

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, Tuesday & Wednesday
5:15 p.m.

No Mass Thursday & Friday

Memorial Day, Monday 26
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

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

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

Parish Office located at
1333 W. Lovell Street

Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Phone: 269-381-8917

email: sttoms@sttomskazoo.org

website: www.sttomskazoo.org

Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

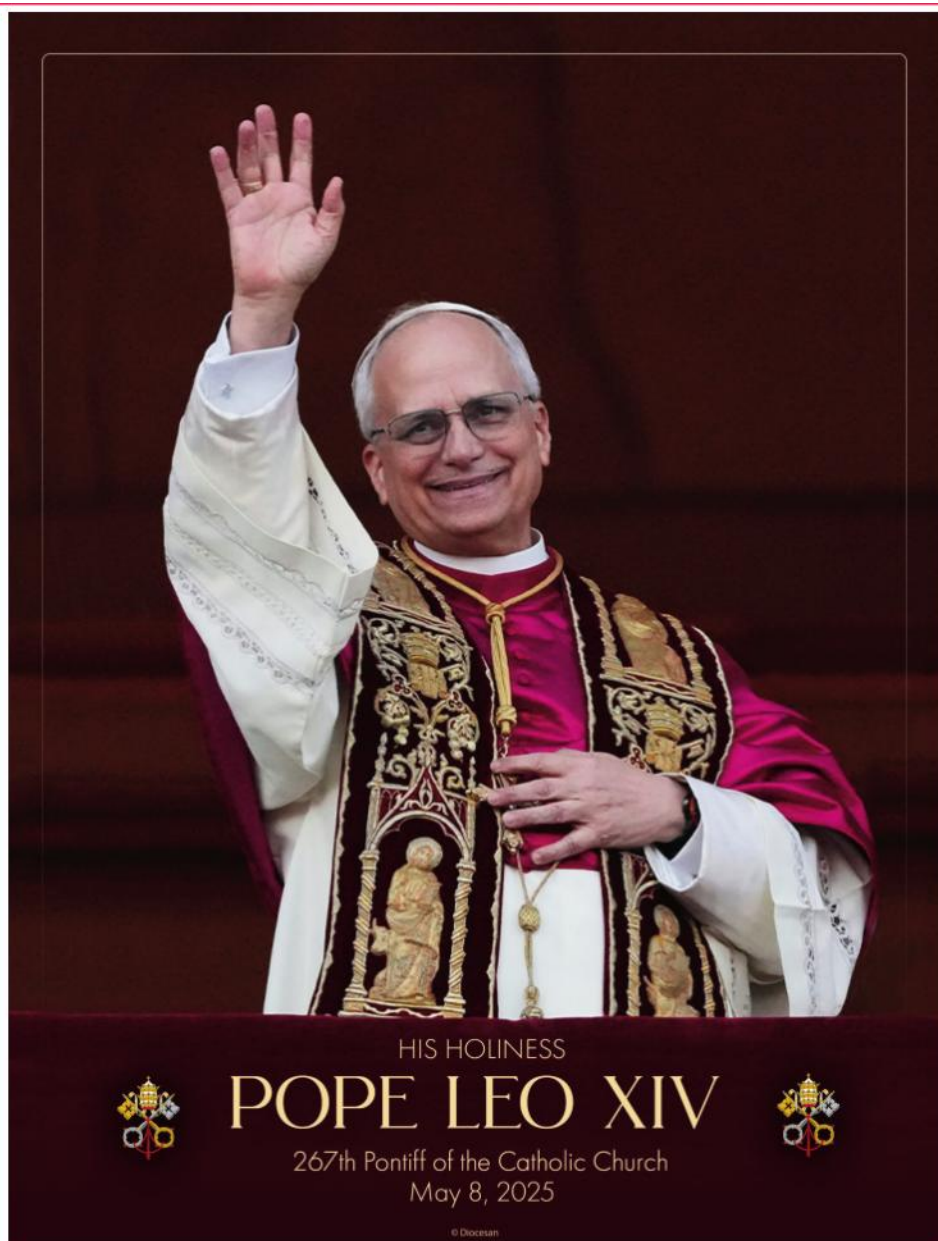


**PARISH OFFICE
WILL CLOSE AT 1:00 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 21**

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, MAY 23 and
MONDAY, MAY 26**

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.



