

# 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 SEPTEMBER 4

Monday - Labor Day  
10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday - 5:15 p.m.  
Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.  
Thursday - 5:15 p.m.  
Friday  
12:10 p.m. at Kanley Chapel  
No 5:15 p.m. at St. Tom's

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday and Sunday  
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**STUDENT HOLY HOUR**  
Thursday 6:00 p.m.

**HOLY HOUR**  
Friday 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

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website: [www.sttomskazoo.org](http://www.sttomskazoo.org)  
Parish Office Hours:  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**OFFICE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY**



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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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of Sept. 3

<b>Sunday</b>	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
<b>Monday</b>	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44
<b>Thursday</b>	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
<b>Friday</b>	Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23
<b>Saturday</b>	Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5
<b>Sunday</b>	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

RELIGIOUS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

EDUCATION

Religious Education  
Registration Open

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Packets are available on the table in  
the hallway by the meeting rooms or  
at [www.sttomskazoo.org](http://www.sttomskazoo.org)Please return forms to: [narcia@sttomskazoo.org](mailto: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

## MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

6:00 p.m. †Norma Dacoba by Joni Weaver

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 — Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Lora Krone (living) by Jane Krone

10:30 a.m. Deceased members of  
Roy & Genevieve Hiler family by Kay Hiler

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10:00 a.m. †Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

5:15 p.m. †Perron Thurston

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:15 p.m. †Rene Adrian by Jim &amp; Mary Grace

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5:15 p.m. †Molly Hook

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 — The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
at Kanley Chapel, WMU Campus

12:10 p.m. †Michelle Bowman

5:15 p.m. No Mass

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 — St. Peter Clever

6:00 p.m. †Jared Watson grandson of Al &amp; Bev Pollard

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 — Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. †Roz Redmond cousin of Fr. Paul

10:30 a.m. Mary Ann Homrich 90th birthday  
mother of Sue Henshaw

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

## CONGRATULATIONS

Tatum Rauch son of Dexter &amp; Jessica

and

Mariam Elizabeth Betke daughter of Daniel & Amanda  
who were baptized on Sunday, August 27., 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 at-  
tend 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](mailto:sttoms@sttomskazoo.org)

## FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Jesus says to Peter to-  
day, "You are thinking  
not as God does, but as  
human beings do." In  
some ways, that sounds  
unfair. How are we ex-  
pected to think like God  
thinks?It's a good question! Maybe, if we tried really hard, do you  
think we could? We only have what our human body has  
given us. We can't help but think like human beings do be-  
cause that is what we are! Yet, there is something that helps  
us to think not like human beings, but like God thinks! That is  
called faith!It's faith that helps us to overcome obstacles from our hu-  
man weakness. Jesus is the master teacher! When we can  
surrender to ourselves and listen and learn from Him, we can  
start to see things and know things that God sees and  
knows. That's true even if we are unable to grasp it all at  
once! Faith helps us to let go of ourselves and to trust in  
God!That's why our faith is so important! I'm so grateful for the  
students who are returning to college, high school, and ele-  
mentary school! We need our faith in our learning!Another way to learn about the faith is through the O.C.I.A.  
(Formerly known as the R.C.I.A.) program. It stands for Order  
of Christian Initiation for Adults! I am grateful that we are  
offering this program again this year! If you are interested in  
learning more about the Catholic Faith, or if you know  
someone who would like to learn, I invite you to join this pro-  
gram! It's also a great way to prepare for the Sacrament of  
Confirmation! More information will be following this **next**  
month! The program meets on a weekly basis to discuss  
various topics related to faith and the Catholic  
church! Please contact me if you have any questions! Have  
a blessed week!

Sincerely,

FR. Paul

## HERE AT ST. TOM'S

### HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH... AND HOW NOT TO — A practical and inspiring workshop

Wednesday, September 20 6:00-6:30 heavy hors d'oeuvres and workshop  
6:30-8:30 PM in the Social Hall.

A lively workshop on the fundamentals of evangelization with interactive experiences including: reflecting on personal moments of encounter with Christ, getting to know others' stories, and practicing how to share a brief witness story.

Led by Josh Dart of The Evangelical Catholic. Designed for middle schoolers through adult.

Please RSVP by September 18 to the parish office 269-381-8917, Babysitting available.

#### CHECKPOINT-WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Women's Bible Study: Checkpoint as we discover the dignity of the women of the bible. This study runs through April 2024 in 22 weeks of exploration and self-discovery.

**Thursday evenings 6:15 - 7:45PM, IN-PERSON!!**

**Starting September 21, 2023.**

Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be, yet the power of God worked in their lives. *Discovering Our Dignity* will allow you to learn from their experiences and uncover ways to deal with unwanted circumstances and deferred hopes. Through their stories recorded in Scripture, women of the Bible reach out to touch our "present" in a tender, honest and loving way—woman to woman—with ancient wisdom, sage advice, and insights from sorrowful failures and emotional wounds.

