

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 WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9

Monday thru Thursday
5:15 p.m.

Friday
12:10 at Kanley Chapel

HOLY HOUR

Wednesday
8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

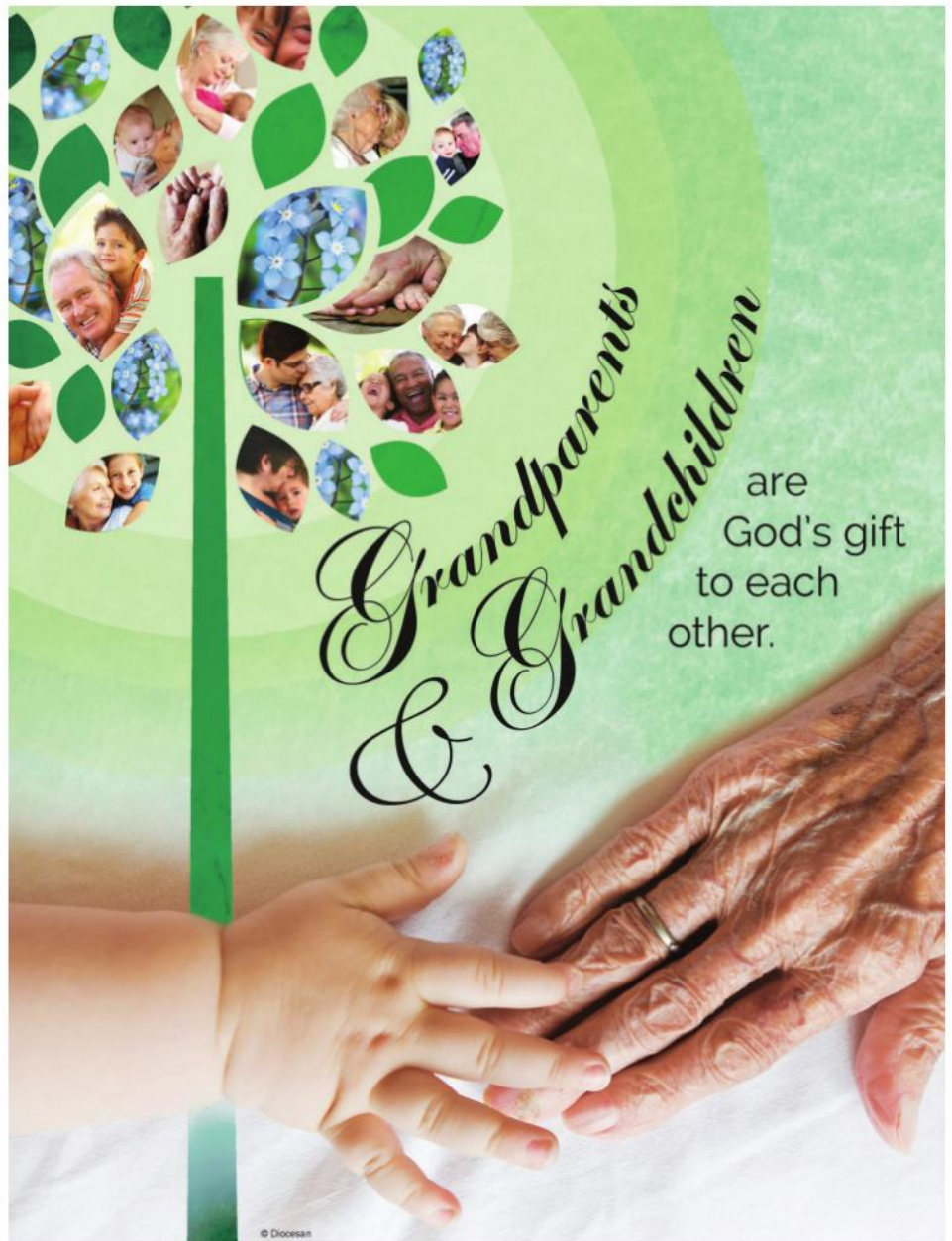
Wednesday
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Thursday
6:00 p.m.



Parish Office located on the
corner of Monroe & Lovell at
1333 W. Lovell St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49006
Office Hours:
Mon, -Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

CONGRATULATIONS

Emma Lou Hall

daughter of Adam & Elizabeth
who was baptized on Saturday, August 31, 2024
and

Maria Therese Beam

daughter of Nicholas & Brianna
who was baptized on Sunday, September 1, 2024

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, SEPTEMBER 7

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 — 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. †Rita LaReau by David Rokosz
10:30 a.m. †Mary Ann Homrich by Robert & Ann Kilkuskie
6:00 p.m. †Christian Hirsch

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 — St. Peter Claver

5:15 p.m. †Mary Ann Homrich by Sue Henshaw

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5:15 p.m. †Mary Ann Carey

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:15 p.m. †Joseph Havlick by Fran Denny

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 — The Most Holy Name of Mary

5:15 p.m. †Richard & JoAnn Butler

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — St. John Chrysostom

at KANLEY CHAPEL

12:10 p.m. †Angeline VanAman by Bob VanAman

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 — The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:00 p.m. †Tom & Monique Coyne by Maggie Ebrite

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. †Catherine Basso by family
10:30 a.m. †John DiPiero by wife Konni DiPiero
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of September 8

Sunday Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
Monday 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sunday Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



REGISTRATION OPEN NOW THRU SEPTEMBER 16

Grades 1-6 and Confirmation
registration folders available in the narthex and
on our website <https://www.sttomskazoo.org/religious-ed>
Questions ... email narcia@sttomskazoo.org or
call 269-381-8917, ext. 261

A POST FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Jesus worked many miracles of healing. He still does! This Sunday's gospel reading is of Jesus healing a man who was deaf. Jesus has compassion on all.