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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)



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of May 18, 2025

Sunday	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

WE WILL BE HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES at ALL MASSES the weekend of May 31/June 1.



If you are graduating from high school,
please email narcia@sttomskazoo.org with your
name, high school, and your Fall plans.
We would love to see you in your cap and gown at
Mass that weekend.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 17 — Fourth Week of Easter
6:00 p.m. †Joan Carey by Roth Family

SUNDAY, MAY 18 — Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. +Arthur & Maria Borillo and Thomas Dinsmore
deceased members of the Stein family
10:30 a.m. Elliot Fritsch (living) by Nana & Papa
6:00 p.m. +Pope Francis by Temple B'nai Israel

MONDAY, MAY 19 — Fifth Week of Easter
5:15 p.m. +Lois Havlick by Fran Denny

TUESDAY, MAY 20 — St. Bernardine of Siena
5:15 p.m. Eric Ferross and Angel Philip (living)
by Daily Mass Attendees

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 — St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions
5:15 p.m. +Catherine McGeehan wife of Bob Wise

THURSDAY, MAY 22 — St. Rita of Cascia
No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 23 — Fifth Week of Easter
No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 24 — Fifth Week of Easter
6:00 p.m. †Mary & Ed Bourgeois by Chris & Pete Bourgeois

SUNDAY, MAY 25 — Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. Pope Leo XIV (living)
10:30 a.m. +Edwin Kretsch by Tammy Boneburg
6:00 p.m. +Jason Cook by Rebecca Cook

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Congratulations

Nellie VanderBerg daughter of Bryce & Gabrielle
and

Brynlee Fay Andrzejewski daughter of Kyle & Clariece
who were baptized on Saturday, May 10, 2025

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



IN HOPE Jay Landry

Happy Easter! Let us thank God for our new Bishop of Rome, Pope Leo XIV.

In the second reading today from the Book of Revelation, we have the beautiful image of the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven, settling on earth. God dwells fully with us in it. In its fullness,

there will be no tears, death, or pain. God says, "Behold, I make all things new."

For much of my life as a Catholic, my goal has been, that after I die, to go to heaven. If I live a holy enough life on earth, hopefully through God's mercy, I will be judged worthy to enter heaven. However, over time, I have come to see that Jesus calls us to another goal. Rather, Jesus calls us to build the Kingdom of heaven, the Kingdom of God, on earth today that grows into the New Jerusalem through the grace of God.

In John's Gospel today, Jesus combines the two commandments that we hear in Matthew, Mark, and Luke of loving God and loving our neighbor as we love ourselves into one: love one another as I have loved you.

Through following Jesus in the power of the Spirit, we can be transformed by God's unconditional love. In turn, we can transform our local world through seeking kinship with others. We do this by walking with and serving the grieving, hungry, homeless, refugees, and more.

This is the mission of the Church: to build the Kingdom of heaven, the New Jerusalem, today on earth, living as Jesus's hands and feet in joyful charity, working for God's justice that makes all things new.

And now, we have a US-born Bishop of Rome in Pope Leo XIV to lead us in this mission. Praise God!

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.

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.

HEAR OUR VOICES HEAR OUR STORIES

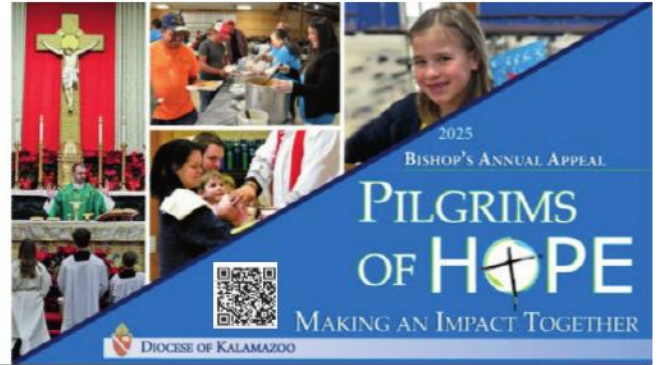
REFUGEES SPEAK

Monday, May 19 — 7:00 p.m.

