

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 29 - February 2

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.

Parish Office located at
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www.sttomskazoo.org

Parish Office Hours:
Mon. thru Thurs.: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Fri.; 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
of Greater Kalamazoo



National Catholic Schools Week 2024

January 28th- February 3rd

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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

RCIA/OCIA

Current participants in the RCIA/OCIA have entered the Catechumenate phase of the process. During this time, they are deepening their knowledge about the 7 sacraments of the Catholic Church, which prepares them for receiving all or some of the Sacraments of Initiation at The Great Easter Vigil. Please hold them all in prayer and greet them warmly when you see them in church (dismissals are at the 10:30 a.m. Mass this year).

On Sunday, January 28, we will gather on Zoom at 7 PM to talk about the Sacraments of Service, which are Holy Orders and Marriage.

To receive the Zoom link and discussion guide, contact Fr.

Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or

Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net).

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Mosley

6:00 p.m. †Ernie & Joan Turmell by Nancy Vader

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

5:15 p.m. †Mary Ellen Murphy by McNally family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

5:15 p.m. †James Homrich by Sue Henshaw

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 — St. John Bosco

5:15 p.m. †Robert Walters by Bazali-Walters family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:15 p.m. †Dave Leonard by Patricia Leonard

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 — The Presentation of the Lord

at Kanley Chapel

12:10 p.m. †Tom Coyne

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 — St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

6:00 p.m. †Daniel J. Caswell by Beth Caswell

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Ben Krone (living) by Jane Krone

10:30 a.m. †Jean Klingel by Sally Mosley

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of January 28

Sunday Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Monday 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12;

1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Saturday 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE —

Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

FATHER PAUL'S POST



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Who is Jesus? Jesus is admired by many people today! He is considered a good person, a person who cares about others. He is considered a great teacher! Some think He is a great prophet! That's all He is in the minds of many. However, we, as Christians, have the opportunity to see Him differently. He is not someone whom we can choose to follow or ignore, depending on whether we agree with Him or not. He is the Holy One of God! He is God's Son.

Catholic Schools helps their students, faculty, and staff to remember who Jesus is and live out His teaching in their lives! This week is celebrating Catholic Schools week! Catholic schools are great places to remember that Jesus is the Holy One of God!

Thank you to the staff, teachers, parents, and students who attend Catholic Schools! It's a wonderful way to explore one's faith!

Sincerely, *FR. Paul*

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,



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

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 Tuesday, January 30.

RACE MATTERS

Building Our Beloved Community

Racism in Our Community: Gang Life on Our Streets
Monday, February 12, 7:00-8:30 pm

Race Matters will welcome Michael Wilder and Yafinceio "Big B" Harris, members of the Gang Violence Intervention Team. Big B and Michael share personal histories of gang life and were once enemies on the street. After serving transformative prison terms, they co-founded Peace During War, an outreach program targeting at-risk youth in the Kalamazoo area.

They will talk about their past involvement in gangs, how racism was the impetus for the formation of gangs, how their group intervention began, and how they created a safe space at Urban Alliance for shooters and victims. A shooting victim will also be a member of the panel.

This program will take place in person at St. Tom's. If possible, it will also be live-streamed. Please register in advance so that we may contact you with updates. **To register, email: sttomssim@gmail.com**

**OUR NEXT DRIVE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024**

Register to donate at the link below.

https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/157389

**JANUARY 2024 SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Target for January	56,604
1/7	5,424
1/14	8,063
1/21	9,150
1/28	
Electronic gifts for January	21,974
Total gifts to date for January	44,610

**24/7 ACCESS TO ST. TOM'S BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**

The chapel can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by a personal access card that can be issued to interested parishioners. The coded card merely needs to be flashed within inches of the proximity reader and the chapel door will be electronically unlocked. Interested parishioners need to apply for their personal access card. The application will be reviewed by the Pastoral Team for approval. Please note: that if it is past open hours for the church, one would not have access to restrooms or public telephone. All prayers are encouraged to bring their own cell phones for emergency calling. As a security measure, there is a video camera in the chapel. The camera is not actively monitored by anyone, but a recording can be accessed the next day if anything is noticed amiss. Our Blessed Sacrament Chapel is a wonderful environment to share one's concerns, hopes and fears in the presence of our living Lord. A \$5.00 refundable deposit is required.

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 weekend 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

Come Holy Spirit!**YOUNG ADULT MASS at**

St. Augustine Cathedral, 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo Bishop Lohse will celebrate Mass, February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord at 6:00 p.m. for young adults as well as the World Day for Consecrated Life, The St. Joseph Kalamazoo youth choir will provide music. A brief gathering will be held after Mass for an opportunity to meet Bishop Lohse.

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 elsieromano@att.net.

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

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

- Talks from the Franciscans
- Mass, Adoration & Reflection
- Community Service
- Activities
- Meals

Suggested Donation: \$60-100



Sign Up Here by Jan 27, 2024

**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), 1:00-2:00 p.m.

To learn more or to register go to

[Connections Registration](https://connectionsregistration.org) | Catholic Charities (ccdok.org)

or contact Lisa Irwin at the Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-381-9800 x227 or by email at lisairwin@ccdok.org.

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

BUILDING EUCHARISTIC MARRIAGES

Looking to strengthen your marriage, enrich your relationship? Join us for a special day and evening with your spouse. DATE: Friday, February 9th, 2024 from 6:00pm - 9:30pm - Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 8:30am - 4:30 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral Parish, Crowley Center, 542 Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007 COST: \$50 per couple. <https://diokzoo.org/eucharisticmarriage>

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](https://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.

COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

**MORE AT MIDWEEK**

Praise and worship is back after a few weeks off! Join us in singing God's praises at 7:00 p.m., then at 8:00 p.m. we shift to having pizza and enjoying movie night watching The Chosen together.

**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).

**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.

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.

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: <https://forms.gle/ceQNHSGXUit863EGA>

**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/fn1hnTgVZTq5838Z6>

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.



**JOIN US FOR A
SPECIAL SUNDAY SUPPER ON
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

in the St. Tom's Cougar Room.
There will be a catered dinner,
the game on the big screen TV, and prizes to win!

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