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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 OCTOBER 2

Monday through Thursday 5:15 p.m.

Friday 12:10 at Kanley Chapel WMU (No 5:15 p.m. Mass 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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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 October 1

Sunday	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32
Monday	Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday	Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday	Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 — The Holy Guardian Angels
5:15 p.m. Bishop Edward Lohse

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
5:15 p.m. Men & women serving in the military

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 — St. Francis of Assisi
5:15 p.m. Peace in the world

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 — St. Faustina Kowalska, Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
5:15 p.m. †Jean Homola by Earl & Deborah Mearing

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 — St. Bruno, Bl. Marie Rose Durocher
at Kanley Chapel, WMU Campus
12:10 p.m. Students and faculty
5:15 p.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 — Our Lady of the Rosary
6:00 p.m. †Edna Carlson by Joe & Becky Schmitt

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 — Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Megan & Chase Covell (living)
by Jim & Barbara Gilbert
10:30 a.m. †Jean Homola by Mary Anne Munley
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Every day we have choices. Which choice do we choose? Do we pick the one that draws us closer to God or the one that draws us further away?



In the Gospel this week, Jesus wasn't impressed with many of the religious leaders of His day.

Jesus wanted people who would be honest with themselves. He wanted people to admit they are a sinner. Jesus didn't want empty excuses or empty promises. He wanted them to do things that would bring them closer to God!

We start our religious education program this week! I am very, very grateful that we can offer this program. Our younger parishioners need to learn about Jesus. Please keep in prayer the parents/guardians, the teachers and assistants and the students as we start this season of religious education. Please also keep in prayer the members of the RCIA (Now OCIA) program for the adults wanting to learn about the faith. We are very blessed to have both programs in our faith community.

I hope you have a blessed week!

Peace, *FR. Paul*

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE — In today's gospel Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

RCIA/OCIA

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.

If you have been joining us for Mass for a while, you may have questions about what we are doing or things that you have heard about Catholics. You may want to join us to find out what the Church teaches. If you have never been baptized or been baptized in another Christian denomination, and would like to be in full communion with the Catholic Church, you may want to find out about the sacraments of initiation and how you join our community. If you have been baptized Catholic but have not received first Eucharist and/or Confirmation, you may want to know more about receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

We will be meeting

**Sunday October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cougar Room
to discuss questions that you may have about
Catholicism and The Holy Spirit.**

Contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or
Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net)
for handouts ahead of the Sunday gathering.





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CALLING ALL ARTISTS & CRAFTERS!

St. Tom's is Hosting our 2nd Annual
CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW
Saturday, November 11

For full details
call or text St. Tom's Parishioner,
Russ Bronson at 561-891-0249

**— DON'T DELAY —
RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!**



COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

COLLEGE STUDENT RETREAT:

We are super excited to be hosting our fall student retreat Hail Holy Queen at Pretty Lake Camp in Mattawan, MI the week-end of November 10-12. You are invited to join us for a prayerful weekend away from the craziness of student life to reflect on Mary and her impact on our faith and grow in fellowship with other students. The retreat costs \$50, or for students registered with St. Tom's its \$25! Get more information and sign up using this link: <https://forms.gle/fu6VDymDRFU1v7mP8>

MORE AT MIDWEEK

As we approach midterms, join us for a game night to destress. We will have praise and worship, a short reflection on an upcoming reading, and prayer together from 7-8. We will then have pizza and move into playing games for the rest of the evening. Come for all or part!

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-ycF-SH7E9pP2BtCOT9PMeeih0RKxyKpE2sHbyWVHA/viewform?usp=sf_link

STUDENT HOLY HOUR:

Come for an hour of silent prayer, beginning & ending with a couple of traditional songs and prayers. Bring some spiritual reading, a prayer, journal, your rosary, or anything else that helps you to connect with the Lord during this time. Come for the whole hour or 5 minutes in the Worship Space at St. Tom's on Thursdays 6-7 PM. Confession is normally available.

FIRST 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.

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 Mass. Entree, salad, drinks, and desserts are served.

