

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

MONDAY, APRIL 14

Mass 5:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Chrism Mass 2:00 p.m.
at St. Augustine Cathedral
(No Mass at St. Tom's)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Holy Hour 8:00 a.m.
Mass 5:15 p.m.
Reconciliation 6:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00 p.m.
Adoration
7:00 p.m.-Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

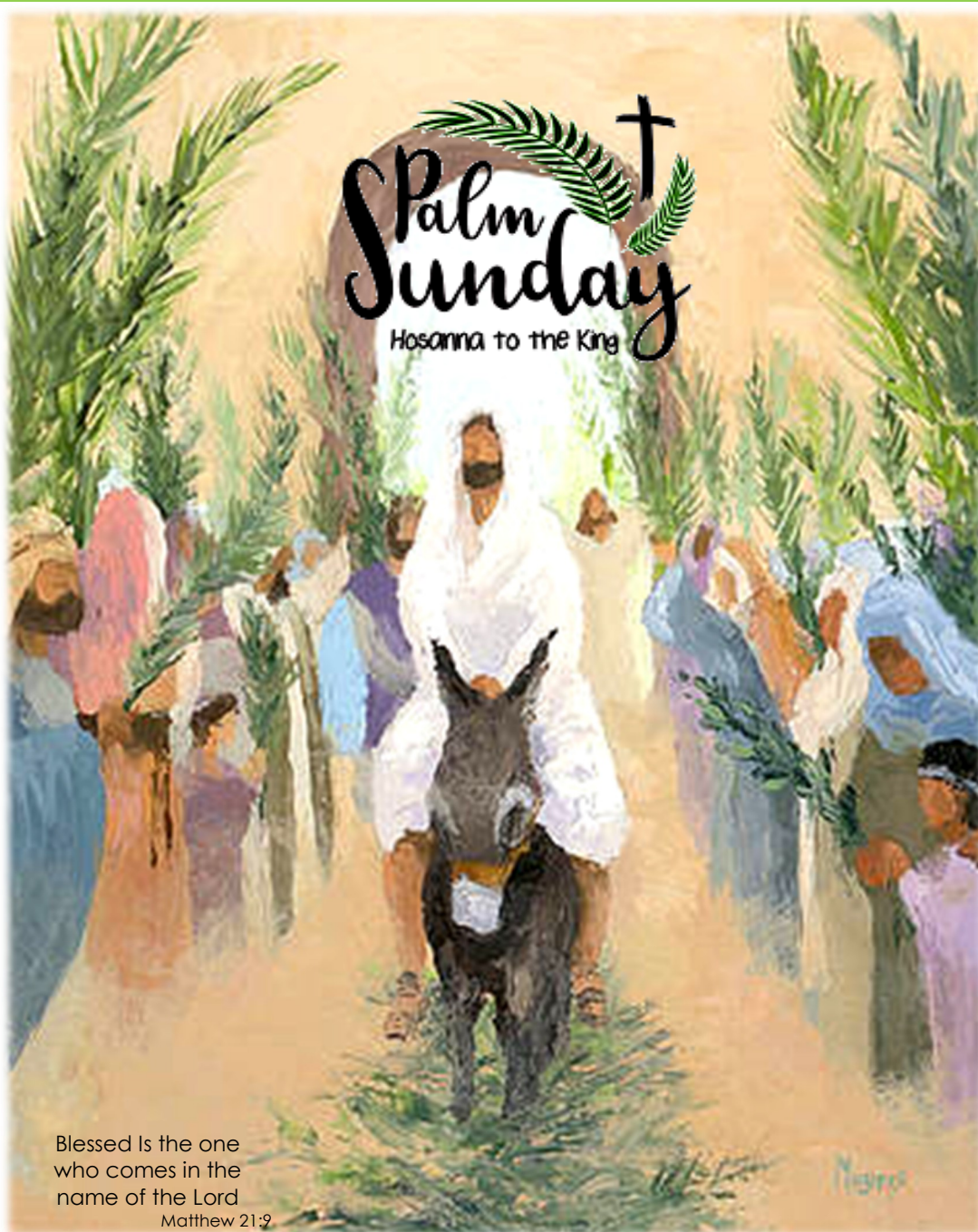
Reconciliation
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
5:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Easter Vigil begins at 9:00 p.m.
(No 6:00 p.m. Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Mass 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m.



