



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

February 5 - 9

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

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 AM Mass this year).

On Sunday, February 4, we will gather on Zoom at 7 PM to talk about the Sacraments of Healing, which are Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

To receive the Zoom link and discussion guide, contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net).

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 — St. Agatha

5:15 p.m. John Sommerfeldt (living) by Jim & Mary Grace

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — St. Paul Miki & Companions

5:15 p.m. †Blasina Bello mother of David Bellow

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:15 p.m. †Carol Raczowski mother of Fr. Andrew

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

5:15 p.m. Vocations

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

at Kanley Chapel

12:10 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 — St. Scholastica

6:00 p.m. †Deceased members of Ben Pawlowski family by Nancy Vader

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. †Mrs. McCarry from pen pal Lilie

10:30 a.m. †Jean Klingel by Gail Falk

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of February 4

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

Monday

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11;

Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40;

Mk 7:24-30

Friday

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;

Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34;

Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;

1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate Black History Month, the story of St. Katharine Drexel can give us something to reflect on!

Mother Drexel was born in 1858 to a wealthy Catholic family. She was raised to have a relationship with Jesus through prayer and good works. The works were initially done at a distance.

She was inspired by the book, *A Century of Dishonor* by Helen Hunt Jackson. The book describes how people of Black people and Native Americans had been cruelly treated in the United States. She would spend time with the Dakotas to experience their struggles in person.

She had already become a Sister when she met with Pope Leo XIII. After describing her experiences with the Dakotas, the Pontiff encouraged her to be a missionary in the United States.

She would do just that! She would start a religious order, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. This community had an impact of the people she served, namely the native and African American communities.

St. Katharine was canonized in the year 2000. She is a wonderful example of reaching out and seeing communities in need. Fr. Josh Johnson in his book, *On Earth as it is in Heaven, restoring God's vision of race and discipleship*, he writes, "Once we have come to know the people in our community, we are invited to discern what resources we have in our toolboxes that best match their needs. I propose we limit our discernment of services to three areas: supernatural charisms, natural talents, and unearned privileges."

Fr. Johnson and St. Katharine Drexel are good examples for us to be aware of the needs and peoples in our community. I hope you have a blessed week.

Sincerely,

FR. Paul

Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design.

—Catechism of the Catholic Church 1935

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.

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.

RACE MATTERS

*Building Our
Beloved
Community*

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

Race Matters will welcome Michael Wilder and Yafinceio "Big B" Harris, members of the Group 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 how racism was the impetus for the formation of gangs, their past involvement in 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. We ask all participants to register in advance so that we may contact you with updates. **To register, email: sttomssjm@gmail.com**

JANUARY 2024 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for January	56,604
1/7	5,424
1/14	8,063
1/21	6,749
1/28	30,244
Electronic gifts for January	24,549
Total gifts to date for January	75,029



COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

MORE AT MIDWEEK

This week we welcome Cathy Stoner who is the Executive Director of Alternatives Care Center, a pregnancy center here in Kalamazoo, to hear about they do for the community. This will be at 8:00 p.m. with pizza, and praise and worship will happen at 7:00 p.m. before this talk.

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 the weekend of February 23-25. Find all the details and sign up with this link: <https://forms.gle/ceQNHSGXUit863EGA>



**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!

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.

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/join_group/89335085/4QiZw0gK

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.

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