

**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.

Friday
12:10 @ Kanley Chapel
WMU Campus

HOLY HOUR

Wednesday
8:00 a.m.

STUDENT HOUR

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

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

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

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.



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
Monday	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Mk 11:9, 10; Jn 18:33b-37

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 269-381-8917 or email sttoms@sttomskazoo.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 — St Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude
6:00 p.m. †Steve Ellis by Joe & Becky Schmitt

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. †Stephen Maronto
10:30 a.m. †Theresa Jacobson by Sally Mosley & friends
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 — The Dedication of the Basilicas of
St. Peter & Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
5:15 p.m. †Robert Walters by Bazali-Walters family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19
5:15 p.m. †Margaret Siebert, family, and friends
by Rudi Siebert

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20
5:15 p.m. †Eric Anderson by Patty Anderson

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 — The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:15 p.m. †Renee Adrian by Joan Adrian

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 — St. Cecilia
at KANLEY CHAPEL
12:10 p.m. College students and faculty

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — St. Clement I, St. Columban,
Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro
6:00 p.m. Sr. Pam Owens honor of her 50th Jubilee
By Joni Weaver

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:30 a.m. †Ronald Shansky by Roseann Shansky
10:30 a.m. †Greg Pezzoli by Mom & Dad
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

OCIA — ADULT INITIATION GATHERINGS

Inquiry gatherings for those interested in becoming Catholic or finishing their Sacraments of Initiation

will meet on Sunday at 4:00 PM in the Cougar Room.

So, what does that mean? OCIA is the process of initiation and formation for adults entering the Catholic Church. During Inquiry, we discuss participants' questions about Catholicism so that they have a better understanding of what we believe and how we live our lives as Catholics. Join us in the Cougar Room at 4:00 pm Sunday to discuss questions that you may have about Catholicism and to introduce you to the OCIA process.

Contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or
Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net)



A POST FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When the new church/worship space was completed in 2008, there were a few items that needed to be removed because of budget constraints. One was having an exterior cross. That was added in 2021 with funds that had been specific for such a project. Before going ahead with this project, we showed the plans and asked the parishioners if this is something St. Tom's should have. The overall response was yes.

Another item that was not added was the Stations of the Cross. This was present in the previous worship space. Over the five years that I have been here, this has been a topic of occasional conversation. Parishioners and visitors have occasionally asked if there are Stations of the Cross or is it possible to have them added to the main worship space.

This topic was consulted with the parish council, the finance council, and several members of the art committee. After inquiry and some basic research, it was recommended that such a project should go forward. It was recommended that a newly created artwork for the worship space be commissioned by an artist. All councils and the art committee recommended that a fund raiser needs to be established and no funds from the accounts at St. Thomas More be used.

The art committee involved in this exploratory stage believes that the Stations of the Cross could add to the worship experience without taking over the worship space. Artists commissioned would have a budget to work with and include in the design the charisms of the church.

The next stage in going forward with such a project is the consent of the general congregation here at St. Tom's! Do you believe having the Stations of the Cross would be of benefit to our congregation and to future congregations?

We would value your input. Please let us know if this is something that you believe should be supported.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, *FR. Paul*



HERE AT ST. TOM'S

ST. TOM'S
Women's
SOCIAL GROUP

Our next Women's
Social Group will
meet on

**Monday, November 18th at 2:00 pm
in the Social Hall.**

Join us for conversation and fellowship
while we sign Christmas cards for resi-
dents of a local nursing home.

RACE
MATTERS

*Building Our
Beloved
Community*

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION

The Race Matters Team invites you to join us
on **Monday, November 18 at 6:00 pm** for an
ecumenical prayer service. We will come
together as a community to pray for heal-
ing, peace, and unity in our nation.

A simple soup supper will follow in the social
hall. The team will provide a variety of soups.
Please bring crackers, bread, beverages, and
desserts to share.



