



**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD** Psalm 107:1

**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 20**

Monday - 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday - 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday - 5:15 p.m.

Thursday

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

10:00 a.m.

Friday - No Mass

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday and Sunday

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**NO STUDENT HOLY HOUR**

Thursday, November 23

**NO HOLY HOUR**

Friday, November 24

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20**

**Mon. & Tues 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Wed. 9:00 am. - 1:00 p.m.; Closed Thurs. & Fri.**

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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 19

<b>Sunday</b>	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
<b>Monday</b>	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 1; Lk 19:1-10
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
<b>Friday</b>	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11d-12a, 12cd; Lk 19:45-48
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40
<b>Sunday</b>	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

**Children's Mass Nativity Procession December 24 at 5:00 p.m.**Will YOU come and fill our stable?

Children in Pre-school thru Grade 8

4 Saturday Rehearsals:

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX

Questions? Contact Judi Pike: mystyjp1414@yahoo.com or  
Narcia Schultz-Acker: narcia@sttomskazoo.org

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

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 &amp; Ellen Partee

10:30 a.m. †Greg Pezzoli by Mom &amp; Dad

6:00 p.m. †Don Vrotny by Mary Anne Sydlik

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

5:15 p.m. †Jean Klingel

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21** — The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:15 p.m. †Eric Anderson by Patty Anderson

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22** — St. Cecilia

5:15 p.m. In memory of the marriage of

John P. Badgerow (deceased) and Mary Anne Sydlik,  
November 25, 1975**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23** — St. Clement I, St. Columba, BL, Miguel Agustin Pro;  
Thanksgiving Day.

10:00 a.m. †Hank Darragh by Jim &amp; Mary Grace

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24** — St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions  
NO MASS**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25** — St. Catherine of Alexandria

6:00 p.m. †Marc Abueva by Mom &amp; Dad

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26** — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 a.m. †Cathy Gannon

10:30 a.m. †People of the parish

6:00 p.m. †Jean Homola by Norm &amp; Anita Seiler

## 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

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. 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 19  
in the Cougar Room

to talk about Mary and the Saints and the Liturgical Year.

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

for handouts ahead of the Sunday gathering.

## FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family and friends! At simply-catholic.com, they have a nice explanation of Thanksgiving and our faith! They write:



"The very heart of Christian worship takes its name from the Greek word expressing thanks. Eucharist means thanksgiving. It goes without saying, then, that thanksgiving is a rather significant aspect of what the Mass is all about. And there is no real separation of church and state where the celebration of Thanksgiving is considered. Citizens of the United States have celebrated Thanksgiving, at least informally, since before the country's inception. Both the Mass and the celebration of Thanksgiving Day call to mind the very necessary reality that, as human beings, we are made to give thanks....

And our last words at Mass is our response: 'Thanks be to God.' The late archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal George, O.M.I., explained their significance, saying that 'Gratitude to God shapes our lives, at their beginning and their end. Each moment is a gift; each event unfolds under God's loving providence.'"

Take care,

"I was in prison and you visited me" Few people are able to visit people who are incarcerated.

**A local group "COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY" with the support of the Diocesan Jail Ministry outreach** is offering you an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the inmates in the local jail. We invite you to donate new Christmas cards and stamps (please keep separate) which will be given to inmates to send to family and friends. Please return your contribution by December 10th. For more information contact Sr. Mary Pung, CSJ at 269-313-6510

## HERE AT ST. TOM'S

**WOMEN'S GROUP WILL MEET MONDAY, NOV, 20 AT 2:00 PM**

in the Cougar Room. We will be writing messages on Christmas cards to Veterans. We will also be taking donations to buy small items to present to the Vets. If able, please bring a few new Christmas cards to sign and write a message on. Any questions, contact Nancy at [njhbuist@gmail.com](mailto:njhbuist@gmail.com)

**THE 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.

**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 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

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.

**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 vocabulary. 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](mailto: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

**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.



## COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

**There will be no More at Midweek,  
Student Holy Hour, or Sunday Supper this  
week because of Thanksgiving break.**

**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 in the WMU student center. Please RSVP to [lisa@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:lisa@sttomskazoo.org)

**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.

**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: December 1 and 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. There will be no Sunday Supper on November 26.

**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](mailto:lisa@sttomskazoo.org) to ride the Sunday Shuttle or be paired with another student driving into Mass.

**SOCIALS**

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE —**

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has 'entrusted' our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

## NOVEMBER 2023 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for November	56,604
11/5	13,957
11/12	9,181
11/19	
11/26	
Electronic gifts for November	11,836
Total gifts to date for November	34,974



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