



**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 OCTOBER 9

Monday: 5:15 p.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 - 6:30 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

**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](mailto:sttoms@sttomskazoo.org)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of October 8

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
<b>Monday</b>	Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
<b>Thursday</b>	Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 11:5-13
<b>Friday</b>	Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 & 16; 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7</b>	— Our Lady of the Rosary 6:00 p.m. †Edna Carlson by Joe & Becky Schmitt
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8</b>	— 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
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 9</b>	— St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi 5:15 p.m. Men and women in law enforcement
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10</b>	5:15 p.m. Bishop Paul Bradley new assignment
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11</b>	— St. John XXIII 5:15 p.m. Pauline Bambrick (living) George Hebben
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12</b>	5:15 p.m. For the end of discrimination
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13</b>	at Kanley Chapel, WMU Campus 12:10 p.m. Students and faculty 5:15 p.m. No Mass
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14</b>	— St. Callistus I 6:00 p.m. †Bill & Jean Homola by Romy & Maureen Abueva
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15</b>	— Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 a.m. People of the parish 10:30 a.m. †Jan & Maria Josephine Van den Hohmbergh by family 6:00 p.m. †Derick Ivy by family

## RCIA/OCIA

If you have been joining us for Mass for a while, you may have questions about what we are doing at Mass and in our lives as practicing Catholics. Inquiry gatherings have begun for RCIA/OCIA, which is the process of initiation and formation for adults entering the Catholic Church. In these early sessions, we walk through questions that you have about Catholicism. You may want to join us to find out more about what the Church teaches. Or, you may be feeling a stronger draw towards God and would like to explore that more deeply.

We will be meeting Sunday, October 8 on Zoom to discuss any questions that you may have about Catholicism. Contact Fr. Paul ([frpaul@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:frpaul@sttomskazoo.org)) or Claire McSwiney ([claire.mcswiney@att.net](mailto:claire.mcswiney@att.net)) for handouts and a link to the Zoom meeting ahead of the Sunday gathering.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** — Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying "cornerstone" where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.

## FATHER PAUL'S POST



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We have another parable about a "vineyard" in this week's Gospel reading (Matthew: chapter 21, verses 33-43). What is the parable all about? It is a reminder that God made us, he blessed us in many ways. God also expects results, good fruit to be produced!

Does God expect us to do something with the gifts he has given us? The answer is yes! We are still early in our academic year! This gospel and the readings this week are a good time for us to reflect on asking what the Lord wants us to grow? What fruit do I need to grow to be successful in the ministry that you are sending me? What do I need to do to help this fruit grow more abundantly?

The readings point out the need to grow good fruit and it has a big theme of love in them! Especially in the Gospel, we get a glimpse of God's love that is beyond common sense in our world. After the owner sent so many servants to collect the rent and were severely mistreated, some even killed, he decides to send his son. Couldn't the owner see what would be the result of sending his son? Yes, he knew! It reminds us that God's love is beyond understanding. God keeps on loving us even to giving his own son for us.

Have a blessed week!

Peace, *FR. Paul*





**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

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## BLOOD DRIVE



Thursday, November 2  
10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

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## COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

### SOCIALS

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### COLLEGE STUDENT RETREAT

We are super excited to be hosting our fall student retreat Hail Holy Queen at Pretty Lake Camp in Mattawan the weekend 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>

### ROMERO ROOM:

#### STUDENT STUDY ROOM AND LOUNGE

complete with snacks, cold and hot drinks, tv, and full kitchen. Romero Room is located in the bottom floor of the brick building next to the church building. Park in the main church lot, walk up the hill to 409 Monroe Street and around the back of the building, then down the stairs.

The back door will be open 9-5 Mon-Thurs, 9-1 Fri, contact St. Tom's parish office 269-381-8917 or walk in at 1333 Lovell Street if you need anything while you are there. The space is monitored by security camera.

### MORE AT MIDWEEK

Join us as we have praise and worship, a short reflection on an upcoming reading, and prayer together from 7-8. We will then have pizza and hear a talk from Mary Strobel on Clelia Merloni. Come for all or part!

### 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

### FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

The students and teachers at Northeastern Elementary need your support. We are asking for donations of waterproof gloves and snow pants as well as snacks to help meet the needs students living in poverty. Snacks such as Goldfish, Cheez-Its, beef jerky, squeeze applesauce, and popcorn and new or gently used waterproof gloves and snow pants are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the donation bin labeled "Northeastern Elementary" in the Narthex beginning October 7th through November 5th. Thank you for your support!

### 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 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](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 Mass. Entree, salad, drinks, and desserts are served.

**RACE MATTERS***Building Our Beloved Community***Racism in Our Community:  
Building a Common Language****White privilege. White fragility.  
White rage. White supremacy.**

We live in a world where whiteness is the norm. How does that impact us individually, our culture, and our community? We hear these terms used frequently in the media. Do we understand what they mean and how they are inter-related?

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

Join us for **Words that Color Our Thoughts,**  
**Monday, November 6, 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.

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

**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.

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**and new or gently used snowpants and waterproof gloves**

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**TOILET PAPER MINISTRY**

Toilet paper donations for those in need.

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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

**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](mailto: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.

**MASS INTENTION**

if you wish to have a Mass offered for someone who has died or in celebration of someone's special day call the parish office, 381-8917. The intention appears under the Mass schedule in our bulletin. They can be set for weekday or weekend Mass. The usual donation is \$10.

**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.**

**THANK YOU TO OUR BULLETIN SPONSORS.**

They make it possible to have the bulletin printed at no cost.

Be sure to check the back of the bulletin each week.

If you are interested in advertising on our bulletin, call Jeff Ingersoll 616-299-2388 or [jingersoll@diocesan.com](mailto:jingersoll@diocesan.com)

**OCTOBER 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Target for October	70,755
10/1	6,710
10/8	
10/15	
10/22	
10/29	
Electronic gifts for October 2023	8,481
Total gifts to date for October 2023	15,191



### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A MORNING OF SERVICE?

The Kalamazoo United Day of Service (KUDOS) is asking for help to support its Fall Winterization Project. The St. Tom's team will be working on two homes on Kalamazoo's East Side.

**The date is Friday, October 27 from 9:00 am until Noon.**

We will be working outdoors, weatherizing windows and doors on the first level only.  
If you can help, or would like more information, please call Bob Cretsinger at 269-254-8175.



### 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:**

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**

Join Us!

#### **ST. MARY PARISH AUTUMN GALA**

Saturday, November 4th | 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Dinner & Live Auction

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RSVP by October 24th | Semi-Formal - Formal Attire

Tickets, Schedule, and Details at [stmarykazoo.org/fall-gala](http://stmarykazoo.org/fall-gala)

The Gala includes dancing, a 50/50 raffle, and an auction item "Dinner prepared by Fr. Jose"

#### **DAY OF REFLECTION**

at St. Augustine Cathedral

Guest speaker Steve Ray will lead a Day of Reflection at St. Augustine Cathedral Parish on Saturday, October 14. The day will begin with Mass at 8:45 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. RSVP to [parishoffice@stakalamazoo.org](mailto:parishoffice@stakalamazoo.org). A freewill offering will be collected. 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.

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