St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street Kalamazoo

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE January 22 - 26

Monday thru Thursday 5:15 p.m. Friday at Kanley Chapel, WMU 12:10 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE:

No 5:15 p.m. Mass on Fridays at St. Tom's this semester

RECONCILIATION

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

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

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

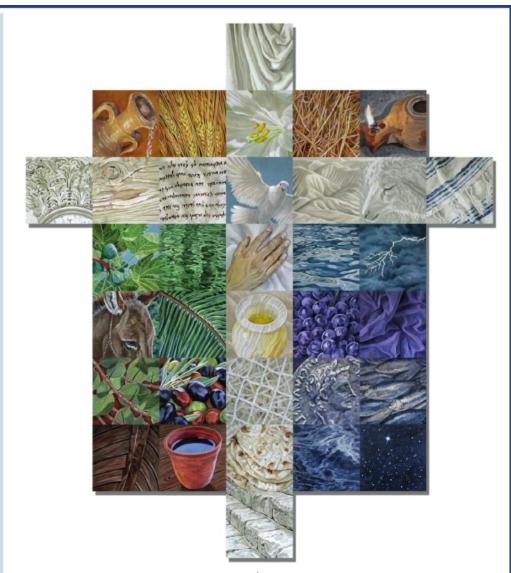
Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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

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 January 21
Sunday	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
Monday	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10;
	Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
	Mk 16:15-18
Friday	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10;
	Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;
	Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 — St. Fabian; St. Sebastian 6:00 p.m. Jennifer Krone (living) by Jane Krone

Mk 1:21-28

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 — Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. †Carolyn Safina grandmother of Michael Zutis 10:30 a.m. †Mary Ann Homrich mother of Sue Henshaw

6:00 p.m. †Mike Pawlowski by Nancy Vader

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 — Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 5:15 p.m. †Bridget Kilcourse Brett by †Tom Coyne

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 — St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope 5:15 p.m. † Monique Coyne by † Tom Coyne

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 — St. Francis de Sales 5:15 p.m. † Al Kiella father of Chris Rice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 — The Conversion of ST. Paul 5:15 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 — Sts. Timothy and Titus at Kanley Chapel
12:10 p.m. †Loyal Fenton

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 — St. Angela Merici 6:00 p.m. Gail Lord (living) by Jim & Mary Grace

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 — Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. People of the parish

10:30 a.m. †Theresa Tartalone by Sally Mosley6:00 p.m. †Ernie & Joan Turmell by Nancy Vader

FATHER PAUL'S POST



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The United States of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) report that the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was selected by the Pontifical Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, the World Council of Churches, and the Christian Churches in Burkina Faso, coordinated by the community of Chemin Neuf, a French Catholic and ecumenical community of vowed and lay people and its local community in Burkina Faso.

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbor". In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity. According to the USCCB, the Week of Prayer began in 1908 and since the Second Vatican Council, has been recognized by the Vatican and the World Council of Churches.

This week starts on January 18th! Each day during this time has a different Scriptural passage and meditation. The USCCB has an outline on one of their websites: https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/week-prayer-christian-unity-2024. I hope you can find some time and participate alone or with family or friends in this wonderful program.

I'm so grateful that it is during this time, as it coincides with the program the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety will be hosting here on Wednesday, January 24th regarding the gun violence in the city of Kalamazoo. We all need to be praying for the end to this violence and what steps we can take to help reach this goal. Please take care.

Peace, PR, Haul

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE — It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of 'Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc.' Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

JANUARY 2024 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for January	56,604
1/7	5,424
1/14	8,063
1/21	
1/28	
Electronic gifts for January	18,414
Total gifts to date for January	31,901

HERE 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.

SUNDAY SUPPER SIGN-UP SCHEDULE IN THE NARTHEX

If you are interested in preparing a meal, helping set-up, serve or clean-up check the schedule in the narthex. If you have questions about Sunday Suppers email michele@sttomskazoo.org or call her at the parish office, 269-381-8917, ext. 273

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. Reach, Stretch,

YOGA

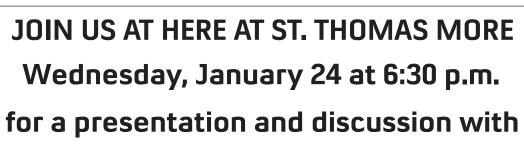
Experience the benefits of yoga every Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00-11:00 am in the Cougar Room. Reduce stress, improve awareness, posture, strength, balance and flexibility. Uniting body, mind and spirit with instructor Gena Pezzoli. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. Suggested donation of \$10 to help our Feminine Care Product Ministry. Reminder: If Kalamazoo Public School cancels due to weather Yoga will not be held at St. Tom's. Please make note: No Yoga Thursday, January 25 and Tuesday, January 30.



During the month of January we will hold a Coat Drive for St. Vincent DePaul on Elenore Street, Kalamazoo. Items needed are:

Warm NEW OR GENTLY USED CLEAN WINTER COATS for men, women and children (size 4 and up), Warm MITTENS AND GLOVES.

Please bring only the items requested





Come learn more about ways the community can partner with the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety to reduce gun violence.



TO OUR MAINTENANCE STAFF

who have gone the extra mile during this cold snap to keep the snow cleared and the buildings warm! Thank you

Pete, Kevin, and Steve

YOU ARE ALL VERY MUCH APPRECIATED

COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

MORE AT MIDWEEK

Starting at 6:30 PM we will have a full parish event in the Social Hall where there will be a Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety Panel on gun violence in Kalamazoo, followed by having pizza at 7. Praise and worship will be back January 31!