Blessed is the one
who comes in the
name of the Lord
Matthew 21:9

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of April 13, 2025

Sunday	Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49
Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a; 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16 bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Gen 1:1-2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5,8,9-10, 11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3, 4; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20: 1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 — Lenten Weekday	6:00 p.m. In honor of Pat Norman's 80th Birthday by family
SUNDAY, APRIL 13 — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	8:30 a.m. †Yvonne Selkirk 10:30 a.m. †Jan and Maria van den Hombergh by family 6:00 p.m. People of the parish
MONDAY, APRIL 14 — Monday of Holy Week	5:15 p.m. Bishop Edward Lohse
TUESDAY, APRIL 15 — Tuesday of Holy Week	No Mass @ St. Tom's [Chrism Mass 2:00 p.m. at St. Augustine]
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 — Wednesday of Holy Week	5:15 p.m. †Jayson Spade
THURSDAY, APRIL 17 — Holy Thursday	5:15 p.m. Pope Francis
FRIDAY, APRIL 18 — Good Friday	5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
SATURDAY, APRIL 19 — Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil	9:00 p.m. †Joan Roth by family
SUNDAY, APRIL 20 — The Resurrection of the Lord	8:30 a.m. †Eric Gilbert by Jim & Barbara Gilbert 10:30 a.m. †Thomas Alan Berard (living) by Rose Chaivre 6:00 p.m. People of the parish

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

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)



GOSPEL MISSION VOLUNTEER DATE CHANGE FOR APRIL

Join deacon joe
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 — 3:00 p.m.

A POST FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This year we hear from the Gospel of Luke for Passion/Palm Sunday. One aspect of Luke's perspective is that Luke stresses Jesus' innocence.

The Roman governor was the only person in Judea who could legally condemn anyone to death. During the time of Jesus, that governor was Pontius Pilate. Pilate was noted for his cruelty. He was eventually removed from office by Rome because of his cruelty. He declared Jesus innocent in all four gospels. In Luke's gospel, Pilate declared Jesus innocent three separate times.



Another aspect in Luke is the emphasis of the forgiving nature of Jesus. Luke emphasizes the divine mercy of Jesus. Although we are not as innocent as Jesus was, we can still follow His example of forgiveness. We can work on mercy, healing and forgiveness rather than hatred and vengeance.

I would invite you to meditate on the sufferings of Jesus during this week. We all have suffering and problems in life in one way or another. We all have a cross to bear. Christ's sufferings can give us strength and hope. May God bless you all.

Sincerely, *Fr. Paul*

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

ST. TOM'S Women's SOCIAL GROUP

St. Tom's Women's Social Group meets once a month for the women of the parish to meet one another, make friends, and plan outings. During the month, we also meet for lunch, go to movies, with some future outings of picnics, walks, and day trips.

This month, the Women's Group will meet on Wednesday, April 23rd at 2:00 pm, in the upstairs social hall. This month we will be sharing our knowledge of useless trivial info. Things you may have never known, and still got thru life okay!!! We will also have time to chat and play cards or board games. Next month we will be learning about Caring Network. Please join us. And remember, it is the Wednesday after Easter instead of Monday for this month only.

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).

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.

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.



Please consider supporting the Scholarship program.

THE CURRENT SISTER PARISH NEWSLETTER and 2025 SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURES are available in the narthex and on our website

www.sttomskazoo.org

For additional information call Michele at the parish office 269-381-8917, x273 or email michele@sttomskazoo.org.



