

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 March 4

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

No Mass Thursday Friday - 12:10 @ Kanley Chapel

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.

No Student Holy Hour March 7

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 nealected. We welcome all into our parish family who wish to share in this mission.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of March 3

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 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30 Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9;

Mt 18:21-35

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23 **Friday** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,

14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;

Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

here at St. Tom's Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Philipp 6:00 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

MONDAY, MARCH 4 — St. Casimir 5:15 p.m. †Debbie Hoppe

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. **†** Fr. Dan Liederbach, SJ by Narcia Schultz-Acker

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. **†**Bill Redmond by McNally family

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 — Sts. Perpetua and Feliciity

No Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 — St. John of God

at Kanley Chapel

12:10 p.m. **†** Juan Montalua Ynguil

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 — St. Frances of Rome

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. †Michael Berard by Rose Cheivre 10:30 a.m. †Jay Fink (father of Kari Panse)

by Mike & Felicia Curtin

6:00 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

RCIA/OCIA

Current participants in the RCIA/OCIA have entered the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. During this time, they are in deep spiritual preparation before receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Great Easter Vigil. At the 10:30 Mass this week, we celebrate the first of Three Scrutinies, which provide strengthening of all that is good and help in repentance from that which is harmful. Our role is to accompany them in our own Lenten practices.

On Sunday, March 3, we will gather on Zoom at 7 PM to talk about The Kingdom of God, a major part of Jesus' mission. To receive the Zoom link and discussion guide, contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net).

FATHER PAUL'S POST







Two weeks ago, our RCIA group had the Rite of election, where they had a prayer service and met the bishop and other candidates and catechumens from other parishes in our diocese. This week the RCIA elect are making their final preparations for full reception into the Catholic Church. The next three weeks is a time is known as Scrutinies. What are these? A good definition for Scrutinies that I found is the following:

The Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan and to protect them from temptation, and to give them strength in Christ. At its core, the scrutinies are not about the sinfulness of the elect, but about the overwhelming Grace of God in Christ.

Scrutinies may sound like an odd word to use. However, they serve a very important purpose. The first is to heal all that is "weak, defective or sinful," The second purpose is to strengthen all that is "upright, strong, and good." In these rites, the church community asks God to assist our RCIA elect to embrace the love of God, giving them strength against the power of sin.

The scrutinies for this year will take place at the 10:30 am Sunday morning Mass. The Mass readings will be from cycle A. Currently, we are in cycle B, which will be heard in the other Masses. It is appropriate for the use of the readings of cycle A.

The year A gospel reading is from John and is the story of Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well. The symbol presented to us in today's gospel is just that – living water. Natural waters come to us **from outside ourselves** and they are soon spent, never reaching the deeper wants of our being. However, the "**living water**" that Christ gives originates from the very depths of our being.

Please keep our RCIA elect in prayer as they make their final preparation for full reception into our faith!

Have a blessed week! PR



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 3, 2024

HERE AT ST. TOM'S



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.

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.

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.

BLOOD DRIVE — THURSDAY, APRIL 4 Register to donate by using the QR Code or the link below. https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donorschedulesdrive_schedule/157389

FEBRUARY 2024 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for February 2/4	56,604 7,591
2/11	9,764
2/18	11,377
2/25	6,531
Electronic gifts for February	21,089
Total gifts to date for February	56,351

COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

The following <u>WILL NOT</u> be held this week due to WMU spring break:

MORE AT MIDWEEK STUDENT HOLY HOUR or SUNDAY SUPPER

FRIDAY MASS AT KANLEY CHAPEL

This semester Fr. Paul is offering Mass at Kanley Chapel every Friday! Mass will be at 12:10 PM in Kanley Chapel (located by WMU's Student Center). Even with spring break, come stop on campus for Mass.

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 Supper will be back March 17.

ROMERO ROOM KEYCARD

We have keycard access for the Romero Room! Look for the blue form to apply for an access card, they are located on the table by the entry in the narthex. The Romero Room is a room we have open for students to be able to use to hang out and study. It is complete with places to work, lounge, a TV, snacks, hot and cold drinks, and a full kitchen. It is located in the bottom floor of the brick building next to the church building. Park in the main church lot, walk up the hill to 409 Monroe Street, swipe your keycard at the front door, and go down the stairs to find the room. Access is available from 8 AM-10 PM Monday through Saturday.

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.

KALAMAZOO CATHOLIC YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Missed the retreat but still want to hear the talks? All talks are being uploaded on YouTube! Find recordings from this semester's retreat "Together at One Altar", along with recordings from previous retreats and More at Midweeks. Check it out with the link: https://youtube.com/ @kalamazoocatholic6074?si=QITaCGYJOTfSFQdq

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: https://groupme.com/join_group/89335085/4QiZw0gK





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 fami-

lies 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.

- 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.

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PRIVATE RECONCILIATION here at St. Tom's Every Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 5:00-5:30 p.m.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE









March 24
Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.
Passion Play at all Masses

March 25 - Monday of Holy Week — Mass 5:15 p.m.

March 26 - Tuesday of Holy Week — Chrism Mass 2:00 p.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral; No Mass at St. Tom's

March 27 - Wednesday of Holy Week — Mass 5:15 p.m.; Reconciliation 6:00-7:00 p.m.

March 28 - Holy Thursday — Mass 6:00 p.m.; Adoration 7:00 p.m.-Midnight

March 29 - Good Friday — Reconciliation 12:00-2:00 p.m.; Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.; Liturgy of the Lords Passion 5:30 p.m.

March 30 - Holy Saturday — The Great Easter Vigil 9:00 p.m.

March 31 - Easter Sunday — Mass 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



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NEWS AROUND THE AREA

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR FAITH-FILLED COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Keeping the Catholic Faith Scholarship Fund held at the Catholic Foundation of Michigan provides scholarships to incoming college students who desire to live, grow and share their Catholic faith after high school. Thanks to the generosity of a local Kalamazoo family, the fund will provide a \$1,000 financial scholarship. The application process will open on March 1 and will close on April 1, 2024.

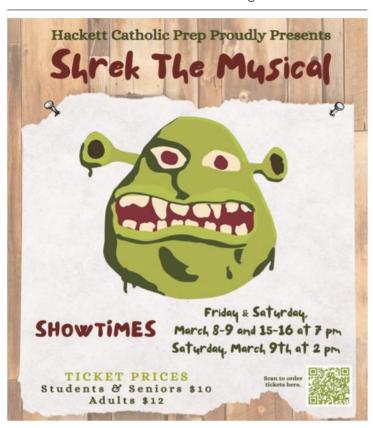
To learn more or apply, please visit www.bit.ly/KTCF or use the QR code.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The diocese is seeking volunteers to assist with various office tasks at its Diocesan Pastoral Center located in downtown Kalamazoo. Volulnteers should be available during diocesan office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (various partial, half and full day shifts available); should be knowledgeable about the Catholic Church; and proficient in standard office procedures (mailing, answering phones, etc.). Various shifts may be available. Please complete the volunteer submission form at diokzoo.org/volunteer for consideration.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Persons with Disabilities are invited to a virtual gathering from 1:00 – 2:00p.m. on Sunday March 17. The focus is to build fellowship, have fun, reflect on the Sunday Gospel and pray together. To learn more or to register go to Connections Registration | Catholic Charities (ccdok.org) or contact Lisa Irwin at lisairwin@ccdok.org or 269-381-9800 x 227 or Zoom link will be sent to those who register.





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**.



An Evening with JOHN DEAR on his new book:

"THE GOSPEL OF PEACE"

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, 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Student Parish, 421 Monroe St., Kalamazoo

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

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