

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 23

Monday - 5:15 P.M.

Tuesday - 5:15 p.m.

Thursday - 5:15 p.m.

No Mass Wednesday & Friday

RECONCILIATION

Saturday and Sunday

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

No Reconciliation October 25

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Thursday 6:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR

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

No Holy Hour October 27



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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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of October 22

Sunday	Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
Monday	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE — Jesus was exasperated when he scolded: "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules and values. Be like Jesus in today's gospel; he was firm, honest and direct.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 — St. John of Capistrano

5:15 p.m. †Simone Pinguet by Roberto Adrian

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 — St. Anthony Mary Claret

5:15 p.m. Chris & Sarah Mullarkey (living)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

5:15 p.m. †Dorothy Walters by Bazali-Walters family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

No Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 — Sts. Simon and Jude

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. †Margi Ochs by Al & Chris Hovestadt

10:30 a.m. †Frank Stokes by Bev Stokes

6:00 p.m. Peace in the world

RCIA/OCIA

LAST WEEK, WE WELCOMED**TREVOR AND AMANDA WENDT INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.**

They joined our catechetical sessions in January, walked through our Lenten practices, including a day of reflective prayer, experienced The Great Easter Vigil, and finished their catechesis this summer.

The entrance to the Church is opened all year.

If you have questions about how adults enter the catholic church, consider joining us for a Sunday night gathering.

We will be meeting Sunday October 22 in the Worship Space to take a tour of the church.

Contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net)

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend is World Mission Sunday! This day has special significance to me personally. I was a lay volunteer in Northeast Thailand with the Catholic Church for two years. This experience had a deep impact on my own personal growth and spiritual development. I'm grateful the church has World Mission Sunday to remind us that we are all one community and one world!



Pope Francis has chosen a theme of "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." This is inspired from the Gospel passage of Luke (24:13-35). It is the road to Emmaus. The two disciples were confused and dejected. Yet, when they encountered Christ, they became enthusiastic and began to proclaim that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead!

Pope Francis writes that there were three images that are good for us to meditate on. The two disciples felt their "hearts burning within them"—as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus; "Their eyes were opened" — as they recognized Jesus; and finally, their "feet set out on the way." These are all aspects of missionary disciples!

I feel blessed that I had an opportunity to volunteer and work closely with Catholic sisters (the Daughters of Charity) and priests (the Redemptorists and Vincentians). I also realized that one doesn't have to go very far to be a missionary. In fact, many times, mission territory is just outside of the church entrance! Pope Francis states that just like the disciples of Emmaus, "so too our proclamation will be a joyful telling of Christ the Lord, his life, his passion, his death and resurrection, and the wonders that his love has accomplished in our lives."

Our thoughts, word, and actions have a "missionary impact". Please keep all those working overseas in prayer and the work in our own "mission territory" here. Some people are invited to share their lives in another country. Is the Lord calling you to this ministry? Have a blessed week.

Peace, *FR. Paul*

HERE AT ST. TOM'S



St. Tom's First Annual Fall Festival

Wednesday, October 25
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join parishioners and
college students
for
Fall Ornament Decorating,
Games, Puzzles,
Special Guests and Pizza.
Fellowship and fun for all
In the social hall.



LIVESTREAM VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of additional people
to livestream here at St. Tom's.
If you are interested email
jmcnally@sttomskazoo.org or
call the parish office 269-381-8917

SENIOR WOMEN'S 50+ SOCIAL GROUP

will gather on Monday, October 30th at 2:00 pm in the Cougar Room. We ask, if able, to bring a Halloween snack to share. We will be discussing our gatherings for November and December Any new ideas, please share! For any questions, please contact Nancy Buist at njnbuist@gmail.com

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



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.

COFFEE & DONUTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish // Flocknote



HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Sunday, November 19



Are you grieving the death of someone
and wondering how you will
navigate the holidays this year?

Join grief counselor Mary Beckley-Clark MSW
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.



**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

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 St. Tom's its \$25!

Get more information and sign up using this link: <https://forms.gle/fu6VDymDRFU1v7mP8>

MORE AT MIDWEEK

Join us for St. Tom's Fall Festival on October 25 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. There will be fall ornament decorating, games, puzzles, special visitors, and food. Join fellow students and parishioners in testing your brain and having fun.

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 lisa@sttomskazoo.org 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 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.

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



St. Tom's has a delegation traveling to our Sister Parish in El Salvador in November.

We would like to send letters or cards to the students in the scholarship program.

If you are interested in writing to a student please email michele@sttomskazoo.org.



OCTOBER 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for October	70,755
10/1	6,985
10/8	5,762
10/15	5,989
10/22	
10/29	
Electronic gifts for October 2023	19,619
Total gifts to date for October 2023	38,355

SOCIAL JUSTICE



Words that Color Our Hearts

Monday, November 6

7:00-8:30 pm

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

In this second Race Matters program of the fall semester, we will continue to create a common vocabulary with words centering around whiteness—*white privilege, white supremacy, white rage, and white fragility.*

What do these words mean?

How do we interpret them in our everyday lives?

Do these terms apply to me?



To register for the program, or request more information, email sttomssjm@gmail.com before 6:00 pm on Friday, November 3.

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

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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!



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



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.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE AREA

"Service of Lament - Prayers for Peace"

An interfaith gathering
open to all wishing
to find comfort in community

We mourn the loss of life in
Israel/Palestine,
as we hope and pray for an end
to the bloodshed.



3:00 pm, Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

321 W. South Street, Kalamazoo, MI

Please join us 3:00 pm, Sunday, Oct. 22 for an interfaith service for peace. We will have prayers from many faith traditions, as well as music and opportunity for reflection. This is a time we can come together and renew the bonds of our common humanity. There will be opportunity for fellowship and light refreshments after the service.

Sponsor: Kalamazoo Community Interfaith Peace Service Committee
(peace dove graphic from University of Hawaii, Newman Center)

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 Us!

ST. MARY PARISH AUTUMN GALA

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 stmarykazoo.org/fall-gala

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

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.diokzoo.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

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