

#### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

#### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE October 30 thru November 3

Monday - 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. Vigil

Wednesday - All Saints Day Kanley Chapel (WMU) - 12:10 p.m. St. Tom's - 12:10 p.m.

St. Tom's - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - Mass of Remembrance 6:30 p.m.

Friday Kanley Chapel (WMU) - 12:10 p.m. No 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Tom's

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday and Sunday 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

> Wednesday 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

#### STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Thursday 6:00 p.m. (No Student Holy Hour November 2)

#### **HOLY HOUR**

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

# St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

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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.

#### FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How is a Jack-o-Lantern like a Christian? I came across this while looking at YoungCAtholics.org! As many of us participate in Halloween and some of its activities, it's a nice thought to keep us close to our faith!



A Christian is like being a Jack-O-Lantern because:

God picks you from the patch,
brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you.

Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.
He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed.

Then He carves you a new smiling face
and puts His light inside of you to shine
for all the world to see.

I hope you and your family have a happy and safe Halloween! Take care!

Peace, PR, Paul

#### MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 — St. John of Capistrano

5:15 p.m. †Rene Adrian by Roberto Adrian

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 — St. Anthony Mary Claret

5:30 p.m. Lovey Krone (living) by Jane Krone

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

at Kanley Chapel, WMU Campus

12:10 p.m. Students and faculty

at St. Tom's

12:10 p.m. †Edna Domagas by Pimentel family

5:30 p.m. †Jean Homola by Norm & Anita Seiler

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Mass of Remembrance

6:30 p.m. People of the parish

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

at Kanley Chapel, WMU Campus

12:10 p.m. Vocations

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4** — Sts. Simon and Jude

6:00 p.m. †Jean Homola by Ron & Ellen Partee

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5** — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Luis Toledo (living) by Jim & Sheila Bridenstine

10:30 a.m. †Mary Makoski by Tammy Boneburg

6:00 p.m. †Paul Venesky by Mary Anne Sydlik

#### 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 29

**Sunday** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10;

Mt 22:34-40

**Monday** Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 & 4, Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;

Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;

1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**Thursday** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6; Rom 6:3-9;

Jn 6:37-40

**Friday** Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29;

Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday** Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3;

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12



#### HERE AT ST. TOM'S

#### RCIA/OCIA

If you have been joining us for Mass for a while, you may have questions about what we are doing. Over the years, you may have heard things about the Catholic Church, that may or may not be accurate. You may also 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 29 in the Cougar Room to talk about Prayer and Our Relationships with The Divine. Contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or Claire McSwiney (<u>claire.mcswiney@att.net</u>) for handouts ahead of the Sunday gathering.



A Delegation from St. Tom's will be 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.





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.



#### **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



#### **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 nihbuist@gmail.com

#### 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

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#### OCTOBER 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for October	70,755
10/1	6,985
10/8	5,762
10/15	5,989
10/22	7,283
10/29	
Electronic gifts for October 2023	23,593
Total gifts to date for October 2023	49,612

#### AROUND THE AREA





## AQUINAS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON

Aquinas College welcomes high school students and their families to our Open House on Saturday, November 11! Explore academic programs, connect with faculty, staff & students, and tour our scenic campus. Plus, attend a session on navigating the college search process that will equip you with practical knowledge you can immediately use at the event. Visit <a href="aquinas.edu/openhouse">aquinas.edu/openhouse</a> to register.



# Catholic Charities is excited to announce our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Nicholas Raffle Fundraiser "Be the Giver of a Great Gift!" On December 6, 2023

Proceeds will benefit the thousands of clients served each year in our nine-county diocese.

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The live drawing and dinner at Fieldstone Grill in Portage on December 6, 2023 at 6pm.

Live event tickets are \$75 each and include a raffle ticket, dinner, drinks, and a visit from \$t\$. Nicholas.

Help Catholic Charities raise more funds for our services and show your community support.



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# 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

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### **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 of students living in poverty. Snacks such as: Goldfish, Cheez-Its, beef jerky, squeeze applesauce, and popcorn and new or gently used snowpants and waterproof gloves

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.



#### 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 <a href="mailto:sttomssim@gmail.com">sttomssim@gmail.com</a> before 6:00 pm on Friday, November 3.

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

#### 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 the weekend of No-

vember 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

Wednesday is All Saints Day! There will be Mass at 5:30. Around 6:30 we will have pizza and hear a presentation from Nora on All Saints Day.



#### 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. Thursday, November 2 - No Student Holy Hour. A Mass of Remembrance will be offered at 6:30 p.m.

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#### **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.

#### **SUNDAY SHUTTLE**

Are you a college student who would like a ride to Sunday Mass? If so, please contact Lisa at <u>lisa@sttomskazoo.ora</u> to get on the list for the Sunday Shuttle

#### 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.

**SOCIALS** — Follow us on Instagram @KalamazooCatholic or sign up for our weekly email or GroupMe to get info on new events first. Email <u>Lisa@sttomskazoo.org</u> to subscribe to our weekly email. Our GroupMe texting group can be found here: https://groupme.com/join\_group/89335085/4QiZw0gK



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