

**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 25

Monday thru 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.



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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

Congratulations to

Reinaldo (Ray) Thomas Hernandez Hill

son of Yan and Grace

who was baptized Sunday, September 17, 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 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 Sept. 24

Sunday	Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:2

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — St. Pius of Pietrelcina	6:00 p.m. †Hank Darragh by Jim & Mary Grace
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 a.m. People of the parish 10:30 a.m. †Wasylyna Hordynskij by Maria Holian 6:00 p.m. †Robert Cimmino by Ertl family
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25	5:15 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — Sts. Cosmas and Damian	5:15 p.m. Bishop Edward Lohse
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — St. Vincent de Paul	5:15 p.m. †Jean Homola by Earl & Deborah Mearing
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 — St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions	5:15 p.m. †Rita Heller by Heller family
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 — Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	5:15 p.m. †Jean Homola by Theresa Jacobson
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 — St. Jerome	6:00 p.m. †Rose Mary Gazella
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 — Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 a.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres 10:30 a.m. People of the parish 6:00 p.m. †Robert Wendt by Deidre Smith

RCIA/OCIA

RCIA/OCIA GATHERINGS

Inquiry gatherings have begun for RCIA/OCIA. So, what does that mean? RCIA/OCIA is the process of initiation and formation for adults entering the Catholic Church. We begin that process with group discussions that answer participants questions so that they have a better understanding of what we believe and how we live our lives as Catholics.

Join us Sunday September 24 at 7 PM in the Cougar Room

Contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or

Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net)

for handouts ahead of the Sunday gathering.

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How many times have I told myself, "God isn't fair!"? I think it's a common thought for all of us. God isn't fair if fair means we get what we deserve. In reality, God is more than fair. The Gospel passage from Matthew today (chapter 20, verses 1-16), is about the generous landowner hiring people during all times of the day to work in his vineyard. He pays the workers the same wage, whether they were there at the start of the day or the last minute!



God is overwhelmingly generous to all of us! A common pitfall is to believe God is being more generous to someone else and we are more deserving. Even if we are more deserving (only God knows that!), we will only make ourselves miserable by drawing comparisons. We will always find someone who appears better off than we are.

Instead of comparing ourselves with others in this way, perhaps we should focus on God's goodness to us. We should also trust that God is more than fair toward any of us. We certainly all have our share of challenges/problems, but we have much to be thankful for! The Eucharist, which we are about to receive, is a word that means "Thanksgiving"! It's good for us to see that, whenever we have come into the faith, we all receive the same daily wage! We all receive the fullness of Jesus – body, blood, soul, and divinity!

Have a blessed week!

Peace, *FR. Paul*

Racism in Our Community: Building a Common Language

Racism. Bias. Prejudice. Discrimination.

What do these words mean to you? Join us for **Words that Shape Our Thoughts**, **Monday, October 2, 7:00-8:30 pm**, via Zoom or in person in the Cougar Room.

In this session, we will explore these terms through instructional videos and small group discussions. We will come to a common understanding of the terms and why it is important to be clear about the definitions as we develop our narratives in the anti-racism movement.

RACE MATTERS

Building Our Beloved Community

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS!



To reserve your space at
St. Tom's Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, November 11.
call or text Russ Bronson, 561-891-0249

SUNDAY SUPPERS

The sign-up book is in the narthex for Sunday Supper cooks, helpers, and dessert makers. Suppers are served to our college students after 6:00 p.m. Mass. For more information email michele@sttomskazoo.org or call 381-8917, ext. 273

CHILDREN'S CHOIR starts on October 5th!

We will have rehearsals from 6-7 on Thursday evenings. Please see Michael for a syllabus and complete schedule.

PET BLESSING

Saturday, October 7 at 10:00 a.m. outside in front of the church under the covered area. Please have your pets on a leash or in a crate.

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. Make a note - No yoga on October 3.

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

PART-TIME POSITION FOR OFFICE HELP

We are currently looking for someone who would like to be a part of our dynamic front office team here at St. Tom's! Duties and responsibilities for this part time job (19 hours a week) are posted on our website—www.sttomskazoo.org



SEPTEMBER 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for September	56,604
9/3	6,972
9/10	8,723
9/17	5,764
9/24	
Electronic gifts for September 2023	20,294
Total gifts to date for September 2023	41,753



COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

BEACH TRIP: SEPTEMBER 29th

we will be going on an evening beach trip to South Haven for a picnic and to watch the sunset! Meet at St. Tom's to carpool at 5 PM. Jimmy John's will be provided, but we need to know what sandwich to get you. RSVP by 10 PM Wednesday 9/27 in the St. Tom's GroupMe. Bring beach games and ice cream money.

MORE AT MIDWEEK

Join us at 7 p.m. Wednesday for praise and worship, followed by pizza and a talk on mental health from Allison Judge.

STUDENT HOLY HOUR WITH

Eucharistic adoration and confession 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.

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

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

If so, please contact Lisa at 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.

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!

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

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. No 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Tom's on these dates.

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