

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH

421 Monroe Street — Kalamazoo, MI

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

6:00 p.m.

Sunday

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Thursday

5:15 p.m.

No Mass on Fridays thru August 30

HOLY HOUR

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

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

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

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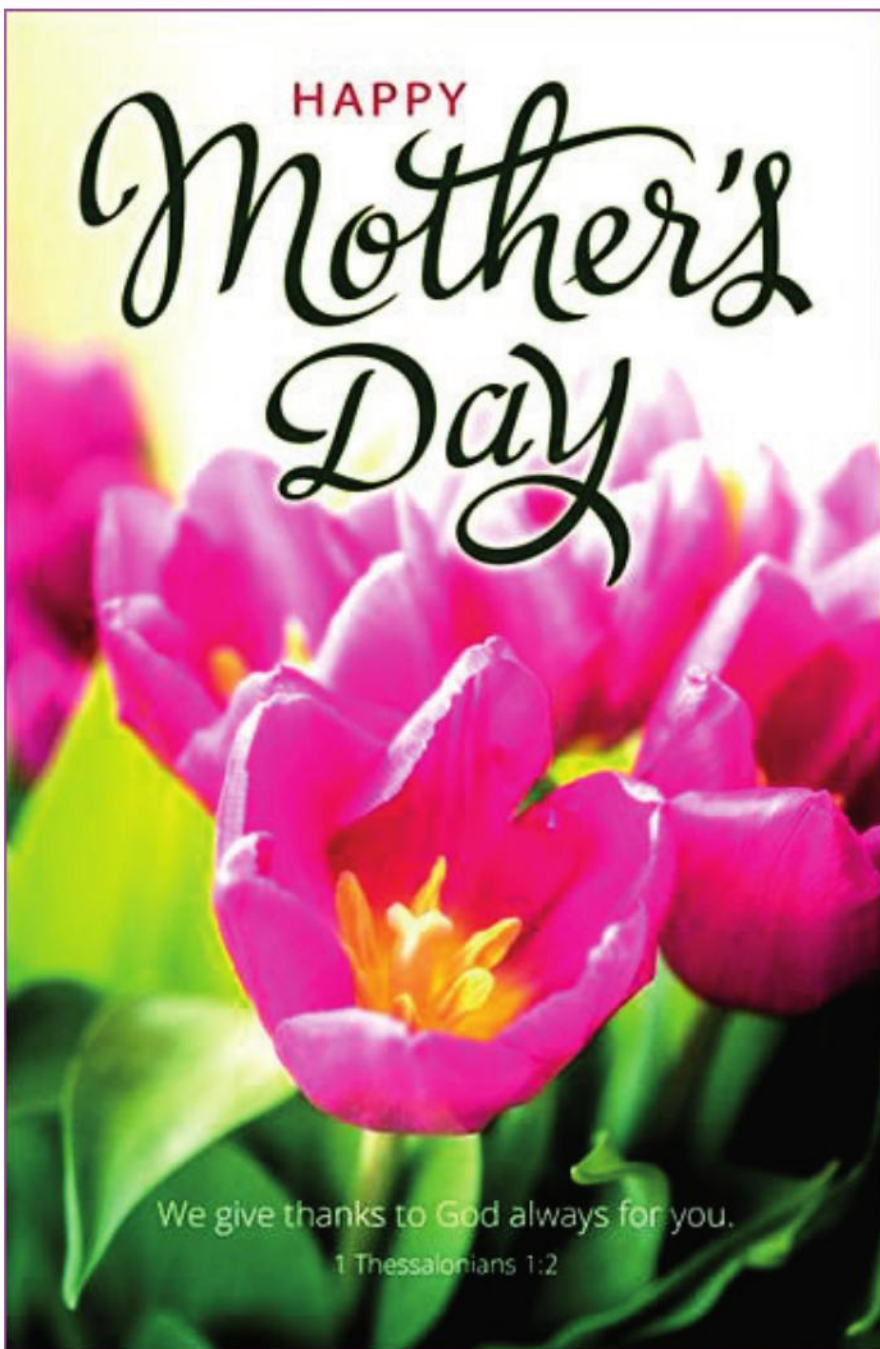
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT — We, the people of St. Thomas More Parish, gifted and led by the Holy Spirit, are called to build up the kingdom of God among the college communities of Kalamazoo. Diverse, yet one, we are called to be the Body of Christ, 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

