyers are available on the bulletin table in the narthex. Questions call the parish office, 269-381-8917.

**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

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. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.



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.

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.

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.

AREA HAPPENINGS

CURSILLO MOVEMENT

We are gathering for an Ultreya on Sunday, August 20th, 2023 from 4:00-6:00 pm. We will meet at Holy Angels Catholic Church, 402 S Nottawa St, Sturgis, MI 49091. We will have a witness talk from a mother-daughter duo, discussing the World Youth Day and the Camino Trail. You are welcome to bring a snack for the potluck table and bring a guest. Our next Women's Weekend is coming up October 19-22, 2023 at the Amigo Center in Sturgis. Contact Angela Martin, 269.208.5192 for any questions or to register for the weekend. Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.

THE SERVANTS OF MARY 2023 CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

Friday, September 1 thru Sunday, September 3 at the Father Crowley Center 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. The speakers are Jesse Romero, longtime Catholic Evangelist and retired veteran of the LA County Sheriff's Dept. and James (Butch) Murphy, Evangelist-Lay Preacher-Teacher-Master Storyteller. For more information and to register go to www.theservantsofmary.org.

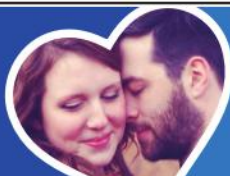
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- After-School Care Worker (12 hrs/week)
- Substitute Teachers
- Office Staff Substitutes

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!

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