

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH

421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan

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 April 15

Monday & Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday, 5:15 p.m. Friday 12:10 @ Kanley Chapel

RECONCILIATION

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

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

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

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

HOLY HOUR

Friday 8:00 a.m.

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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 April 15

Sunday Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a;

Lk 24:35-48

Monday Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a,

17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:51;

Jn 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 Saturday Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;

Jn 6:60-69

Sunday Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;

1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 — St. Martin

6:00 p.m. † Joan Carey by Joanie Weaver

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. People of the parish

10:30 a.m. †Jan & Maria van den Hombergh by family

6:00 p.m. †Claudia Mallon by Deidre Smith

MONDAY, APRIL 15 — Third Week of Easter 5:15 p.m. **†**Steven Trivers by Irene Trivers

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 — The Third Week of Easter

5:15 p.m. † Joanie Carey by Terry & Judy Bosshart

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 - The Third Week of Easter

5:15 p.m. †Tim Krone by Jane Krone

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 — The Third Week of Easter

5:15 p.m. **†**Rene Adrian by Joan Adrian

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 — The Third Week of Easter

at Kanley Chapel

12:10 p.m. Jane Krone (living)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 — The Third Week of Easter

6:00 p.m. † Joanie Carey by Peggy Zagorski

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

10:30 a.m. †Don Philipp by Rosemary & David Kacsor

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today's Gospel passage can be called "faulty recognition." How come the disciples do not know the master? It may be a good time to look at a dictionary definition of the word "recognize."



One meaning of the word is

"to identify as someone previously seen or known." Maybe the Eleven should have been able to do this. Yet, they did not. Yes, they had known Jesus previously, but not like this!!

Another meaning of recognize is "to identify from knowledge of appearance or characteristics." This is what Jesus invites when He offers His wounded hands and feet and says, "Touch me."

Did any of the disciples take up Jesus' offer to touch Him? We don't know. What we do know is that things have changed! Our faith today is Christian if it is joined with the faith—both pre- and post-resurrection—of the first witnesses.

Once the disciples recognized Jesus as risen to new life, they were impelled to proclaim the Good News! Filled with Easter faith, we should be gleaming with the Good News and eager to take it out to others!

How will Jesus appear to us in this day and age? Will we be any better able to recognize Him than the first disciples? Only if we let our eyes and minds be opened by the Lord! Maybe Jesus is showing us His wounded body in the sick, the homeless, the immigrants, the prisoners, or those who have been pushed to the margins of society. Ask Jesus to help us see and touch Him this week!

Sincerely,

RETURN OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD THIS JUNE

The regular distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass will return to Parishes across the diocese on June 23rd. Parishes will participate in three Sundays (June 9, 16, 23) of catechesis prior to the return. More information will be available on the diocesan website.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION NEEDS

Lip balm; Sample size sunscreen; Sample deodorant Women's hygiene products (travel sizes for our bags) Single packages of Kleenex (purse size) Men's boxer briefs Medium and Large

Drop off times are Tues, Thurs, & Sat, 10-2 p.m. at the thrift store located at 513 Eleanor St, Kalamazoo.

We are also in need of volunteers.

If interested please call us at 269-388-4544 or

Email svdpkal@att.net, attention Cheryl Spirito

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 14, 2024

HERE AT ST. TOM'S



St. Tom's Women's Social Group will have a book exchange on Monday, April 15 at 2:00 pm in the Cougar Room. Bring books that you no longer want, and receive one or more "new" books to read. Please join us and meet the women of our parish and make new friends.

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.

PARKING

Just a reminder to make sure when parking on the streets around the church, please do not block any driveways. Thank you for taking a moment to double check before getting to Mass! We have a small parking lot, which does make things a bit challenging at times!



COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

WMU & KVCC CARE PACKAGES

After all Masses next weekend care packages will be out for all WMU & KVCC students. We

hope the end of your school year goes well!

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Are you graduating this semester or over the summer? We would like to honor our (almost) graduates by hosting a baccalaureate Mass and reception for you and your family and



friends on **Friday**, **April 26 at 7:30 PM**. If you are interested, please respond by email to sttoms@sttomskazoo.org with your name, photo, degree/program, and number of guests by or before Monday, April 22. Please also indicate if you would like to have a role in the Mass—reading, sharing your St. Tom's experience, music ministry, or something else. Dress code: You can wear your cap and gown/dress up or whatever you would typically wear to Mass.

FINAL MORE AT MIDWEEK OF THE SEMESTER

Join for praise and worship from 7:00 to 8:00, as well as faith sharing and intercessory prayers. At 8:00 will get to unwind the semester with one of our favorites — karaoke and just dance! Plus free pizza & pop. See you on Wednesday.

FRIDAY MASS AT KANLEY CHAPEL

Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. on Friday at Kanley Chapel. The chapel is located on WMU campus near the student center.

SUNDAY SUPPERS:

Join us for a homemade meal hosted by our parishioners for college students in the Social Hall after the 6:00 Mass.

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Come for an hour of silent prayer, beginning & ending with a couple of traditional songs and prayers. Bring some spiritual reading, a prayer, journal, 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.

SUNDAY SHUTTLE

Are you a college student who would like a ride to a Sunday Mass? If so, please contact Devin at devindettman @gmail.com to ride the Sunday Shuttle or be paired with another student driving into Mass.

ROMERO ROOM KEYCARD

We have keycard access for the Romero Room! There are blue forms available in the church to apply for a card. The Romero Room is a room we have open for students 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.

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/ioin_group/89335085/4QiZw0aK

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 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.