

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 18

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

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.

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.

RCIA/OCIA

Current participants in the RCIA/OCIA are moving through the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. Two weeks ago, they spent a day with Fr. Ken focusing on prayer, one of the three pillars of Lent. At the 10:30 Mass this week, we celebrate the final Scrutiny. The Gospel story for the third Scrutiny is the story of Lazarus, Jesus' friend that he brings back to life (John 11:1-45).

On Sunday, March 17, we will gather on Zoom at 7 PM to talk about The Triduum, the three-day liturgy that culminates in the Great Easter Vigil.

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

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 16 — Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. **†** John Sommerfeldt

by Denny & Bonnie Banghart

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. †Alicia Borden by Sandy Borden 10:30 a.m. †Greg Pezzoli by Mom & Dad

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

MONDAY, MARCH 18 — St. Cyril of Jerusalem 5:15 p.m. †Rene Adrian by wife Joan

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 — St. Joseph

5:15 p.m. **†**Fr. Jack Ditto by McNally family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. Pauline Bambrick (living) by George Hebben

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 — Lenten Weekday

5:15 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 — Lenten Weekday

at Kanley Chapel

12:10 p.m. Students and faculty

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 — St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

6:00 p.m. **†** Joanie Carey

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 a.m. **†** Josefa Bellini by Sandy Borden

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

6:00 p.m. †Patty Richardson by Cindy Vieta

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of March 17

Sunday Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15;

Heb 5:7-9: Jn 12:20-33

Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;

PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59 **Friday** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;

Jn 11:45-56

Sunday Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; ls 50:4-7;

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;

Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we are drawing ever closer to the Easter Celebration. Today's gospel is Jesus' own reflection on his death.

The word "troubled" is used. The Greek word means to experience inward turmoil, to be stirred up, disturbed, unsettled, thrown into confusion. He had to face this hour so that



He could be glorified and God would be glorified in Him. The word "Glory" means a special revelation of God's presence. It means that He would save us through His death, resurrection, and ascension. Jesus gave us an example to help us understand how his death would lead to our salvation. Like a seed must die in order to produce a new growth, so through Jesus' death, resurrection and return to the Father new life would come forth in those who have followed Him.

Evil will not triumph. Jesus will win in the end. We need to keep this optimism in trying times and know that in Jesus is our hope and our life! Have a blessed week!

Sincerely, FR, Paul



BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY, APRIL 4

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. In the social hall





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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17, 2024

HERE AT ST. TOM'S



The next Women's Social Group meeting will be held on Monday, March 18th at 2 pm in the Cougar room.

This month we will be hosting favorite game day. Bring your favorite board and/or card games! Not into games? Come anyway to chat with other women of our church!

NO SEW FLEECE BLANKET KITS NEEDED

Once again this year as part of the service work our college students are doing the Student Ministry Team has planned an evening to make no sew fleece blankets for the Seita Scholars at WMU, during More at Midweek on Wednesday, March 20. Would you consider sponsoring a blanket? No sew blanket kits are available for purchase at Joann Fabrics for \$10.99- \$34.99 depending on sales and coupons, so you could pick up a kit or 2 and drop them off at the parish office (by Tuesday, March 19) or donate the cost through electronic giving or Sunday collection by designating it for "blanket project".



PRESENTED BY ST. TOM'S PARISHIONERS AT ALL MASSES ON PALM SUNDAY

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

Total gifts to date for March

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.

MARCH 2024 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for March 3/3	70,755 14,904
3/10	7,464
3/17	
3/24	
Easter Sunday	
Electronic gifts for March	11,639

COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

K COLLEGE STUDENTS PICK-UP A CARE PACKAGE IN THE NARTHEX.



MORE AT MIDWEEK

takes place on Wednesday nights from 7-9 PM. New and returning students get a chance to make new friends, catch up, and have some fun! This week we will start with praise and worship, then at 8 will move into pizza and making blankets to donate to the Seita Scholar Program at WMU.

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).

