

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH

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Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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 27

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
5:15 p.m.

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

RECONCILIATION

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

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

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Thursday 6:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR

Friday 8:00 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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of November 26

Sunday	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
Monday	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 95, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 12:33-37

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 NOT be meeting
Sunday November 26 due to the holiday.
Contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or
Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net)
for information about the RCIA process.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 — St. Catherine of Alexandria 6:00 p.m. †Marc Abueva by Mom & 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 & Anita Seiler
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27 5:15 p.m. †Mary Beth Walen mother of Jim Walen
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 5:15 p.m. †Pepita Bellini by Sandy Borden
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 5:15 p.m. Pauline Bambrick (living) by George Heben
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 — St. Andrew 5:15 p.m. †Walter Bazali by Bazali-Walters family
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 at Kanley Chapel 12:10 p.m. Students and faculty No 5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Tom's
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 6:00 p.m. †Alphonse Berard by friend
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 — First Sunday of Advent 8:30 a.m. People of the parish 10:30 a.m. †Jean Homola by Jim & Barbara Gilbert 6:00 p.m. †Ernest Bedard by Deidre & Doug Smith

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

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

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we end November and many of the students are heading into finals or have already had them, it seems appropriate to mention Xavier University of Louisiana.

The University has a wonderful history. According to their website: "Xavier's origins date back to 1915, when then Mother Katharine Drexel, a former Philadelphia socialite who founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and devoted her life to the education of African Americans and Native Americans, opened a high school on the site previously occupied by Southern University. A Normal School, offering one of the few career fields (teaching) open to Blacks at the time, was added two years later. Ten years later, in 1925, Xavier University of Louisiana became a reality when the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences was established. The first degrees were awarded three years later. In 1927, a College of Pharmacy was opened."

It's a school with about 3,300 students. They are known for a medical and pharmacology school as well having a diverse liberal arts program. Their website states that "today Xavier remains committed to its founding mission of serving the underrepresented Black population and the "the promotion of a more just and humane society." And yet its doors have and still are, open to all races and creeds. The current student population is 71.6 percent black and 19 percent Catholic."

As we end Black Catholic history month, the theme of hope is still highly present in the world. Please keep Xavier University in prayer as they continue the work started by their founder, St. Katherine Drexel!

Peace, *FR. Paul*



HERE AT ST. TOM'S

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.

RACE MATTERS

*Building Our
Beloved
Community*

LAST CALL FOR RACE MATTERS:**WORDS THAT CONTROL
OUR COMMUNITY**

The registration deadline for the next Race Matters session, **Words that Control Our Community**, is this **Friday, December 1, 6:00 pm**.

This session will be presented on **Monday, December 4, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** in person at St. Tom's and via Zoom.

Words that Control Our Community will discuss four different, inter-related forms of racism --Interpersonal Racism, Institutional Racism, Systemic Racism, and Structural Racism--and begin to learn how to identify their effects in our personal worlds and in our larger community.

Join us as we explore the meaning of these terms to help us better recognize racism. We will build our understanding through prayer, personal reflection, and small group discussion. Our common vocabulary will form a solid foundation for our exploration of racism in our community in 2024.

Register for this powerful program by emailing sttomssjm@gmail.com. Please note whether you will participate in person or via Zoom.

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

SISTERS FOR LIFE VISIT

On Mon, Nov 27 some Sisters for Life will be stopping by St. Tom's, starting with a meet and greet at 4:30, followed by 5:15 Mass and a tour of WMU to follow. At 7:00 there will be a presentation and dinner in Rm2101 of the WMU student center. Please RSVP to lisa@sttomskazoo.org if attending the dinner.

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@sttomskazoo.org 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.

MORE AT MIDWEEK

Join us on Wednesday the 29th for a pro-life talk. We will have praise & worship, a short reflection on an upcoming reading, and prayer together from 7-8. Then we will have pizza and hear from Haila with learning about the Catholic churches view on abortion and her personal experience defending it.

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 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: 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, contact Lisa at lisa@sttomskazoo.org to ride the Sunday Shuttle or be paired with another student driving to Mass.

SOCIALS

Follow us on Instagram @KalamazooCatholic or sign up for our weekly email or GroupMe to get info on new events first. Email Lisa at lisa@sttomskazoo.org to subscribe to our weekly email. Our GroupMe texting group can be found here: <https://groupme.com/joiningroup/89335085/4QjZw0gK>

"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. Drop in the box located in the narthex.

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