Learn how God worked in the lives of Biblical women:

- Sisters Leah and Rachel overcame jealousy when they learned that God offered all that they really needed
- Abigail's faith was so strong she didn't despair, no matter how unpleasant life was with her husband
- Deborah had been given grace by God to act as His prophet, for the good of her people

Mary the Blessed Mother's "yes" to God—her fiat—changed everything. How else did her words and deeds influence Jesus, and vice-versa.

Cost for materials \$45.00. For questions and to register, please contact Larisa Rozins ([lmrozins@gmail.com](mailto:lmrozins@gmail.com)) .

#### LAST CALL TO REGISTER — LAST CALL TO REGISTER

##### PARISH RETREAT

We are hosting a retreat on

**Saturday, September 23**

facilitated by Sr. Dorothy Ederer.

**pick-up a registration flyer**

**from the bulletin table in the narthex.**

**or call the parish office, 269-381-8917 by Sept. 6.**



#### ATTENTION TO SENIOR (50+ YEARS!) WOMEN

Some of us at St. Tom's are looking to start a Social Group! Would you like to meet other women that go to St. Tom's? We would love to meet you!

We are hosting a Meet-N-Greet on -----

**Monday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Cougar Room**

Join us for this wonderful opportunity to get to know one another and think of some ideas for future activities and gatherings. A great way to form new friendships and try new things!

Please bring yourselves and ideas of things you might like to do.

Contact Nancy Buist for more information at [njhuist@gmail.com](mailto:njhuist@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there!

#### SUNDAY SUPPERS

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

#### 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.



#### PARISH VAN DRIVERS NEEDED

We are urgently looking for drivers to take students to the 6pm Sunday Mass starting in September.

We have a dozen students living on campus and just off campus who use the shuttle to get to Mass.

If you would like to be part of the "Driving Rotation", Please contact the office 269-381-8917 or Lisa Heyduk: [Lisa@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:Lisa@sttomskazoo.org).

#### MARRIAGE PREP MENTOR COUPLES WANTED

Here at St. Tom's we prepare on average more than 10 couples a year for marriage. We are looking for couples that are interested in being mentors to these young couples.

Deacon Joe will be holding a training for those interested on Monday, September 18 (note the date change) at 6pm with dinner included.

For more information or if you would like to attend, contact deacon joe by email [jhschmitt@charter.net](mailto:jhschmitt@charter.net) or via text at 269-716-3825.

St. Tom's Christmas Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, November 11.



**"Calling all artists and crafters"**

To reserve your space Call or text  
Russ Bronson, 561-891-0249



## Liturgical Ministries

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,  
Mass Coordinators, Altar Servers, Greeters  
Contact [narcia@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:narcia@sttomskazoo.org) or call her at the  
parish office, 269-381-8917, ext. 261

If you are interested in any of these ministries.

**WE ARE ESPECIALLY IN NEED OF  
LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT 8:30 A.M. MASS**

## 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.



# WELCOME!! STUDENTS

### 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)

## COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY AT ST. TOM'S

### STUDENT HOLY HOUR

#### WITH EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSION

resumes in the Worship Space at St. Tom's on  
Thursdays 6-7 PM.

Life is rarely quiet, but it's quiet here.  
Listen to Jesus speak to your heart.



### MORE AT MIDWEEK

On Wednesday, September 6 we will play ultimate frisbee  
and eat pizza at Goldsworth Valley Pond gazebo and field.  
Please meet us at St. Tom's at 6:45 if you want a ride over  
there, otherwise meet us at 7:00 at the pavilion.

### FIRST FRIDAY AND SECOND FRIDAY MASSES ON WMU'S CAMPUS

Join Fr. Paul for mass at 12:10 PM at Kanley Chapel every first  
and second Friday of the month through the academic  
year. The dates for this semester are:

**September 8, October 6, October 13, November 3,  
November 10, December 1 and December 8.**

### KALAMAZOO COLLEGE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

(or any K students) will join us for 10:30 Mass on Sunday, Sep-  
tember 10. Meet on the steps of Stetson Chapel by 10:15 to  
walk to St. Tom's together.

### SAVE A SPOT ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL ST. TOM'S COLLEGE STUDENT BLOCK PARTY

on Sunday, September 10, from 7-9 PM.

We will see you for real food,  
real friends, real faith.  
Catered by Chipotle,  
music, games, and raffle



### ARE YOU A COLLEGE STUDENT WHO WOULD LIKE A RIDE TO SUNDAY MASS?

If so, please contact Lisa at [lisa@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:lisa@sttomskazoo.org) to get on  
the list for the Sunday Shuttle

### SUNDAY SUPPERS

Sunday Suppers are a homemade meal hosted by our pa-  
rishioners for college students in the Social Hall after  
the 6:00 PM Mass. Entree, salad, drinks, and desserts are  
served. Our first one this fall will be September 17.