Congratulations to
Dominic Chase Nacci

son of Joseph and Amanda
who was baptized on Sunday, May 5

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 May 12

Sunday	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Monday	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 11 — The Sixth Week of Easter	
6:00 p.m.	Marianne Grace (living) by Jim & Mary Grace
SUNDAY, MAY 12 — The Ascension of the Lord	
8:30 a.m.	†Patricia Collins & †Betty Munley by Munley Family
10:30 a.m.	†Theresa Tartalone by Gail Falk
6:00 p.m.	†Angeline VanAman by Bob VanAman
MONDAY, MAY 13 — The Sixth Week of Easter	
5:15 p.m.	†Theresa Tran by Khai Tran
TUESDAY, MAY 14 — The Sixth Week of Easter	
5:15 p.m.	†Theresa Tran by Sau Huynh
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 — The Sixth Week of Easter	
5:15 p.m.	†Madeline White by Deidre Smtih
THURSDAY, MAY 16 — The Sixth Week of Easter	
5:15 p.m.	†Theresa Tran by Sau Huynh
FRIDAY, MAY 17 — St. John of Avila, St. Damien de Veuster	
No Mass	
SATURDAY, MAY 18 — The Sixth Week of Easter	
6:00 p.m.	†Arlene Gardner by Stan Rakowski
SUNDAY, MAY 19 — Pentecost	
8:30 a.m.	†Joe Bodnar by Munley Family
10:30 a.m.	†Mark Clark brother of Steve Clark
6:00 p.m.	People of the parish

FATHER PAUL'S POST

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord! This celebration is an opportunity to reflect on how we understand heaven! We hear from The Acts of the Apostles that Jesus was "lifted up" (Acts 1:9). The Gospel of Mark says that Jesus was "taken up into heaven" (Mark 16:19).

Maybe it's okay to think that there is an intersection of heaven and earth. Fr. William Skudlarek, OSB, writes that "Heaven is not a faraway place, not some kind of strictly spiritual place to which Jesus ascended and our souls go when we die. It's God's space, even here on earth, a space in which Jesus dwells both spiritually and bodily."

That's a wonderful reflection. He also asks the question, what do you think of when you think of heaven? Have you ever experienced an "intersection" of heaven and earth?

We can try to keep some of God's space within us this week. One way is by welcoming our student from our Sister Parish. Fatima Aracely will be visiting our parish and area from May 10 – 20th! I hope you have a chance to say hello to her, whether you speak Spanish or you cannot! It's moments like this that we may see that intersection of heaven and earth come more fully alive!

Have a blessed week! Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, foster mothers and godmothers. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely, *Fr. Paul*



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL	Help us reach our goal!		
	TOTAL PLEDGES	116	57,546
	GOAL	42%	137,775
	DIFFERENCE		-80,229
DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO		Percentage of participation	18%

APRIL 2024 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for April	56,604
4/7	12,326
4/14	10,358
4/21	6,300
4/28	7,154
Electronic gifts for April	25,597
Total gifts to date for April	61,734

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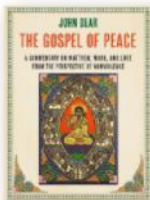
An Evening with
JOHN DEAR
on his new book:
"THE GOSPEL OF PEACE"

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 on

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

at

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006

SPONSORS

Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph
Kalamazoo Friends Meeting (The Quakers)
Peace House

EVENT SCHEDULE

7:00 p.m.: Presentation by John Dear followed by Q & A

7:45 p.m.: Book Signing and Reception

Copies of John's book will be available for purchase at the event.

For further information, visit www.johndear.org and www.beattitudescenter.org
where John Dear is the Executive Director and offers online programs.

ST. TOM'S
Women's
SOCIAL GROUP

Our next Women's Group Meeting will be held on **Monday, May 20th at 2 pm in the Cougar Room**. Fr. Paul will be sharing his journey from massage therapist to the Priesthood. Please join us to hear about his journey.

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 + NO FOAM PEANUTS.**



COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

More at Midweek, Student Holy Hour, Sunday Supper, and Friday Mass at Kanley Chapel will return in the fall.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR SUMMER SOCIAL EVENTS!

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/893335085/4QjZw0gK

**WE ARE HIRING A PAID STUDENT MARKETING INTERN!**

Our intern, Erin, has moved on to other opportunities and it's time to bring a new person in to learn and grow starting this summer or fall semester. Please email lisa@sttomskazoo.org for a job description, if you are looking for employment this year and have experience in digital marketing/advertising. Most of the work would be remote in the summer, but need to be onsite in Kalamazoo for a couple hours a week in the fall.

ROMERO ROOM & BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL KEYCARD

Did you know there are two different spaces at St. Tom's you can get keycard access to? Filling out one blue form from the rotating info stands just inside the main church doors can get you access to both! Submit any forms to the parish office or put in collection basket. The Romero Room is a space we have 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 (409 Monroe Street). For this space keycard access is available from 8 AM-10 PM Monday through Saturday. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel has 24/7 access for prayer with the tabernacle. Get direct access in and out of outside door near the main doors to the church.

**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.

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