



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

November 6 thru November 10

Monday - 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday No Mass at St. Tom's

Deceased Clergy Mass at
St. Augustine Cathedral 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.

Thursday 5:15 p.m.

Friday

Kanley Chapel (WMU) - 12:10 p.m.
St. Tom's - 5:15 p.m.

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of November 6

Sunday	Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12
Monday	Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

5:15 p.m. Vocations

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

5:30 p.m. † Jean Homola by Dick & Becky Crites

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 — The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5:15 p.m. † Jean Klingel

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — St. Leo the Great

at Kanley Chapel, WMU Campus

12:10 p.m. Veterans and their families

at St. Tom's

5:15 p.m. David Cretsinger (20th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — St. Martin of Tours

6:00 p.m. † Curtis & Elliot Abueva by Lolo & Lola

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 — Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. People of the parish

10:30 a.m. † Jan & Maria Josephine vandenHohmbergh
by family

6:00 p.m. † Don Peyok (9th Anniversary) by Morris family

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 November 5 in the Cougar Room
to talk about Discernment and Formation of Conscience.

Contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or

Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net)

for handouts ahead of the Sunday gathering.

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

November is Black Catholic History Month! We have many celebrations in November (All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Thanksgiving). It is wonderful to recall this history of Black Catholics in our country and the contribution to our faith that they have given us!

There is one group I would like to highlight this week. This is The National Black Catholic Congress. This group was officially formed on January 01, 1985. From their website is their mission statement: **Our mission is based on our baptismal commitment to witness and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. This commitment inspires us to:**

- Enrich the Church by evangelizing African Americans within and outside the Church
- Enhance the physical and spiritual well-being of African Americans as full members of the Church and society.
- Create an ongoing agenda for evangelizing African Americans

Collaborate with national Roman Catholic organizations.

Their website is: <https://nbccongress.org/>. I hope you have a chance this month to visit this site and appreciate the contributions this congress has been making and their ongoing work!

I hope you have a blessed week!

Sincerely,

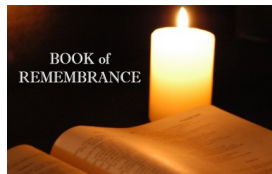
FR. Paul



HERE AT ST. TOM'S

OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

will be displayed in the worship space during the month of November. You may take a form from the bulletin table and write the names of your loved ones who have died and who we will lovingly remember during each of our Masses. There is a basket on the bulletin table to place your page and it will be added to the book.



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 **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.

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 - No Yoga Tuesday, November 7

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.

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 and free of food.

WMU's ON CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY

Essential Needs

St. Tom's will be collecting the following Food items for the month of 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.

PASTORS ON PATROL

The Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety has partnered with local pastors to try to combat violence in the city. Pastors on Patrol began in 2015, but the program was paused for almost a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program started back up again near the beginning of June 2021.

Our own Fr. Paul Redmond is one of the pastors on patrol.

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8 for a whole parish presentation by Pastor Greg Jennings about Pastors on Patrol, followed by pizza at 8.

RSVP by Nov 7th using this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1MES02h04ncBFrpi6DMBRJaN4oe4iw-gFoONOnqUZ37rxQ/viewform>

2nd Annual

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

Arts & Crafts FAIR

**Saturday, November 11
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

In addition to the beautiful Arts and Crafts there will be a

BAKE SALE & LUNCH OFFERED

(muffins, coffee cake, etc. + chili, chicken chili, soup and salads)

Come shop the fair —

then stay, sit, and enjoy a cup of coffee, baked good, or lunch.

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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	8,468
Electronic gifts for October 2023	26,123
Total gifts to date for October 2023	60,610

COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

**BACCALAUREATE MASS**

Are you graduating this semester?
We would like to honor our graduates by hosting a baccalaureate Mass and reception for you and your family and friends on
Friday, December 15 at 7:30 PM.

If you are interested, please email Lisa Heyduk with your name, photo, degree/program, and number of guests by or before Monday, December 11.

Please also indicate if you would like to have a role in the Mass — reading, sharing your St. Tom's experience, music ministry, or something else.

Dress code: You can wear your cap and gown/dress up or whatever you would typically wear to Mass.



Baccalaureate

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 through November 5th (**FINAL WEEKEND**). Thank you for your support!

MORE AT MIDWEEK:

Join us at 7 PM for a whole parish presentation from Pastor Jennings about Pastors on Patrol, followed by pizza at 8. RSVP by Nov 7th using this link:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1ME502h04ncBFrpi6DMBRJaN4oe4iw-gFoONOnqUZ37rlxQ/viewform>

STUDENT HOLY HOUR:

Come for an hour of silent prayer, beginning and ending with a couple of traditional songs and prayers. Bring some spiritual reading, a prayer, journal, your a 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. Dates for the semester: November 10, December 1, December 8.

SUNDAY SUPPERS:

Sunday Suppers are a homemade meal hosted by our parishioners for college students in the Social Hall after the 6:00 PM Mass. Entree, salad, drinks, and desserts are served.

**SUNDAY SHUTTLE:**

Are you a college student who would like a ride to a Sunday Mass? If so, please contact Lisa at lisa@sttomskazoo.org to ride the Sunday Shuttle or be paired with another student driving into Mass.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

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**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

AROUND THE AREA

Students:

CAMPUS VISIT DAY AT HACKETT

10:30-2:00 PM
Thursday, November 16th

Experience what it is like to be a student here at HCP by attending part of a school day!
What you'll see:

- Our family oriented community
- Attend a class
- Get to know our students and teachers
- Attend lunch
- Learn about the endless list of extracurricular activities and opportunities we have to offer

sign up here! 





PARENT OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US AT HACKETT CATHOLIC PREP
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
6-7:00 PM PARENT PANEL
7-7:30 PM SCHOOL TOURS

Click here to sign up! 



Catholic Charities is excited to announce our
2nd 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.

Tickets are now on sale at www.ccdok.org/stnicholas/
Win \$5,000 or a prize package!
One ticket \$25/five tickets \$100

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 St. Nicholas.

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



Please visit www.ccdok.org/stnicholas/
for more information or contact us at
info@ccdok.org or call 269-381-9800.

THE ANNUAL MASS

FOR DECEASED CLERGY All are invited to join Bishop Edward M. Lohse in the celebration of the Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy on **Tuesday, November 7th at 5 p.m.**, St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo.

CAREGIVER CONNECTION

Caregiver Connection is a monthly zoom gathering that offers community, support and faith sharing to those caring for a loved one living with a disability. Recently a participant remarked, "This is a spot of grace, mercy, kindness and love." Caregiver Connection meets on the first Sunday of the month (except on holiday weekends when it moves to the second Sunday) from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. register at www.ccdok.org/connections-registration or contact Lisa Irwin at the Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-381-9800 x227 or by email at lisairwin@ccdok.org. Upcoming 2023 dates: Nov. 5, Dec. 3.

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, Mail your name, wedding date, address and contact information to: 50th Wedding Anniversary Diocesan Celebration 215 N Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007 Questions? Email Socorro Truchan, struchan@diokzoo.org or call 269-349-8714 ext 1112

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