

# 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 OCTOBER 16

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 5:15 p.m.

NO MASS OR STUDENT HOLY HOUR THURSDAY

# **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday and Sunday 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY HOUR** 

Friday: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

# PARISH OFFICE IS LOCATED AT

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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

# RCIA/OCIA

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 discuss questions that you have about Catholicism. You may want to join us to find out more about what the Church teaches, why we do what we do, or to explore your relationship with God more deeply.

We will be meeting Sunday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cougar Room

to discuss any questions that you may have about Catholicism and A Walk Through the Mass. Contact Fr. Paul (<a href="frpaul@sttomskazoo.org">frpaul@sttomskazoo.org</a>) or Claire McSwiney (<a href="claire.mcswiney@att.net">claire.mcswiney@att.net</a>)

# MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 — St. Callistus I

6:00 p.m. †Bill & Jean Homola

by Romy & Maureen Abueva

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15** — 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 — St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

5:15 p.m. † Jean Homola by Ron & Ellen Partee

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

5:15 p.m. Audrey Krone (living) by Jane Krone

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 — St. Luke

5:15 p.m. Mary Ann Grace (living) by Jim & Mary Grace

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19**—St. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions No Mass

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 — St. Paul of the Cross

5:15 p.m. Chase Maddex (living) by Konni DiPiero

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21** 

6:00 p.m. † Mickey Fink by Mary Anne Sydlik

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22** — Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. †Jean Homola by Ron & Ellen Partee

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

6:00 p.m. Melissa Marlow in thanks by family

# SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of October 15

**Sunday** 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

Monday Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;

Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday** Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41 **Wednesday** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18;

Lk 10:1-9

**Thursday** Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab;

Lk 11:47-54

**Friday** Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5,11; Lk 12:1-7 **Saturday** Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43;

Lk 12:8-12

# FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In this week's gospel, Jesus compares heaven to the wed-

ding celebration of a prince. It would have been the social event of a lifetime. In the time of Jesus, when someone celebrated any wedding, the celebration went on for a few days! For a prince, it



would have been lavish beyond belief!!

The parable starts with an assumption that the invited guests would have accepted the invitation when it was first offered, but they all changed their minds. They don't even offer an excuse. They just reject the invitation and give violence toward the messengers from the king. The last part of the parable is about not having a wedding garment. It is meant to remind us that if we are going to participate in this amazing, awesome event (eternal life), we must come with the right attitude! The garment is a symbol for our good deeds done in this life on planet Earth!

Those judged worthy of eternal life must come equipped with the deeds of an authentic Christian life! Their good deeds go with them. We should have some good deeds to bring with us!

What good deeds is the Lord inviting us to do this week? Most of the time it doesn't mean a grand activity. The day-to-day events in our lives are multiple opportunities for doing good deeds: a kind word, a helping hand, checking in on a family member or friend you haven't heard from.....there are lots of ways! Have a blessed week!

Sincerely, PR Paul

# GRIEF SHARE: Surviving the Holidays

# **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 Grief-Share Holiday Survival Guide.



# COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

### **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

# **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 \$t. 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. The 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.

**OCTOBER 17 & 18** NO MORE AT MIDWEEK or STUDENT HOLY HOUR because WMU is on Fall Break

# **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.

NO SUNDAY SUPPER OCTOBER 22.



# **SUNDAY SHUTTLE**

Are you a college student who would like a ride to

Sunday Mass? If so, please contact Lisa at <u>lisa@sttomskazoo.org</u> to get on the list for the Sunday Shuttle

# **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: November 3, November 10, December 1 and December 8. No 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Tom's on these dates.

# HERE AT ST. TOM'S and MORE

# **BLOOD DRIVE**



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

Register online at www.versiti.org

Call the parish office for assistance 269-381-8917

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan - Donor Portal



### SISTER PARISH DELEGATION NEWS UPDATE

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am happy to announce that we are sending a delegation this year to visit our Sister Parish, Mary, Mother of the Poor, in El Salvador! I am very excited this is happening and grateful for the group that is going! Please keep them in prayer as they are preparing for this journey!