### COLLEGE STUDENT RETREAT

Save the date now to retreat with other college students to  
Pretty Lake Camp in Mattawan, MI the weekend of Novem-  
ber 10-12. More details about sign up, cost, and theme will  
be available in October. We will offer a 50% discount to stu-  
dents who register with the parish!

### SMALL GROUPS/BIBLE STUDY

Our small groups bring college students together in an inti-  
mate setting to share life, pray with and for each other, and  
learn together about the teachings of Christ and how we  
live them on campus, among our friends and families. These  
are student lead and it costs nothing but your time and will-  
ingness to build these authentic friendships. They are about  
an hour a week for 6 sessions. Sign up after Mass this week-  
end or watch for a sign up link in the bulletin next week.

### ATTENTION STUDENTS

#### AA meets at St. Tom's

Unity Service & Recovery meets weekly at 8:00 p.m. on Fri-  
days & Saturdays upstairs in the social hall. Questions please

## AREA HAPPENINGS

### GRIEF SHARE

On Tuesday, September 12, 2023, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, St Catherine of Siena Parish will begin the 13-week GriefShare program. This program is for anyone who has lost a loved one and is seeking to learn more about how to successfully navigate the grief journey. We create a sacred space for the work of grieving which is not often found in our everyday lives. The registration fee is \$25.00, includes the workbook, and is payable at the first session. For questions about the program, feel free to contact Paula White, our program leader at 269 330 3762 or [pwhitenc@mac.com](mailto:pwhitenc@mac.com). To register, contact Paula or go online to [www.GriefShare.org](http://www.GriefShare.org).

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES BREAD OF LIFE IS HOSTING A FUNDRAISING TRIVIA NIGHT,

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 6:00-8:00 pm, Jac's Cekola's Pizza, 9th Street, Kalamazoo, Mich. 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 for more details and to register to participate – space is limited [ccdok.org/triv...](http://ccdok.org/triv...)

### THE CSGK ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AND RECOGNITION NIGHT

will take place on **September 28th at 6 PM** at the Kalamazoo Country Club. Tickets are on sale now for \$35 per person and can be purchased online at <https://csgk/awardsnight>, or by emailing [TZimmerman@csgk.org](mailto:TZimmerman@csgk.org). This year's honorees are: Tim and Sarah Harding, Fr. John Fleckenstein, Celeste Eckrich Crowell, David Butkovich, The Hackett 1968-69 Basketball Team and the Hackett 2002 Women's Soccer Team.

### 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@stmonicaakzoo.org](mailto:jbeery@stmonicaakzoo.org) or call the school office at 269-345-2444 for more information. Come join our team!

## AUGUST 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for August	56,604
8/6	6,315
8/13	6,532
8/20	10,703
8/27	7,392
Electronic gifts for August 2023	22,759
Total gifts to date for August 2023	53,700

Hackett Band's

## Butter Braid Fundraiser

Help support the bands, this April, in their journey to venues across the country.  
Order your delicious butter braids today!

Jazz Band:  
Indianapolis



Concert Band:  
Gatlinburg



Orders Due: September 8th

Orders Available for Pickup:  
8:00 PM on September 26th at  
Hackett Catholic Prep

## ONCE IN A BLUE MOON GARAGE SALE

**Friday March 15, and Saturday March 16, 2024**

Make a difference in your diocese AND community!  
Did you know that the Once in a Blue Moon garage sale for St. Augustine Cathedral School accepts donations many times per year in preparation for their huge sale in March?

We accept most items in clean and good condition:  
**ESPECIALLY NEEDED:**

Furniture, baby items (but no cribs please), appliances, housewares

\*\*\*Please wait to bring

furniture/large items until the week of sale\*\*\*

We **DO NOT** accept: Sleeper sofas, large exercise equipment, tube TVs, mattresses, or personal pillows.

No baby cribs, car seats, filing cabinets, or hazardous materials (paint, cleaners, etc.)

### **Saturday Donation drop-off dates:**

September 16, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

October 14, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

November 11, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday Donation drop-off dates:**

September 13, 3:30-5:30

October 11, 3:30-5:30

Donations will be accepted  
at the rear of the Crowley Center next to the school.

Donations are tax-deductible and receipts are available.

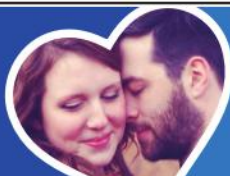
Questions? Call the school at **349-1945**

Thank you for your support!



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