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

RACE MATTERS*Building Our Beloved Community***REGISTER TODAY FOR Words that Shape Our Thoughts****Monday, October 2, 7:00-8:30 pm,**
via Zoom or
in person in the Cougar Room.**Racism. Bias. Prejudice. Discrimination.**

What do these words mean? In this session, we will explore their definitions 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.

systemic
structural
white bias
supremacy
Racism
discrimination
RACE privilege RAGE
fragility
institutional

To register for the program, email sttomssjm@gmail.com
by **6:00 pm, Sunday October 1.**

Please note whether you will participate via Zoom or

**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

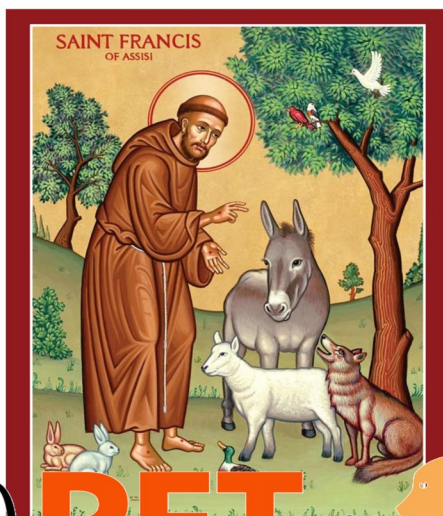
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FOAM RECYCLING

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



PET
blessing

Outside here at St. Tom's
in front of the church
under the covered area

Saturday, October 7
10:00 a.m.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR PETS ON A LEASH OR IN A CRATE.

**HERE AT ST. TOM'S****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

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.**



GRIEF SHARE

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Are you grieving the death of someone and wondering how you will navigate the holidays this year? Join grief counselor Mary Beckley-

Clark MSW on **Sunday, November 19 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. to learn some practical coping strategies. This workshop will include a video presentation and group discussion. Participants will also receive a copy of the GriefShare Holiday Survival Guide.**

WMU's ON CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY Invisible Need Project

St. Tom's will be collecting the following Food items during October and November

Pasta & Sauce; Peanut Butter; Jelly;
Cooking Oil; Soup

Meals that are shelf stable including
Ramen Noodles; Rice-A-Roni;
Mac & Cheese; Tuna & Hamburger Helpers, etc.



Please ensure that donated items are unopened and not expired. No Perishable Items.

SEPTEMBER 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for September	56,604
9/3	6,972
9/10	8,723
9/17	5,764
9/24	5,324
Electronic gifts for September 2023	22,969
Total gifts to date for September 2023	49,752



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

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THEN SINGS MY SOUL

SARA EMERSON MCGARVEY
soprano

GUNTA LAUKMANE, piano

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 6
7:00 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church
936 Lake St. Kalamazoo

free & open to
the public!

Day of Reflection

Saturday, 14 October 2023

St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo

RSVP: parishoffice@stakalamazoo.org
freewill offering



Guest Speaker - Steve Ray - is the host of the popular, award-winning film series on salvation history, *The Footprints of God*. Steve is also the author of best-selling books *Crossing the Tiber*, and *St. John's Gospel*. Steve's books and DVD's will be on sale the Day of Reflection.

Schedule for the Day

8:45 - 9:20 a.m.	Mass in the Cathedral
9:20 a.m.	Coffee and Doughnuts in the rectory
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Rosary for our Nation held on the Cathedral steps
10:00 - 11:00	First Talk by Steve Ray: <i>Defending the Eucharist</i>
11:00 - 1p.m.	Lunch available for purchase
11:00 - 11:55 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration
11:55 a.m.	Benediction
Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Second Talk by Steve Ray: <i>Is the Mass Really a Sacrifice?</i>

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Sisters of St. Joseph Annual Service Day

2929 Nazareth Rd., Kalamazoo, Mi 49048

Saturday, October 7, 2023

We invite you to join us as we reach out to our Kalamazoo
neighbors in need.

We are collecting the following items:



Monetary donations for Kalamazoo Valley

Gleaners

Kalamazoogleaners.org

Socks, underwear, and travel size toiletries for
Men and Women and children for Ministry with
Community



Non-perishable Food Items for
Loaves and Fishes



~Drive through and help us reach out to our neighbors~

Sisters and Associates will be in the Nazareth Parking Lot under
the carport in the front parking lot with boxes to be filled on
Saturday, 10-7-23 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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 equip-
ment, tube TVs, mattresses, or personal pillows.

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

Saturday Donation drop-off dates:

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:

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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