"The Gifts of the Holy Spirit Empowering Me to Follow Jesus"

WISDOM

UNDERSTANDING COUNSEL

FORTITUDE KNOWLEDGE

AWE & WONDER (Piety) FEAR OF GOD

Join us for an energizing **PENTECOST RETREAT** on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they can empower and strengthen us to follow Jesus more closely to build God's Reign.

on Saturday, June 7 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, seven members of our parish will offer a short witness talk on a gift of the Spirit: Awe & Wonder, Right Judgment, Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Fortitude, & Reverence. Childcare is available coupled with time for prayer and discussion. Register at this [locknote link](#). Questions? See Jay Landry.



TIME TO RETURN YOUR RICE BOWLS

APRIL 2025 SUNDAY COLLECTION	
Target for March	73,133
4/6	12,835
4/13	
4/20—Easter	
3/27	
Electronic gifts for April	8,574
Total gifts to date for April	21,409

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER — Would you like to grow in or learn to pray contemplatively? Contemplative prayer is being with God, allowing God to love us, like a parent holding a child. There are many ways to do it where God speaks in silence, like The Jesus Prayer, Centering Prayer, and more.

An example of it. A pastor had a parishioner, a farmer, who was in Church each day at 3:00 pm for about 30 minutes or more, staring at Jesus on the cross. After years of being inspired by this guy's fidelity to prayer, the pastor, wanting to learn how he prayed, asked one day, "Mr. Smith, I have noticed that you pray in Church each day for years. Could you share with me how you pray?" The parishioner responded, "Sure. I look at Jesus. Jesus looks at me. And, we are alright."

Please join us on any of these five Mondays on June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 12:15-12:45 pm or 6:00-6:30 pm in the Daily Chapel. Jay Landry will speak about contemplative prayer for 7-9 minutes, and then we will pray contemplatively for about 20 minutes. Please attend however many sessions work for you, whether it is one, five, or something in between. As always, you are welcome to invite a friend to come along.



THE KEEPING THE CATHOLIC FAITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

held at the Catholic Foundation, was established last year by a local family and offers \$1,000 grants that are renewable for up to four years. Applications open today, March 1st. For more details, please visit: [Keeping the Catholic Faith Scholarship Fund](#)



KALAMAZOO QUARTERLY EPS FOAM COLLECTION DATES

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

at KVCC TEXAS TOWNSHIP

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

at MAYOR'S RIVERFRONT PARK

We would like to remind you, since we are not collecting EPS foam at St. Tom's, that the next scheduled foam collection will be **SATURDAY APRIL 19, HOLY SATURDAY, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Kalamazoo Valley Community College in Texas Township (6767 West O Avenue) and 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM SATURDAY, APRIL 26 at Mayor's Riverfront Park (251 Mills Street) and at At Mayor's Riverfront Park**, there will also be electronics recycling and shredding.

At KVCC, there will be electronics recycling on that day.

Not all types of foam can be recycled in the Dart process. The material we are collecting is put through a process that grinds it up, melts it down and reforms it into new products. **Due to the constraints of the machinery involved, we cannot collect packing peanuts of any composition, foam that does not bend, or foam that bends and does not break.**

ACCEPTABLE:

(Test is when bent it breaks and often produces little foam balls)

Foam with the #6 symbol (chasing arrows)

Food containers that are clean –

volunteers and staff don't need to be handling filth

Foam boxes from med shipments

Foam from appliances etc.

Egg cartons

UNACCEPTABLE:

(Test is when it bends and doesn't break and when you bend it and it does not break)

Expanding Foam

Sheeted Styrofoam used for building

Straws and lids

Craft foam

Foam core for posters

Plastic bags

Paper bags

Trash

Soft foam in foldable sheets

Tape and stickers need to be removed

Contact Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net) for any questions regarding Foam Collection.



COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

APRIL 16 at 7:00 P.M. — MORE AT MIDWEEK

Theme: Karaoke & Just Dance

Pizza and drinks provided.

Come hang out, sing your heart out, and dance with friends—no pressure, just fun.

FINALS WEEK CARE PACKAGES for WMU & KVCC
Pick-up your care package in the narthex after Mass this weekend.