SMALL GROUP/BIBLE STUDY

Our small groups bring college students together in an intimate setting to share life, pray with and for each other, and learn together about the teachings of Christ and how we live them on campus, among our friends and families. These are student led and it costs nothing but your time and willingness to build these authentic friendships. They are about an hour a week for typically 6 sessions. Sign up using this link and a leader will reach out to you soon: https://forms.gle/ fn1hnTqVZTq5838Z6



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.

FRIDAY MASS AT KANLEY CHAPEL:

This semester Fr. Paul will be offering Mass at Kanley Chapel almost every Friday! Mass will be at 12:10 PM in Kanley Chapel (located by WMU's Student Center).



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL KEYCARD

Did you know you can get 24/7 prayer access with keycard to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel? Get direct access in and out of outside door near the main doors to the church. The paper application for the card is available in the rotating info stands in Narthex. Submit to the parish office or put in collection basket.



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.

KVCC STUDENT ORGANIZATION:

Calling all KVCC students! We are working with interested students to get a Catholic student organization officially approved on KVCC's campus. If you are interested in being put on the list for details about our big kickoff event in January or February, please email Lisa@sttomskazoo.org_to get details.

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.





Join us for a special Sunday Supper on Sunday, February 11 in the St. Tom's Cougar Room. T here will be a catered dinner, the game on the big screen TV, and prizes to win!

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

SPRING COLLEGE STUDENT RETREAT

This spring we welcome you to join us in learning more and reflecting on the Mass as it brings us together to celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus. Our college student spring retreat

Together at One Altar will be at Pretty Lake Camp in Mattawan, MI the weekend of February 23-25. Find all the details and sign up with this link:



NEWS FROM AROUND THE AREA

THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

will be hosting the annual **Men's Cursillo Weekend**, February 22-25, 2024, at the Amigo Center in Sturgis, MI. This is a great opportunity for all Catholics to Spiritually Renew our Faith. The week-



Come Holy Spirit!

end is geared to those over 18 years of age. Come, and encounter Christ! For questions about Cursillo, the retreat, or any of the activities below contact Angela Martin, 269-208-5192

DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO CURSILLO - UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4 - Please join us at the Ultreya, praying with the #77 Men's Team as they prepare for their upcoming weekend. This Ultreya will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Three Rivers, 4:00-6:00 pm

February 22-25 Men's #77 Weekend - Prayers throughout the weekend welcome

March 17 - Ultreya, Location to be determined - We are looking at a St. Patrick's Day Theme

April 13 or 14 - Ultreya, Location to be determined October 17-20, 2024 - Next Women's Weekend

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

This gathering for adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities is a time of fellowship, activities and reflection on the Sunday readings and a simple dinner. We will gather on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:00 – 7:30p.m in the Fellowship Room in the Stanley Centre at St. Catherine of Siena, 1150 W. Centre St., Portage. All are welcome! Upcoming gatherings are Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 27, and Apr. 24. Contact Lisa Irwin, <u>lisairwin@ccdok.org</u> or 381-9800 x227 to RSVP or for more information.

CAREGIVER CONNECTION

is monthly zoom gathering for those caring for a loved one with a disability. Experience community, support and faith sharing. "Joining the Caregiver Connection group provided many blessings in knowing how others were managing the challenges of this role." 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. To learn more or to register go to

<u>Connections Registration | Catholic Charities (ccdok.org)</u> or contact Lisa Irwin at the Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-381-9800 x227 or by email

at lisairwin@ccdok.org.

2024 dates: January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, December 1

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.

REFUGEE FAMILIES COMING!

Kalamazoo is welcoming more refugee families this winter! Ongoing needs are these:

Household items, like pots and pans, dishes and drinking glasses, queen and twin comforters, shower curtains, new queen and twin bedsheets and bath towels: BRING TO PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH on Milham in Portage

Furniture, especially queen and twin bedframes (no mattresses), dressers, dining tables and chairs, sofas and chairs: call Samaritas to plan pickup or bring to Prince of Peace Church

Winter clothing for children and adults, especially winter boots, coats, hats and gloves: BRING TO CONGREGATION OF MOSES on Stadium Dr in Kalamazoo

Questions? Call Elsie Romano at 269-373-4348 or email at <u>elsieromano@att.net</u>.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA KNIGHTS TO HOLD CHILI COOK OFF JANUARY 27

The St. Catherine of Siena Knights of Columbus Chili Cook Off will be held on Saturday, January 27 after the 4:00 pm Mass. Tickets are \$12, which includes 2 votes and a sample of all of the different flavors. There will be complimentary combread and dessert. Money raised



will be used to support Knights of Columbus Charities and projects in the parish. Kids under 12 eat free. Contact Dan Kloosterman at (269)-760-7216 for more information.

Questions or concerns? Email Jen Tennant : jtennant@bcacs.org

Stepping Out of the Boat

Friday, Feb 9 | 6:30 pm - Sunday, Feb 11 | 10:30 am Retreat for Young Adults (18-35) of the Diocese of Kalamazoo



Hosted by the Franciscans of the Eucharist in Chicago



Sign Up Here by Jan 27, 2024

A weekend at Our Lady of the Angels Mission filled with:

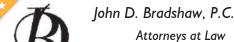
- Talks from the Franciscans
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