SUNDAY SHUTTLE

Are you a college student who would like a ride to a Sunday Mass? If so, contact Devin at devindettman@gmail.com to ride the Sunday Shuttle or be paired with another student driving into 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. There will be tours of the Romero Room available during this weeks Sunday Supper where you can see what its like and sign up for a keycard.

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.

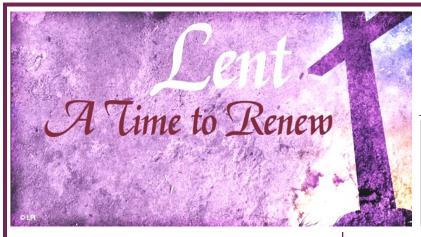
KALAMAZOO CATHOLIC YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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 at https://youtube.com/@kalamazoocatholic6074? si=QITaCGYJOTfSFQda

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2024 Kalamazoo Area Penance Services

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: OVERCOMING RACISM Friday, March 22, 5:30 pm

St. Thomas More Catholic
Student Parish
Leader: Father Paul Redmond

The Race Matters Team will present the compelling stations of the cross published by the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops to help us reflect on its pasto-

> ral letter against racism, Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love.



A rich Lenten reflection, this prayer can help open our hearts to the persistent sin of racism and the call to help overcome it.

All are welcome.

https://www.usccb.org/resources/open-wide-our-hearts-enduring-call-love-pastoral-letter-against-racism-0

BLANKETS, AND TOWELS FOR MIGRANT MINISTRY COLLECTING SHEETS, 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

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

toilet paper collection area. If possible, please label sheets with

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

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE









the size (we need all sizes).

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.



St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish 421 Monroe St., Kalamazoo

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17, 2024

NEWS AROUND THE AREA

CHRISM MASS SET FOR MARCH 26TH AT 2 P.M. AT CATHEDRAL

The annual Diocesan Chrism Mass with Bishop Edward M. Lohse will be held on Tuesday, March 26, at 2 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo. All are invited to attend.

SPRING CLEANING?

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS DONATIONS of household items: dishes, working appliances (microwaves, toasters, mixers, radios, etc), religious items, jewelry, and always men's boxer underwear. Drop off times are Tues, Thurs, & Sat, 10-2 p.m. at their thrift store at 513 Eleanor St, Kalamazoo.

We are also in need of volunteers. If interested please drop by the store or call us at 269-388-4544.

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.

MID-LIFE SINGLES (mid-30s to 50s):

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 5-7, 2024. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The diocese is seeking volunteers to assist with various office tasks at its Diocesan Pastoral Center located in downtown Kalamazoo. Volunteers 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.

DIOCESE OFFERS NEW SYNOD ON SYNODALITY SESSIONS IN MARCH

The Synod of Bishops, which met last fall in Rome, has asked for an additional small round of consultations with two new questions. The Diocese of Kalamazoo will host four public Conversations in the Spirit following a process very similar to the listening sessions held in 2022; two will be in English and two in Spanish. All are welcome to participate.

El Sínodo de los Obispos, que se reunió en Roma en el otoño, ha pedido unas consultas adicionales para discutir dos nuevas preguntas. La Diócesis de Kalamazoo va a ofrecer al público cuatro oportunidades para Dialogar en el Espíritu, según el proceso seguido en los encuentros de escucha que hubo en 2022 – habrá dos en español y dos en inglés. Todos son bienvenidos a participar.

SPANISH SESSIONS:

martes, 19 de marzo, 7 - 8:30 pm en San José, Kalamazoo [gimnasio]

ENGLISH SESSIONS:

Sunday, March 17, 1 - 3 pm at St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph [Rose Center, 301 Wayne St.]

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 – 8 pm at St. Thomas More Student Parish

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 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. 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 https://ccdok.org/connections-registration/ or contact Lisa Irwin at the Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-381-9800 x227 or by email at lisair-win@ccdok.org. 2024 dates: April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, Sept. 8, October 6, November 3, December 1



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 cam-

era 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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