Please let us know if you are coming: sttomssjm@gmail.com
All are welcome

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

We collect toilet paper year around for those in need. You
may drop it off at church when you attend Mass or bring to
the office at 1333 W. Lovell St., (corner of Monroe & Lovell
Streets) during our normal business hours (see bulletin cover
for parish office hours).

NOVEMBER 2024 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for November	58,491
11/3	15,145
11/10	10,945
11/17	
11/24	
Electronic gifts for November	7,919
Total gifts to date for November	34,009

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. Anyone with any information regarding an allegation of child abuse may contact the Office of the Attorney General through the dedicated hotline: 844-324-3374 or email: aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

NEWS AROUND THE AREA

WMU TURKEY TROT

Experience the Tradition of the
Oldest Race in Kalamazoo

Saturday, November 23 — 8:30 a.m.

Registration Options:

Online Regular Registration -

Deadline Nov. 21, 11:59 p.m. EST

(\$25.00 Race Fee)

Online Late Registration - Nov. 22

and Nov. 23 (\$30.00 Race Fee)

Register for Turkey Trot at this link:

<https://wmich.edu/rec/intramurals/turkeytrot>

NEW REFUGEE FAMILIES ARE CONTINUING
TO BE WELCOMED INTO KALAMAZOO!

Ongoing needs are these:

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Pots and pans, dishes and drinking
glasses, queen and twin comforters, shower curtains, new
queen and twin bedsheets and bath towels: TAKE TO
PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH on Milham in Portage

FURNITURE : especially queen and twin bedframes (no
mattresses), dressers, dining tables and chairs, sofas and
chairs: CALL SAMARITAS to plan pickup or bring to Prince of
Peace Church

CLOTHING and SHOES for children and adults, especially
men's and boys: TAKE TO CONGREGATION OF MOSES on
Stadium Dr in Kalamazoo .

**Questions? Call Elsie Romano at 269-373-4348 or
email her at elsieromano@att.net.**

CAREGIVER CONNECTION

is a 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/>.
Remaining 2024 date, December 1



**St. Vincent DePaul, Kalamazoo, located at
513 Eleanor Street
is in need of the following items**

Sample size toothpaste, lip balm, deodorant, sample size
shaving cream, Men's warm winter coats **excluding trench
or dress coats**, new boxer briefs (medium and large), and
men's jeans. Women's new underwear medium and large.

We need warm new or gently used men's and women's hats
and gloves. We always welcome all housewares including
small working appliances, knickknacks, kitchenware, linens,
and towels. Backpacks too. We have plenty of children's
coats, but we could use children's hats and gloves and new
children's socks and underwear. .

**PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING WITH US.
Call 269-388-4544**



Meet the Student Ministry Team

Aubrey Larobardiere

Favorite Saint: Philip Neri



ABOUT

Q: What school do you attend?

A: Western Michigan University

Q: What year are you?

A: Freshman

Q: Favorite Way to pray?

A: Bible Journaling & Rosary

Q: What do you major in?

A: Psychology

"I make my faith my own through my conversion to Catholicism! I try to live out my faith everyday through prayer, reflection, and dedicating time to specific acts of prayer such as reading the Bible or praying a rosary. I can't wait to meet more people and get involved in the parish community! :) "

Mary Strobel

Favorite Saint: Blessed Clelia Merloni



ABOUT

Q: What school do you attend?

A: Western Michigan University

Q: What year are you?

A: Senior

Q: Favorite Way to pray?

A: Praying through music

Q: What do you major in?

A: Music Therapy

"I try every day to make my faith my own by trying to listen to God's voice and listening to His word. I also always try to be grateful for the wonderful gifts He has given me."

Rebecca Wolf

Favorite Saint: St. Bernadette



ABOUT

Q: What school do you attend?

A: Western Michigan University

Q: What year are you?

A: Senior

Q: Favorite Way to pray?

A: Silent Adoration

Q: What do you major in?

