

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Week of November 13

Monday - 5:15 p.m. Tuesday - 5:15 p.m. Wednesday - 5:15 p.m. Thursday - 5:15 p.m. Friday - 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.



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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

Congratulations

VIVIANA MARIA FABIILLI

daughter of Franco & Megan who was baptized on Saturday, November 4, 2023

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 November 12

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 Sunday

or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13

Monday Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139: 1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Lk 17:1-6 Wis 2:23-3:39; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Lk 17:7-10 **Tuesday**

Wednesday Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175;

Ik 17:20-25

Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Lk 17:26-37 Friday Saturday Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43;

Sunday Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5;

1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

MASS INTENTIONS

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 parsh

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

by family

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 — St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

5:15 p.m. **†**Rita Heller by Heller family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

5:15 p.m. †Jean Homola by Joe & Jan Haase

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - St. Albert the Great 5:30 p.m. **†**Charlie Heller lby Heller family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 — St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude

5:15 p.m. St. Tom's delegates

visiting Maria Madre de los Pobres

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 — St. Elizabeth of Hungary

5:15 p.m. **†**Rene Adrian by wife Joan

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 — ; The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

6:00 p.m. †Robert Walters by Bazali-Walters family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 — Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 a.m. + Greg Pezzoli by mom & dad 6:00 p.m. †Don Vrotny by Mary Anne Sydlik

RCIA/OCIA

For those in the RCIA/OCIA process, we are still in the stage of Inquiry. During this time of prayer and discernment we discuss the questions that our inquirers have about The Catholic Faith as they decide whether this is the right path for them. If you have been joining us for Mass for a while, then during Inquiry, we discuss what we are doing during Mass. 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 or to deepen your relationship with God.

> We will be meeting Sunday November 12 in the Cougar Room to talk about The Trinity. Contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or Claire McSwiney (<u>claire.mcswiney@att.net</u>) for handouts ahead of the Sunday gathering.

FATHER PAUL'S POST



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate Black Catholic History Month, it seems appropriate to recognize and appreciate the first women religious order of women of African descent. This is the Oblate Sisters of Providence. It was founded on July 02, 1829. According to their website: "It was the work of a French-born Sulpician priest and four women, who were part of the Caribbean refugee colony which began arriving in Baltimore, Maryland in the late eighteenth century. Father James Hector Nicholas Joubert, SS, a Sulpician priest discovered it was difficult for the Haitian refugee children to master their religious studies because they were unable to read. He heard of two devout religious Caribbean women who were already conducting a school for black children in their home in Baltimore. In 1828 those two women, Elizabeth Lanae (later Mother Mary Lange) and Maria Balas accepted his proposal to start a sisterhood with the primary mission of teaching and caring for African American children. After adding two more women, Rosine Boegue and Americanborn Theresa Duchemin, they began studying to become sisters and opened a Catholic school for girls in their convent in Baltimore. Thus began St. Frances Academy. It is the oldest continuously operating school for black Catholic children in the United States and is still educating children in Baltimore."

Their website is: https://www.oblatesisters.com/. I hope you have the opportunity to visit their website and learn more about their history and their ongoing work!

Have a blessed week!

Peace,

FR. Raul

HERE AT ST. TOM'S





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.

OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



will be displayed in the worship space during the month of No-

vember. 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.

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.

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.

RACE MATTERS

Building Our Beloved Community WORDS THAT CONTROL OUR COMMUNITY, Monday, December 4, 7:00-8:30 pm

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

In this third **Race Matters** program of the fall semester, we will continue our efforts to create a common vocabu-

lary. This time we will discuss four different, inter-related forms of racism -- Interpersonal racism. Institutional racism. Systemic racism. Structural racism. We will discuss these forms of racism and learn to identify their effects in our personal worlds and in our larger community. Join us as we continue this important conversation.

To register for the program email **sttomssjm@gmail.com**before 6:00 pm on Friday, December 1.
Please note whether you will participate via Zoom or in person at St. Tom's

If you missed the November 6 Race Matters session, **Words that Color Our Hearts**, a discussion of terms centering on whiteness, we discussed four thought-provoking videos:

- "White Privilege"
- -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLgbw_A1mLl
- "Ending White Supremacy..."
- -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1VD53NBeh8U

"White Rage: The Unspoken Truth..." -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CNb1CYyr2Ck



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

Thank you to all who donated blood at our drive last Thursday.



29 UNITS WERE COLLECTED!



Mark your calendars—our next drive is Thursday, January 4, 2024

NOVEMBER 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

 Target for November
 56,604

 11/5
 13,957

11/12

11/19

11/26

Electronic gifts for November 9,451
Total gifts to date for November 23,408

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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 num- *Baccalawreate* ber 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.

SISTERS FOR LIFE VISIT: On Mon, Nov 27 some Sisters for Life will be stopping by St. Tom's, starting with 5:15 Mass and a tour of WMU to follow. At 7:30 there will be a presentation and dinner. Come for as much or little as you are able to meet some amazing women.

MORE AT MIDWEEK: Students, have any questions you'd want to ask Fr. Paul about? Join us for More at Midweek this week! We will have praise and worship, a short reflection on an upcoming reading, and prayer together from 7-8. Then we will have pizza and move into our ask Fr. Paul night.

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.

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 & 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: 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 Lisa@sttomskazoo.org to subscribe to our weekly email. Our GroupMe texting group can be found here:

https://groupme.com/join_group/89335085/4QiZw0gK

MIGRANT MINISTRY / ALEMAN CENTER

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU!!!!

A very big thank you to all of you who made Migrant Ministry a big success this summer! To all who helped at the Aleman Center in Hartford with translating and filling the boxes of food for our friends, to all who helped by picking up the food and sometimes breaking it down into bags or bottles, and to all of you who donated food and bedding and clothes this summer! Even tho camp visits didn't look the same this year you still supported us with your backpacks and school supplies! The week after

we packed them and gave them to the nuns (who work in Migrant Ministry for the diocese) I got a call from my friend at our camp that a few families had to come up the end of August for a few weeks, so we were able to get enough backpacks back so we could give them to the kids in our camp! God always has a plan! Thank you to the ladies who helped pack the bags and for gathering all the books we were able to give each child! Our village is just the best! Someday I hope you all realize how much your donations of time, talent and treasure mean to our friends! These days the world needs to feel that love for our neighbors and St Tom's is definitely the best at welcoming all!! A huge thank you to my partner Maggie Ebrite who literally runs all over the county and beyond gathering food or our friends! We all have our own gifts and she has a basket full!! Thanks again and we will look forward to seeing you and our friends next summer! \bigcirc

MUCHAS GRACIAS!

The Aleman Center closed for the season on October 29. The center opened on May 7 to provide food, work clothes, blankets, towels, sheets, diapers, and personal hygiene supplies to migrant farm worker families. This year, 305 families visited the center. We served a total of 1996 people -- 1065 adults and 931 children. Approximately 75 percent of the families visited the center just once.

Thank you for making this ministry possible with your generous support through financial and in-kind donations and as volunteers. (P.S.: If you are cleaning out your linen closet, remember we will be collecting lightly worn sheets, towels, and blankets during lent 2024.)

AROUND THE AREA







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 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

WIDOWED FRIENDS MEETING - NOV. 22 The next Widowed Friends group meeting will be held Wednesday, November 22 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Kalamazoo. This month's topic will be "Thanksgiving". For more information, contact <u>Socorro Truchan</u>, 269.349.8714 x1112.

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.

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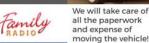
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