

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

Monday
Wednesday
Thursday
5:15 p.m.

Tuesday
No Mass

Friday
12:10 at Kanley Chapel

HOLY HOUR

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

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

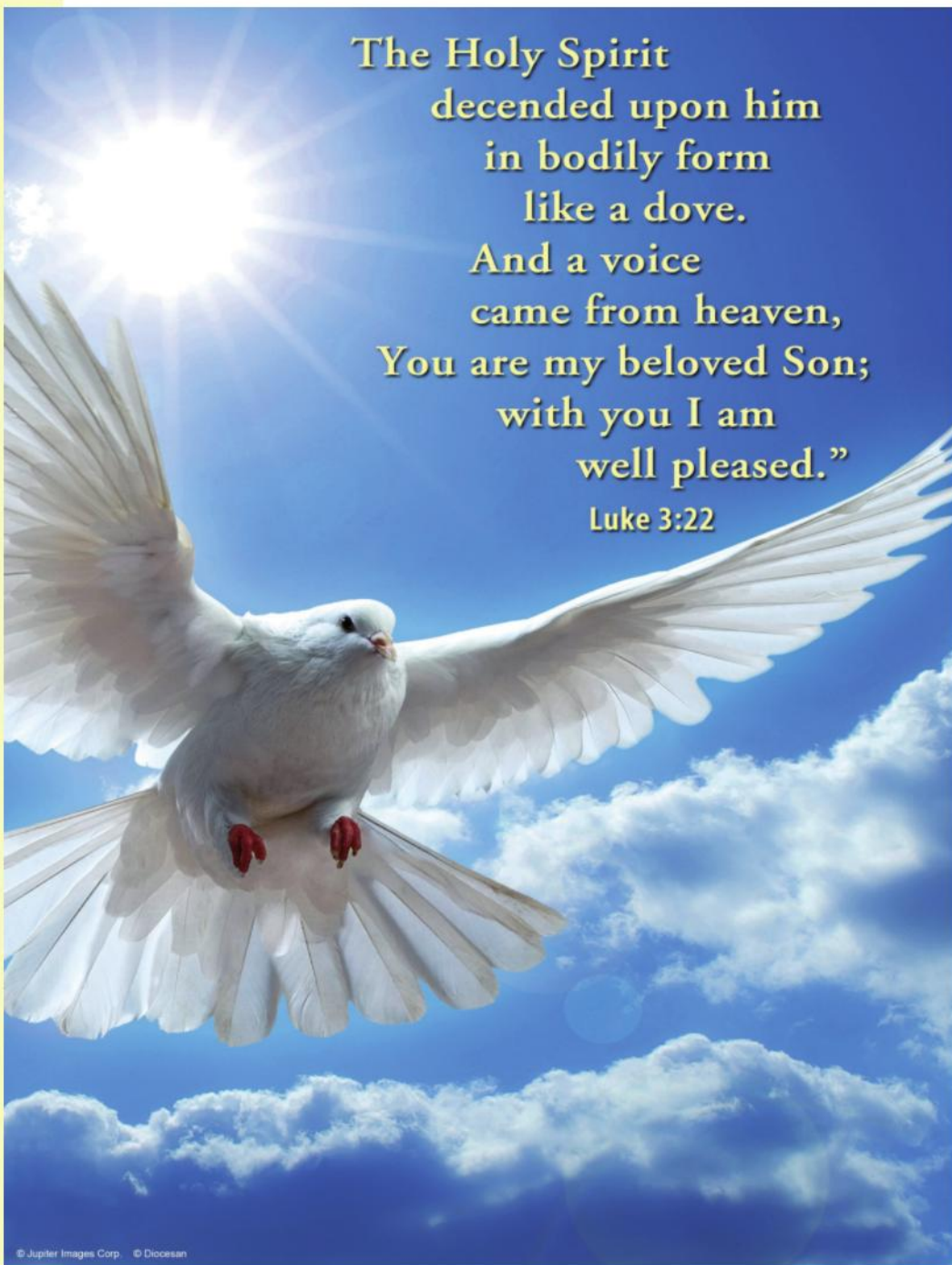
Saturday & Sunday
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Thursday 6:00 p.m.

The Holy Spirit
descended upon him
in bodily form
like a dove.
And a voice
came from heaven,
You are my beloved Son;
with you I am
well pleased.”

Luke 3:22



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Parish Office located at
1333 W. Lovell Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006
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Fr. Paul Redmond, Pastor

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(We are usually open during lunch, but call ahead to verify)

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 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.

OCIA—ADULT INITIATION GATHERINGS

Inquirers, adults who are interested in becoming Catholic or finishing their Sacraments of Initiation, have been gathering on Sundays for the past few months. We invite anyone that has an interest in our OCIA meetings to contact Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net)

Our next meeting is Sunday, January 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the Cougar Room.

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 January 12, 2025

Sunday Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29-1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6, 7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 — Christmas Weekday

6:00 p.m. †Fred Kandler by Alexander Pinto

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 — The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 a.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

10:30 a.m. People of the parish

6:00 p.m. Bishop Edward M. Lohse

MONDAY, JANUARY 13 — St. Hilary

5:15 p.m. Liesel Krone (living) by Jane Krone

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 — First Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 — First Week in Ordinary Time

5:15 p.m. James Sojka (living) by Samantha Sojka

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 — First Week in Ordinary Time

5:15 p.m. †Rita LaReau by David Rokosz

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 — St. Anthony

at Kanley Chapel

12:10 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 — First Week in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m. †Rene Adrian by Joan Adrian

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. †Stuart Borden by Sandy Borden

10:30 a.m. †Don Beckley father of Mary Beckley-Clark

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

A POST FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord! This celebration officially ends the Christmas season and we start back to Ordinary Time!



