

# 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.

6:00 p.m.

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11

Monday - 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday - 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.

Thursday - 5:15 p.m.

Friday - 5:15 p.m.

## 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.

Parish Office located at  
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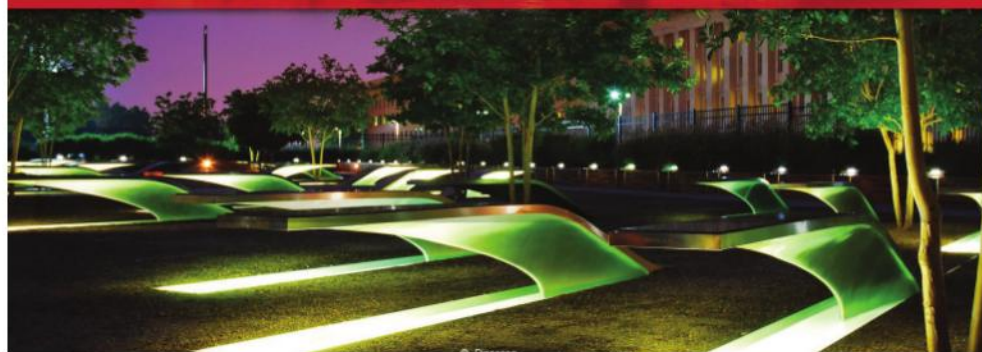
Parish Office Hours:  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



# WE SHALL NEVER FORGET.



# 9.11.2001



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SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of Sept. 10

<b>Sunday</b>	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
<b>Monday</b>	Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
<b>Wednesday</b>	Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
<b>Thursday</b>	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
<b>Friday</b>	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
<b>Sunday</b>	Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

## 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 — St. Peter Clever**

6:00 p.m. †Jared Watson grandson of Al & 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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

5:15 p.m. †Joseph Havlick by Fran Denny

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 — The Most Holy Name of Mary**

5:15 p.m. †Jean Homola

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — St. John Chrysostom**

5:15 p.m. Rosalind & Charles Thurston (living)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 — The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

5:15 p.m. College Students

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — Our Lady of Sorrows**

5:15 p.m. †Don DiPiero by wife Connie DiPiero

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 — Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**

6:00 p.m. †Mark and Jonathan Cook by Vic & Barb Ceru

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. †Jean Homola by Theresa Jacobson

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

6:00 p.m. †Catherine Basso by family

## FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Gospel this week emphasizes the need for a community of faith. The community needs to have unity and harmony. Jesus was giving guidelines to be followed in order to restore unity and harmony among the people of the community when there was serious disunity and sin.



At the end of His instruction, Jesus teaches us about our need to pray with one another. We need to pray on our own. However, there is a unique power in praying with others. It's like a log in a fireplace! One log has a hard time burning. When you add other logs, one can have a nice fire! Praying is like this!

Tomorrow is the twenty-second memorial of 9/11. We need to lift up in prayer those who died that day, for those who are still affected by the events, and that those who committed the attacks repent.

The need for prayer, both individually and as a community is a continued need. We need to pray for an end to war/violence in our own community (with the gun violence). We need to pray for those in war zones in Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan, and places of armed conflict in Yemen, South Sudan, and Myanmar. We need to pray that they receive the gift of peace. We need to pray for all enduring religious persecution in Northern India, the Holy Land, Egypt, and China that they receive freedom.

Praying for peace is an ongoing need! Maybe the first place to start is to pray for peace in our own homes and with our families. As we start this year, let praying for peace be a priority in your daily prayers! May God bless you!

Sincerely, *FR. Paul*

*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**

## SEPTEMBER 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for September	56,604
9/3	6,972
9/10	
9/17	
9/24	
Electronic gifts for September 2023	6,931
Total gifts to date for September 2023	13,903



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### RACISM IN OUR COMMUNITY: BUILDING A COMMON LANGUAGE

In 2023-2024, Race Matters programs will help us learn more about the impact of racism in our community. We will begin by creating a common language. In three separate sessions, we will discuss key terms and concepts that will enlighten and inform our study of critical community issues in 2024. Prayer, reflection, and meaningful small group discussion will help us look beyond simple definitions to explore what the terms and concepts represent. Please join us for:

## RACE MATTERS

*Building Our Beloved Community*

**Words that Shape Our Thoughts – Monday, October 2, 7:00-8:30 pm,**  
via Zoom or in person in the Cougar Room.

**Words that Color Our Hearts – Monday, November 6, 7:00-8:30 pm,**  
via Zoom or in person in the Cougar Room.

**Words that Control our Community – Monday, December 4, 7:00-8:30 pm,**  
via Zoom or in person in the Cougar Room.

To register for the October program or request more information, email [sttomssjm@gmail.com](mailto:sttomssjm@gmail.com). Please note whether you will participate via Zoom or in the Cougar Room.