In the gospels Jesus healed many people. He healed for many reasons! He did this in response to a request, in response to faith



and to demonstrate that God's kingdom was present now on Earth! Jesus healing people to show in a tangible way the blessings He wanted to give to us that were not visible. Jesus helped the man hear in today's gospel. In doing so, Jesus shows us what His primary mission was. His mission was to teach us how to hear and how to listen to God. In the baptismal rite, there is a prayer over the ears to hear God's word! This week, ask the Lord to open the ears of our heart to His words and to his love! Have a blessed day!

Sincerely, *FR. Paul*

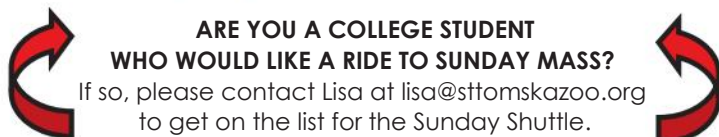
Parish Mission Statement — We, the people of St. Thomas More Parish, gifted and led by the Holy Spirit, are called to build up the kingdom of God among the college communities of Kalamazoo. Diverse, yet one, we are called to be the Body of Christ, to praise and worship our Heavenly Father, to proclaim 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.



COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

SMALL GROUPS/BIBLE STUDY - -

Our small groups bring college students together in an intimate setting to share life, pray with and for each other, and learn together about the teachings of Christ and how we live them on campus, among our friends and families. These are student lead and it costs nothing but your time and willingness to build these authentic friendships. They are about an hour a week for 6 sessions. Sign up after Mass this upcoming weekend or here: <https://forms.gle/jAig9wRvN3ZZ93Nm7>



SUNDAY SUPPERS ARE BACK!

Join us for free homemade entrée, sides, drinks, and dessert after the 6:00 PM Sunday Mass for weekly Sunday Suppers!

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

with Eucharistic adoration and confession in the Worship Space at St. Tom's on Thursdays 6:00-7:00 p.m. Life is rarely quiet, but it's quiet here. Listen to Jesus speak to your heart.

JOIN FR. PAUL FOR MASS

at 12:10 PM at Kanley Chapel every Friday during the academic year.

MORE AT MIDWEEK - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

is from 7 to 9 starting with a teaching Mass with Fr. Paul. Have you ever wanted to know why we do certain actions during Mass or where the prayers come from—want it explained more? This is your chance to learn more while celebrating Mass. A great event for those just learning about Mass for the first time or who have celebrated it their whole lives. Mass will be followed by pizza and conversation with a chance to ask questions.

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

(and any year K students) will gather on the steps of Stetson Chapel by 10:15 AM to walk to St. Tom's together for 10:30 Mass on Sunday, September 15. Look forward to seeing you there!

Save a spot on your calendar for the 3rd annual **ST. TOM'S COLLEGE STUDENT BLOCK PARTY** ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 7-9 p.m.

We will have food catered, games, Disko Dave DJ service spinning jams, and a raffle! We will see you for, real food, real friends, and real faith.



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR STUDENT RETREAT November 8-10

More information to be announced soon!

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/89335085/4QjZw0gK

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

RACE MATTERS

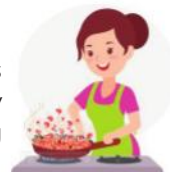
Building Our Beloved Community

On **September 16, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**, Race Matters will consider the turbulent history of Black voting rights in America. **"Where are We Going?" – Considering Freedom Summer 1964 and Parallels to 2024**, will begin to trace similarities and differences between what happened then and what is happening today. Our guest speaker, Dr. Gary Marquardt, is faculty specialist II in the WMU Institute for Intercultural and Anthropological Studies and the History Department and the associate director for African American and African Studies. To register or request additional information, please email: sttomssjm@gmail.com and indicate if you plan to participate in person at St. Tom's or via Zoom. Deadline for registration is midnight Friday, September 13.

SUNDAY SUPPER

SIGN-UP BOOK IN THE NARTHEX

Supper is served after 6:00 pm Sunday Mass for College Students. Meals are prepared by parishioners. email michele@sttomskazoo.org or call 269-381-8917, ext. 273 for more details.



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. Yoga will resume on Thursdays beginning September 5.

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

We collect toilet paper year around for those in need. You may drop it off at the parish garage in the designated basket Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or bring it to church when you attend Mass.

BLOOD DRIVE - Thank you! We collected 25 units!