The people from the Sister Parish are equally excited to have our delegation visit their parish! Our group will be in El Salvador from November 10<sup>th</sup> through November 18<sup>th</sup>!

Typically, our delegation brings crayons, books, or school supplies for their younger children; however, this year, the Sister Parish has been requesting medical items. Specifically, they are asking for wound care kits. We have reserves in the general fund for our Sister Parish. This should be able to pay for this need! One of our sister parish members here has access to purchase such wound care kits from a volunteer group at significant discount levels.

In the same vein, please let the office know if there were anyone who would like to be a pen pal to any of the students from El Salvador that are being sponsored! We have sufficient funding for this program. This is an opportunity to get to know a student personally. Over the past few years (especially during the Covid pandemic) this part of reaching out to students has waned! This may be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect more personally with a student! If interested contact Michele at the parish office my phone 269-381-8917 x273 or email michele@sttomskazoo.org.

Thank you for your time. Have a safe and blessed week!

Sincerely, FR Paul

### **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

### **COFFEE & DONUTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

October 22; November 12; December 10

1 Volunteer to pick-up donuts at Harding's on Drake Road before 8:30 a.m. Mass and at least 2



volunteers to clean-up after 10:30 a.m. donuts. Volunteer for one or more of these dates. Questions call the parish office, 269-381-8917, ext. 273 or email michele@sttomskazoo,org or check the Flocknote link to sign-up <u>St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish // Flocknote</u>

# 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.



# SOCIAL JUSTICE

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# **TOILET PAPER MINISTRY**

Toilet paper donations for those in need.

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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



# 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.



Register now for the second Race Matters program of the fall semester:

Words that Color Our Hearts Monday, November 6, 7:00-8:30 pm



via Zoom or in person at St. Tom's.

In this session, we will continue to create a common vocabulary but this time with words centering around whiteness—white privilege, white supremacy, white rage, and white fragility. What do these terms mean?

How do we interpret them in our everyday lives? Do these words apply to me?

To register, or request more information, email sttomssjm@gmail.com.

Please note whether you will participate via Zoom or in person at St. Tom's.

During the October 2 session, Words that Shape Our Thoughts, we watched and discussed two videos: "Understanding Bias: The Differences Between Stereotypes, Prejudice, Discrimination and Oppression" and "A Conversation about Growing Up Black." Both are easy to find on the internet.

# HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

### 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.

Join Usl

### ST. MARY PARISH AUTUMN GALA

item "Dinner prepared by Fr. Jose"

Saturday, November 4th | 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Dinner & Live Auction
Father Bart Hall | 939 Charlotte Avenue, Kalamazoo
3 Course Dinner & Drinks \$50/person
RSVP by October 24th | Semi-Formal - Formal Attire
Tickets, Schedule, and Details at <a href="mailto:stmarykazoo.org/fall-gala">stmarykazoo.org/fall-gala</a>
The Gala includes dancing, a 50/50 raffle, and an auction

### THE DIOCESAN 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

and celebration with Bishop Edward M. Lohse will be held Sunday, November 19, 2023, St. Augustine Cathedral, 2 p.m. If you or someone you know is celebrating 50 years of marriage anytime in 2023, we invite you to let your parish know, or complete the form on the diocesan website (www.dio kzoo.org/50th-anniversary) or mail your information to receive a personal congratulatory certificate signed by Bishop Lohse. To receive a special certificate signed by Bishop Lohse, please submit the form to the right, or mail your name, wedding date, address and contact information to: 50th Wedding Anniversary Diocesan Celebration 215 N Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007 Questions? Please email Socorro Truchan, struchan@diokzoo.org or call 269-349-8714 ext 1112

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 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.

# OCTOBER 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

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Target for October	70,755
10/1	6,985
10/8	5,762
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