A: Psychology

"I make my faith my own by actively studying the teachings of the Church and the lives of the saints. College has inspired me to be more proactive in my spiritual journey."

Anthony Varela

Favorite Saint: Padre Pio



ABOUT

Q: What school do you attend?

A: Western Michigan University

Q: What year are you?

A: Senior

Q: Favorite Way to pray?

A: Praying during Adoration

Q: What do you major in?

A: Marketing

"I make my faith my own by seeking God through everyday encounters and experiences. Also by following His word."

James Licht

Favorite Saint: Polycarp



ABOUT

Q: What school do you attend?

A: Western Michigan University

Q: What year are you?

A: Freshman

Q: Favorite Way to pray?

A: Rosary

Q: What do you major in?

A: Flight Science

"I have made my faith my own by striving to learn it's history and knowing why we believe what we believe in."



COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS SEMESTER?

We would like to honor our (almost) graduates by hosting a baccalaureate Mass and reception for you and your family and friends on Friday, December 13 at 7:30 PM. If you are interested, please email lisa@sttomskazoo.org with your name, photo, degree/program, and number of guests by or before **Monday, December 9**. Please also indicate if you would like to have a role in the Mass—reading, sharing your St.

Tom's experience, music ministry, bringing up the gifts, or something else. Dress code: You can wear your cap and gown/dress up or whatever you would typically wear to Mass.



SUNDAY SUPPERS

is a homemade meal hosted by our parishioners for college students in the Social Hall after the 6:00 PM Mass. Entrees, salads, drinks, and desserts are served. Drawings every Sunday for a chance to win a \$100 cash grand prize or a \$25 gift card for Starbucks or Walmart to the runner-up.

ARE YOU A COLLEGE STUDENT WHO WOULD LIKE A RIDE TO SUNDAY MASS?



Contact Wyatt at wyattcupp02@gmail.com to get on the list for the Sunday Shuttle.

MORE AT MIDWEEK

Join us this Wednesday at 7 PM as we create Christmas cards and bake cookies for local seniors! Let's bring a little holiday joy to those in our community. All are welcome!



STUDENT HOLY HOUR

with Eucharistic adoration and confession in the Worship Space at St. Tom's on Thursdays 6-7 PM. 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.

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

KVCC STUDENTS!

We are active on the Texas Township campus as a new club this year—Kalamazoo Catholic at KVCC—Fr. Paul is on campus from 11:00-1:00 on Tuesdays in room 1030 near the cafeteria to promote awareness. Grab a free snack and chat with Father about this opportunity. We are looking to partner closely with some current students to get the word out about the club, our happenings here at the church, and get a small group/bible study started on campus. If you are interested in being part of the effort, let Lisa know.

YOUNG ADULT WOMEN

looking to start the New Year refreshed in faith? Discuss and learn about our feminine genius through the writings of Saint John Paul II and our amazing fertility through FEMM. This 1-day retreat is designed for unmarried young adult women (young professionals, students, engaged, or dating women are all welcomed!). Check-in in the Cougar Room on Saturday, January 11 at 9:30 AM. The retreat will end around 8:00 PM and includes Vigil Mass as well as an opportunity for adoration and confession. \$35 includes materials and meals. Limited to 20 participants, so be sure to save your spot soon. Sign up here: [New Eve Retreat Registration](#)

THE ROMERO ROOM is available 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday for students to hang out & study.

There are areas to work, lounge, and cook—featuring a TV and full kitchen with snacks and hot and cold drinks. The Romero Room is on the bottom floor of the brick building next to the church. Park in the main church lot, walk up the hill to 409 Monroe St., swipe your keycard at the front door,



go down the stairs, and turn to the left. Need a keycard? Look for the blue application form located on the table inside the entry of the church or ask in the parish office.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED BLOOD THIS YEAR!



A total of **133 units** were donated
at our 2024 St. Tom's sponsored drives!
Mark your calendars for our 2025 Blood Drives:
January 9; April 10; June 12; September 4; December 4



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