

#### **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 February 26 No Mass Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Thursday - 5:15 p.m.
Friday - 12:10 @ Kanley Chapel
Please Note: No 5:15 p.m. at
St. Tom's this semester

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday and Sunday 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

No Reconciliation Wednesday, February 28

#### STUDENT HOLY HOUR

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

## **HOLY HOUR**

Friday 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

# St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

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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 February 25

**Sunday** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34;

Mk 9:2-10

**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;

Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;

Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20;

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday** Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17;

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 — Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. † John Sommerfeldt brother Mary Grace

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 — Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. People of the parish

10:30 a.m. †Terry Dorcy brother-in-law of Kay Hiler6:00 p.m. †Rita Spencer by Joanie Weaver

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 — Lenten Weekday

No Mass

 $\textbf{TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27} \longrightarrow \textbf{St. Gregory of Narek}$ 

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — Lenten Weekday

No Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. †Patricia Carlin

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 — Lenten Weekday

at Kanley Chapel

12:10 p.m. **†**Randall McSmith

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2** — Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. † Mary Ann Carey

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 — Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. People of the parish

10:30 a.m. †Don Philipp husband of Rosalie Philipp6:00 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

# **FATHER PAUL'S POST**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The witness of the laity has always been extremely important in the Catholic Church. This is especially true for pointing out social injustices. The role of Harriet Thompson has been pointed out by Fr. Josh Johnson from his book, On Earth as it is in Heaven: Restoring God's vision of Race and Discipleship.



Harriet Thompson: New York, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1863

Fr. Johnson points out that Harriet

Thompson was an uneducated Black woman who wrote a heart-felt letter to Pope Pius the IX in 1853 (pages 62-63). Describing the negativity and prejudice by the clergy toward Black Catholics in the city and county of New York, where she was living. Children were being denied a Catholic education because their presence would make "white children uncomfortable."

Fr. Johnson states that she concluded her letter ended with: "I hope, it is the will of God for the Black race to be saved, something will soon take place for the better."

It is mentioned in other articles that twenty-six people signed this letter. Her letter was so important that the Vatican archived it in the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

We can still learn from Harriet's words today as we continue to work for a deeper concern for all our brothers and sisters and an end to any social systems that hinder any people from an education because of race or creed.

May God bless you all!

Peace, FR, Paul

# Race Matters Monday, March 18, 7:00-8:30 pm The Tenacious Tentacles of Racism in Kalamazoo: Redlining and Generational Wealth

Redlining was a discriminatory practice in which services and home loans were withheld from neighborhoods where a high percentage of residents were of racial and ethnic minorities.



Wonderful speakers from our community, historian Matt Smith from the Kalamazoo

Public Library and Beth McCann, Executive Director of Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services (KNHS), will address the history of redlining in Kalamazoo, its impact on the development of core neighborhoods, and how it perpetuates income inequality today. The session will include presentations and Q & A.

This session will be held in person at St. Tom's and on Zoom. Please register by March 15. **To register, email:** <a href="mailto:sttomssjm@gmail.com">sttomssjm@gmail.com</a>. Please note if you will attend in person or on Zoom.

Watch this video <a href="https://youtu.be/nzQyKwsVWME?si=ZjPd9p9aXa-w6h1t">https://youtu.be/nzQyKwsVWME?si=ZjPd9p9aXa-w6h1t</a> if you want a 90 second intro to this topic before the session.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024

# HERE AT ST. TOM'S

#### **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. No Yoga Tuesday, February 27.

#### 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.

#### **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.

# FEBRUARY 2024 SUNDAY COLLECTION

| Target for February              | 56,604 |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| 2/4                              | 7,591  |
| 2/11                             | 9,764  |
| 2/18                             | 11,377 |
| 2/25                             |        |
| Electronic gifts for February    | 18,959 |
| Total gifts to date for February | 47,690 |

#### **ONCE IN A BLUE MOON GARAGE SALE**

Friday, March 15, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
and Saturday, March 16, 8:00-Noon
FOOD TRUCKS ON-SITE
Friday only 4:00-8:00 p.m. with Lenten options.
A portion of the proceeds will be given to the school!

**ESPECIALLY NEEDED:** 

We accept most items in <u>clean and good condition</u>; Furniture, baby items (but no cribs please), children's clothing, appliances, housewares We <u>DO NOT</u> accept:

Sleeper sofas, large exercise equipment, tube TVs, mattresses, or personal pillows. No baby cribs, car seats, filing cabinets, or hazardous materials (paint, cleaners, etc.)

#### **DONATION DROP-OFF DATES:**

Monday, March 11, 10-6:00 in the gym Tuesday, March 12, 10-6:00 in the gym Wednesday, March 13, 10-6:00 in the gym Donations are tax deductible and receipts are available. Questions? Call the school at **349-1945**.

Thank You for your support!



# BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY, APRIL 4



Register to donate by using the QR Code or at the link below.

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# COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

#### MORE AT MIDWEEK

As we near WMUs spring break we welcome you to take a break at More at Midweek. We will start at 7PM with praise and worship and then have pizza at 8PM as we hear a talk on vocations from Fr. John DeRiso from Congregation of Holy Cross, Director of Office of Vocations.

#### 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. There will be no Sunday Supper March 3 or 10 due to WMU's spring break.

#### **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.

#### **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 soon, please email <u>Lisa@sttomskazoo.org</u> 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.