BACCALAUREATE MASS – FRIDAY, APRIL 25 at 7:30 PM



Graduating this semester? Join us for Mass and a reception to celebrate you and your loved ones. Email lisa@sttomskazoo.org with your name, photo, degree/program, guest count, and if you'd like a role in Mass. Dress up, wear your cap and gown, or come as you are. RSVP by Monday, April 21.

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Every Thursday 6:00–7:00 PM at St. Tom's Worship Space

Step away from the noise of life. Eucharistic Adoration and Confession offer a peaceful place to reconnect with Christ.

FRIDAY MASS

Every Friday at 12:10 PM, Kanley Chapel

Last Kanley Mass of the semester: Friday, April 18. End your week centered in faith and prayer.

SUNDAY SUPPER

Join us for a warm, homemade meal and community fellowship. There will also be a raffle with gift \$25 cards! Bring a friend and enjoy a great night. Easter Sunday Supper sign-up sheet available at church this weekend.

KVCC STUDENTS

KVCC students are invited to join Kalamazoo Catholic at KVCC. Join us on Wednesday, April 23, from 3:00–5:00 PM in TTC 3180. Join us for scripture discussions and snacks

RIDE TO SUNDAY MASS

Need a ride to Mass? We've got you covered. To get on the list contact Wyatt at wyattcupp02@gmail.com

THE ROMERO ROOM

A quiet, cozy space for students to relax, study, or cook. Open Monday–Saturday, 8 AM–10 PM. Located on the bottom floor of the brick building next to the church at 409 Monroe Street. Need a keycard? Get an application inside the church entrance or ask in the parish office.



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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.

NEWS AROUND THE AREA

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

located at 513 Eleanor Street, Kalamazoo

IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

Gently used men's and women's
spring and summer clothing.
Gently used children's clothing size 2T- 18
Men's, Women's, and children's summer shoes including
tennis shoes and sandals.
Men's medium - XL boxer briefs(new)
Women's underwear in all sizes (new)
Men's and women's new summer socks
Light spring jackets and raincoats
Lightweight blankets and gently used sheets (all sizes)
Kitchen and bathroom towels
Small working appliances including microwaves,
lamps, and crockpots.
Dishes and drinking glasses
Knick-knacks
Religious items including
books, medals, rosaries, and statues

DROP OFF HOURS ARE**TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY 10:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.**

Pope

Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The war in Israel has hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them heavily depended on pilgrimages to make a living. But the war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

FRIDAY, APRIL 25
 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

at HACKETT
CATHOLIC PREP

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Computers*	MP3 Players	Televisions <\$20 fee>	Printers
Laptops*	CD Players	Monitors <\$10 fee>	Fax Machines
Servers*	Video Game Systems	Freon Units <\$10 fee>	Scanners
Cords & Cables	VCR Players	Cell Phones	Appliances (including Freon)
Keyboards & Mice	DVD Players		VCRs

**Hackett Catholic Prep**

is hosting an e-recycling collection at:

1000 W. Kilgore Rd.
Kalamazoo, MIFri, April 25
11:00am - 4:00pm*All hard drives are wiped to NIST 800-88 specifications or shreddedAll items entrusted to Green Earth are kept out of the landfill by finding avenues to reuse, refurbish, and recycle.**UPDATE****REFUGEE NEEDS IN KALAMAZOO**

There are 20 new refugee families who are no longer receiving government funding to help them while they get jobs and learn English.

DRIVERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED
for rides to English classes.

Monday-Thursday
from Candlewyck Apartments to Chenery Auditorium,
pick up at 8:25 AM for 9 AM class.

Monday-Thursday
from Candlewyck Apartments to KVCC downtown campus,
pick up at 9:25 AM for 10 AM class.

Students need rides TO class, but take buses home.

Other needs are
sewing machines and toaster ovens in working condition.

If you own a small business in construction trades and can
offer a job to skilled workers with limited English

For info about any of the above please contact

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or

Elsie Romano at 269-312-9076.

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