The Baptism of the Lord is an amazing and mysterious event and is a very important event. Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R. in his book, *Behold, He Comes: Meditations on the Incarnation*, points out the importance "...because the Father proclaims Jesus' divinity at the very moment when His Son is acting like a repentant sinner. Baptism is actually a sign of repentance, of cleansing by God, in several world religions. Jesus is baptized to give us good example and perhaps as a sign that He has taken on Himself the sins of us all...."

Fr. Groeschel also writes that while we can't imitate Christ when His divine power is operating, we can imitate Him in His blessed humanity. "...He goes on when He is tired; He labors on with effort when He is fatigued. He is kind and generous and understanding. He goes to dinner at the houses of less respectable people and defends them against the self-righteous..."

Jesus divinity and humanity are involved in His baptism. As we start this year, it's a good question for us as to how we can imitate Christ in his blessed humanity.

Peace, *Fr. Paul*

A BOLD DISCIPLESHIP STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

The Gospel of Luke is a bold, compassionate portrait of Jesus, detailing his life as a champion of the marginalized, showcasing his profound love for the outcast, the poor, and the forgotten, where Jesus actively overturns societal hierarchies by proclaiming "The Reign of God" that welcomes all, particularly through a rich tapestry of parables that illuminate the depth of God's grace and mercy for everyone.

This is a discipleship study (like a bible study) where we will pray with, study, and discuss the Gospel of Luke. Moreover, we will practice the discipleship habits of encountering Jesus in Luke, coupled with reading and praying with Luke that transforms our hearts into joyful servants of Jesus who actively seek to build God's Reign through service & working for justice. There are no prerequisites with the Bible for this. Everyone is welcome.

There are two identical seminar-style sessions offered in this discipleship study: Monday mornings (10:00 – 11:30 am) and Tuesday evenings (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm) in the social hall at St. Toms. **We will meet for 10 sessions (please make what you can); the first sessions are Monday, Feb. 3 & Tuesday, Feb. 4, and the last sessions are April 7 & 8.** Your homework is to bring a Bible and a friend with you.

RSVP at <https://sttomskazoo.flocknote.com/signup/194676> or contact Jay, letting him know which session you wish to attend (you may flip flop). Questions? Contact Jay Landry at jay@sttomskazoo.org or 269-381-8917 X 299.

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

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Women's
SOCIAL GROUP

Join us on Monday, January 20 at 2 pm in the Social Hall. Activity this month will be "What's changed?", a fun activity focused on what half the group changed about themselves and the rest have to figure it out. Afterwards, there will be time to socialize.

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. If you are interested the schedule for next semester is out now. Questions: 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.

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". Call Matt Barretta at 269-548-6837 for more info.

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).

RACE
MATTERS
*Building Our
Beloved
Community*

Please join the Race Matters Team **Tuesday, January 28, 7:00-8:30 pm** as we welcome Cheryl Dickson, MD, MPH, for "**Bias, Microaggressions, and Allyship: Recognition and Relationships.**" In this interactive presentation, we will explore what it means to be an ally, how unintentional slights by well-intentioned people affect those we seek to become allies with, and how personal bias can affect relationships.

Dr. Dickson is Chief Diversity Officer, Associate Dean for Health Equity, and Professor of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine at WMU Homer Stryker School of Medicine.

This presentation will be offered both in-person and on Zoom. To register, email sttomssjm@gmail.com. Please note if you will attend in person or on Zoom.

DECEMBER 2024 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for December	87,736
12/1	6,156
12/8	10,150
12/15	11,398
12/22	14,736
Christmas	16,745
12/29	13,300
Electronic gifts for December	29,134
Total gifts to date for December	101,619



COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

STUDENT HOLY HOUR with Eucharistic adoration and confession in the Worship Space at St. Tom's on Thursdays from 6-7 PM. Life is rarely quiet, but it's quiet here. Listen to Jesus speak to your heart.

MORE AT MIDWEEK — Our Wednesday night gatherings are called More at Midweek. This week, we will join the Saint Monica young adult group at Thunderbird on January 15th from 6-8 PM for a debate night.

FRIDAY MASSES AT KANLEY 12:10 PM every Friday at Kanley Chapel (across from Sangren Hall on WMU's campus) with Fr. Paul--open to anyone--faculty, staff, alumni, and community members too!

**LOOKING TO CONNECT WITH OTHER STUDENTS
AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH?**

Our small groups are the perfect opportunity to dive deeper into the teachings of Christ. Small group sign-up is back for January groups: <https://forms.gle/3rpFpHZPaAayYxqA9>

KVCC STUDENTS — KVCC students!—We are active on the Texas Township campus as a new club this year—Kalamazoo Catholic at KVCC—Find us at the Big Chill on January 14 and learn about our group that gathers to discuss scripture and share snacks.

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

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

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

SUNDAY SUPPERS is a homemade meal hosted by our parishioners for college students in the Social Hall after 6:00 PM Mass. Drawings every Sunday for a chance to win a \$25 gift card.

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


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