### TOILET PAPER MINISTRY

Toilet paper donations for those in need.

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

### FOAM RECYCLING

**Foam accepted at the parish garage only.**

Either inside the garage or in the large brown bin outside the door.

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL FOAM IS CLEAN & FREE OF FOOD

## 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 [www.GriefShare.org](http://www.GriefShare.org).

### THE CSGK ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AND RECOGNITION NIGHT September 28th, 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.

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](http://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.

## SOCIETY FOR HISTORY & RACIAL EQUITY

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## 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. Free babysitting provided for parents who RSVP.

Link to RSVP: <https://forms.gle/MYpywW7j4eVjfkP6> or email [Lisa@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:Lisa@sttomskazoo.org)

Josh Dart holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Masters of Arts in Theology from the Augustine Institute in Denver. After working simultaneously for several years as both a Project Manager and Youth Minister, he resigned from engineering to be fully devoted to the Church's evangelization efforts. Josh served as the Director of Catholic Campus Ministry at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), and has co-led and participated in over a dozen international missions in Central America, Australia, and Africa. He was introduced to the Evangelical Catholic through Evangelization Training Camps, and began fully implementing the EC vision when VCU became one of the university ministries in the Diocese of Richmond EC Alliance. This bore great fruit both in the campus ministry and his personal life. As an EC Lead Ministry Consultant, Josh trains parish and campus ministries to be the best at reaching the lost with the love of Jesus. He lives in Madison, Wisconsin with his wife and six children.

**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 - 7:45 PM, 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))

**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.

St. Tom's Christmas Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, November 11.

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Show

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**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

[njhbuist@gmail.com](mailto:njhbuist@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there!

**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).

*Urgent*

**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.



# 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



### THE SECOND ANNUAL ST. TOM'S COLLEGE STUDENT BLOCK PARTY IS THIS WEEKEND

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

We will see you for

real food, real friends, real faith.

Catered by Chipotle, Disko Dave DJ Service, games, and raffle



### MORE AT MIDWEEK

Praise and worship is returning to More at Midweek on Wednesday, September 13 at 7 PM!

Join us for praise and worship, prayer, pizza, and a talk from Quinn Heiser on the 4 Temperaments.

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### 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.



### 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:

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

### SMALL GROUPS/BIBLE STUDY

Our small groups bring college students together in an intimate 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 willingness to build these authentic friendships. They are about an hour a week for 6 sessions. Sign up after Mass this upcoming weekend or watch for a sign up link in the bulletin next week. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-wscZ-ycFSH7E9pP2BtcOT9PMeeih0RKxyKpE2sHbyWVHA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-wscZ-ycFSH7E9pP2BtcOT9PMeeih0RKxyKpE2sHbyWVHA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### SUNDAY SHUTTLE

#### 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 parishioners 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 November 10-12. More details about sign up, cost, and theme will be available in October. We will offer a 50% discount to students who register with the parish!

### 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.

**St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish**  
**Parish Operations Report**  
**July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
<b>Income</b>			
Sunday Collections	774,704	715,000	General fund collection
Facilities Maintenance Fund donations	33,363	27,000	Facilities maintenance fund donations
Other	83,630	20,700	Income from facilities rental, parents of students, retreats, Hardings rewards, memorials and religious ed fees
Gain/Loss on Diocesan Funds	69,605 (1)	-	change in account balances year to date
Total Income	<u>961,303</u>	<u>762,700</u>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Support for CSGK	111,000	111,000	annual parish support for CSGK (Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo)
Parish Tithe (Donations)	39,817	35,750	our parish tithe donations to other ministries / services (up to 5% of Sunday donations)
Service to Parishioners	35,294	37,300	handouts, religious ed, tribunal fees, retreats, RCIA, music and liturgical supplies
Student Ministry	28,541	32,900	student retreats, student suppers and other student activities and campus ministry programs
Salary and benefits	405,634	408,538	all clergy, lay and support staff
Office Operations	44,353	46,348	office supplies and processes
Buildings and Maintenance	117,547	102,825	all building maintenance and utilities - church, office building, apartment building, rectory
Facility Insurance Premiums	17,913	18,000	required insurance through Michigan Catholic Conference
	<u>800,099</u>	<u>792,661</u>	
Building Furnishings & Equipment	98,950 (2)	61,275	budgeted capital improvements and equipment
Total Expenses	<u>899,049</u>	<u>853,936</u>	
Net Income (expense) before transfers	<u>62,253</u>	<u>(91,236)</u>	

(1) This amount represents unrealized gains (losses) on held investments, due to change in market value.

(2) This overage is fully funded from amounts held in the Building Maintenance Reserve.

Anyone who wants a copy of the entire revenue and expense statement and/or budget for the period  
can call the parish office and we will be glad to provide that information to you.



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