#### **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: <a href="https://groupme.com/join\_group/89335085/4QjZw0gK">https://groupme.com/join\_group/89335085/4QjZw0gK</a>

# NEWS AROUND THE AREA



# Spring Open House's

St. Monica Catholic School



Preschool-8th Grade Tuesday, February 27th 6-7 PM

Hackett Catholic Prep



9th-12th Grade Thursday, March 7th 6-7:30 PM

St. Augustine Cathedral School



Preschool-8th Grade Tuesday, March 5th 6-7 PM









- FREE 7 WEEK TRAUMA RECOVERY PROGRAM MONDAYS MARCH 4 APRIL 15, 6-7:30PM
- HOSTED AT THE K COLLEGE ARCUS CENTER
- REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

#### What's covered in HLS groups

- Staying Grounded in the present.
- Learning to manage strong feelings.
- · Identifying Triggers.
- Calming the body's stress response.
- Modifying extreme responses and black and white thinking in work, school, family and relationships.
- Understanding where one's own responsibility begins and ends.
- · Learning to accept grief.

like vou can't control.

Understanding the power of forgiveness.
 Signs of unresolved trauma

#### · Unable to deal with feelings or conflicts.

- Doing things that hurt yourself or feel
- Thinking you're to blame for everything or feeling like you're not good enough.
- Difficulty maintaining healthy relationships.
- Intrusive thoughts, images, feelings, memories or nightmares.
- · Suicidal ideations.



# Healthy Living Skills(HLS) Program

HLS helps Participants recognize their Triggers, learn skills and overcome challenges to make more desirable choices.

#### What to expect in HLS groups

- Small groups.
- Led by trained & trusted facilitators.
- Seven session, 1.5 hours each
- One individual session.
- Food and drink provided
- Invitation to join research study.
- Free!

HLS helps people notice what makes them feel upset, learn new skills, and deal with problems so they can make better decisions, please join us!

Could HLS be for you?
Scan the QR code on the page to register & learn more or reach out to

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# An Evening with JOHN DEAR

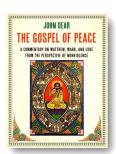
on his new book:
"THE GOSPEL OF PEACE"



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Peacemaker, author, and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Father John Dear, will be with us to talk about and sign copies of his new book, his life's work: *The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary on Matthew, Mark, and Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence.* It is the first ever commentary on the Synoptic Gospels from the perspective of active nonviolence in the tradition of Gandhi and Dr. King. In this original work, Fr. John walks us through every line of the three synoptic Gospels pointing out Jesus' practice and teachings on nonviolence, peace, and universal

love and invites us to follow him. Join us! MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm

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For further information, visit <u>www.johndear.org</u> and <u>www.beatitudescenter.org</u>
where he is the executive director and offers online programs.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT **FEBRUARY 25. 2024** 



# 2024 Kalamazoo Area **Lenten Penance Services**

Priests in the Kalamazoo area parishes are working together during the Lenten season to offer a schedule that meets the needs and convenience of many people. Rather than every parish having its own service and trying to find priests to assist at each one, we are going to offer eight services throughout the area, and priests will be available at the end of each service for individual confessions. A ninth service will be offered on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Everyone is invited to come to the location that suits your needs.

# COLLECTING SHEETS, BLANKETS, AND TOWELS FOR THE ALEMAN CENTER

now through Palm Sunday, March 24

Do you have spare linens you can share? Both new and used sheets, blankets and towels are needed. The Aleman Center serves over 400 families each year, migrant workers who come to Michigan from

the south to pick summer produce. Living conditions on the farms are sparse, and families arrive with few possessions, clothing, or household items. St. Tom's parishioners generously provide groceries, donated clothing, and volunteers to help every summer. One of the biggest needs often goes unmet because we do not receive enough donations of sheets and towels. You can help make a difference for these families. During Lent we will be collecting sheets and towels for families who need them this spring and summer. Donations may be placed in the box located near the toilet paper collection area. If possible, please label sheets with the size (we need all sizes).

Sheets, blankets and towels only, please; clothing and other household items will be collected during the summer.

Thanks so much for your willingness to help these families in need.

#### LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed by all those 14 and above on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays in Lent. On Fridays outside Lent, they may substitute another penitential act in place of abstinence. Fasting is required of those ages 18 to 60 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The USCCB has defined fasting in the United States as one full meal and two smaller meals not equaling another full meal together. Snacking is not permitted. (People may be excused from these practices for certain reasons, e.g. pregnant mothers.)

- St. Catherine of Siena Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. 1150 W. Centre Avenue, Portage
- St. Martin of Tours Sunday, March 10, 3:00 p.m. 5855 East W Avenue, Vicksburg
- St. Thomas More Monday, March 11, 6:30 p.m. 421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo
- St. Ambrose Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 p.m. 1628 East G Avenue, Parchment
- St. Joseph Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 p.m. 936 Lake Street, Kalamazoo
- St. Monica Thursday, March 14, 6:00 p.m. 434 W. Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo
- St. Augustine Cathedral Sunday, March 24, 3:00 p.m. 542 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo
- St. Mary Sunday, April 7, 3:00 p.m. Corner of Brown & St. Joseph, Paw Paw

# PRIVATE RECONCILIATION here at St. Tom's Every Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

(No Reconciliation Wed., Feb. 28)



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

# **WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION: ENCOUNTERING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST**

The Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in conjunction with Catholic Charities' Hispanic Ministry office invites you to a Women's Lenten Day of Reflection: Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist, Saturday, March 2, 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Register by emailing KDCCW.REG@GMAIL.COM or call Ann Vrablic at 517.812.3727



#### 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 pray-ers 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.

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