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421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, MI

- Speaker Afifa Thaj of Samaritas will explain who refugees are, how they are vetted before they arrive in the U.S., and what is going on right now with refugee resettlement.
- Refugees, both old and new, will talk about their experiences, why they left their country, how they landed in Kalamazoo, and what they hope for now that they are here.
- Elsie Romano will talk about her experience as a volunteer with refugees since 2016.
- We will give you opportunities to ask questions
- Learn ways to get involved with refugee needs NOW!

**PLEASE COME AND BE A
PART OF THE SOLUTION!**



Thank you to the families who made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal last weekend. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. You may place your Bishop's Annual Appeal pledge card or in-pew pledge envelope in the collection basket, bring it or mail it to the diocese. Our parish goal is \$138,191. Checks should be made out to Diocese of Kalamazoo, with St. Tom's in the memo line.

REMEMBER, NO GIFT IS TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL.

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL, a joyful Catholic school in downtown Kalamazoo is seeking dedicated and faith-filled elementary teachers to join our team for the 2025-2026 school year. We are looking for both lower and upper elementary classroom teachers. We are committed to fostering academic excellence, spiritual growth, and hearts for serving in our students, rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. If you would like more information, please see our website: <https://files.ecatholic.com/20168/documents/2025/3/St.%20Augustine-elementary-teacher-25-26.pdf?t=1743088941000> or email the principal, azommers@stakzoo.org.



THE PARISH OFFICE GARAGE WILL BE OPEN FOR MIGRANT MINISTRY DONATIONS

beginning Monday, May 19 through Monday, July 14

Items may be brought to the Parish Office Garage located at 1333 W. Lovell St. (corner of Lovell & Monroe)
the back door of the garage will be open the following hours for drop off
Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please **DO NOT** leave items outside.

FOOD ITEMS: Oatmeal (not instant); Flour; Sugar; Cooking Oil;
Tomato Sauce; Canned Corn.

MISC. ITEMS: Pots; Pans; Dishes

TOILETRIES especially: Toothbrushes; Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo

CLOTHING ITEMS **only the following:**

Men's and women's sweatshirts, hoodies, and jeans.

Men's long sleeve button down shirts

ALSO NEEDED: QUART SIZE JARS

We appreciate your donations, but we ask that you only leave items listed. Our space is limited, and it saves volunteers and staff time from trying to find a home for excess items.

YOU MAY ALSO BRING LISTED ITEMS TO CHURCH WHEN YOU ATTEND MASS AND LEAVE THEM IN THE DESIGNATED AREA IN THE NARTHEX.



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

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FEAR OF GOD

PENTECOST RETREAT

at St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish, Kalamazoo

Saturday, June 7, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

\$10.00 per person Childcare Available

Register at this [flocknote link](#). or call the parish office 269-381-8917

Registration required for childcare

- Hospitality and Childcare start at 8:30 am.
- Retreat begins at 9:00 a.m. with prayer and ends at 12:00 p.m.
- There will be seven talks, one talk on each gift of the Holy Spirit, given by seven people.
- Time to process the talks in prayer and conversation.



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.

AT OUR NEXT GATHERING

Monday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Tom's Social Hall
we are welcoming a speaker from
Caring Network

If you would like to help with needs of Caring Network a few ideas of items to bring are:
sippy cups; bibs; pajamas 12mos. to size 5;
onesies 6-9 mos.; board books; baby shampoo;
adult shampoo & conditioner; toothbrushes.

Afterwards, we will play kids cards games and have time to get to know one another.

Any questions, please email Nan at

NJHBUIST@GMAIL.COM

We look forward to meeting new friends — please join us.



Please consider supporting the Scholarship program.

PICK-UP A 2025 SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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.

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.

MAY 2025 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for May	58,491
5/4	7,277
5/11	11,139
5/18	
5/25	
Electronic gifts for May	12,286
Total gifts to date for May	30,702

There is no substitute for blood.

St. Tom's is hosting a blood drive
Thursday, June 12
11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

It is **precious**.

It is **perishable**.

And the need for
it is **vital**.

Register with QR code or link
or call the parish office
269-381-8917



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COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS**NEED A RIDE TO SUNDAY MASS?**

We've got you covered. Contact Wyatt at wyatt@sttomskazoo.org to get on the list

STAY CONNECTED

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https://groupme.com/join_group/89335085/4QjZw0gk

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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