SEPTEMBER 2024 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for September	55,000
9/1	9,432
9/8	
9/15	
9/22	
9/29	
Electronic gifts for September	7,969
Total gifts to date for September	17,401



MANY THANKS

from **MIGRANT MINISTRY**

Thank you St. Tom's parishioners for
your generous
backpack and school supply donations!

With the help of the volunteers (pictured above)
WE FILLED OVER 90 BACKPACKS!

They were distributed by volunteers
to the children at our camp.
(pictured on the right)



Much appreciation to all
those who traveled
to the camp this summer!
Over several weeks we
celebrated Mass
with our
Migrant families,



played bingo and
other games,
had a Fiesta and
best of all made new
friends.

As always we look forward to
the same next year!



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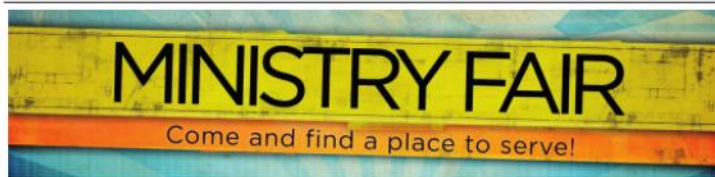


*With
Heartfelt
Thanks*

Dear St. Tom's Wonderful People,
On August 10th I had the most wonderful jubilee Mass and party following. I was so touched by the many people who were able to attend. I continue to be blessed by all of you, whom I love so dearly.

Thank you deeply for the cards, the gifts, but especially for your presence as you helped me celebrate my 50 years in religious life. Special thanks to Michele Cretsinger and all who helped to turn the parish hall into a beautiful banquet. Thank you, also, to Fr. Paul Redmond, who allowed it all to happen! What a wonderful day it was!

Peace, love, and joy,
Sister Pam



St. Tom's has a
Bountiful Harvest of
Ministries
Join us after all Masses
September 14 & 15
to explore how you can
share your time & talent.
Refreshments & Prizes



NEWS FROM AROUND THE AREA



FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Due to the construction in the downtown Kalamazoo area, our donations and sales have declined. We need our Catholic community to help us in this time of disruption. Traveling to the store is an adventure but worth the journey. Your generous donations have an impact on assisting our community. Stop in and shop at, **513 Eleanor St, Kalamazoo**

**ALSO, PLEASE CONSIDER
OUR VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE STORE.**
call us at 269- 388-4544

Thank you, SVDP volunteers

SVDP Thrift Store would appreciate any household items including:

Small working appliances
Knick-knacks
Linens, including towels, washcloths and bedding.
Kitchen: Anything used in the kitchen
Backpacks and small roller luggage
Our current personal hygiene needs are as follows:
Small sample shampoo
Personal sizes sunscreen
Lip Balm
Small-size mosquito spray
Men's and women's deodorant
Travel-size shaving cream
Travel-size lotion
Small disposable flashlights (the ones you get at giveaway events)

Clothing

Men's and Women's
Children 2t and up
Men's and women's underwear (Men's boxer briefs in all sizes. Our greatest need is medium and large).

Religious

All religious items
Current religious books

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS TO CELEBRATE COUPLES' MILESTONES —

Calling all couples celebrating milestone anniversaries anytime in 2024! If you or someone you know is celebrating 25, 40 or 50+ years of marriage anytime in 2024, we invite you to let your parish know, and register online at www.diokzoo.org/50th-anniversary to receive a personal congratulatory certificate from Bishop Lohse, even if you cannot attend the celebration and Mass, which will be held Sunday, November 3, 2024 at St. Augustine Cathedral at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the Crowley Center. For more information or with questions, contact Socorro or call 269-349-8714 ext. 1112.

EXPERIENCE A CURSILLO WEEKEND

Women's Cursillo Weekend

October 17-20, 2024 - Women's #78 Cursillo weekend, Amigo Center Sturgis

Men's Cursillo Weekend

March 6-9, 2025 - Men's #79 Cursillo weekend, Amigo Center Sturgis.

Flyers and forms available on our website.

<https://kalamazoocursillo.com/forms>

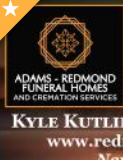
For more information contact Michael Metzger, Lay Director English Cursillo, mlm1976nd@gmail.com 269-849-5453

KDCCW Day of Reflection

Mark your calendars for a Day of Reflection on The Dignity of Life through Natural Death on Thursday, October 3, 2024 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary of the Lake Parish in New Buffalo. The Day will include Mass, talks on a variety of topics around natural death like end of life decisions, Catholic funerals, and more (see flyer below for more details), lunch, and more. Registration is a \$20 donation and can be paid at the door. For more information or to register, contact Becky Borglin, 269.325.1354.

HACKETT CATHOLIC PREP HIGH SCHOOL

has the following coaching positions open for the 2024-2025 school year: JV Boys Basketball & Varsity Girls Soccer. Please send resume and cover letter or reach out to Brian Kosmerick, Hackett Athletic Director, at bkosmerick@hackettcp.org and/or Melissa Anderegg at manderegg@csgk.org.

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