

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

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

Tuesday, May 27
Confirmation Mass at
St. Augustine Cathedral
6:00 p.m.

No Mass at St. Tom's

Wednesday
5:15 p.m.

No Mass Thursday & Friday

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.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MEMORIAL DAY - 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 25, 2025

Sunday	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
Monday	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
Friday	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Zeph 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday	Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26 or Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MAY 26 — St. Philip Neri
10:00 a.m. Pete Krone (living) by Jane Krone

TUESDAY, MAY 27 — St. Augustine of Canterbury
No Mass AT St. Tom's
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 — Sixth Week of Easter
5:15 p.m. Eric Ferross and Angel Philip (living)
from Daily Mass attendees

THURSDAY, MAY 29 — The Ascension of the Lord
No Mass

FRIDAY, MAY 30 — Sixth Week of Easter
No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 31 — The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:00 p.m. †Rita LaReau by Al LaReau

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 — Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. +Joan Elizabeth McWilliams by Rose
10:30 a.m. +Nancy Kretsch by Tammy Boneburg
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Congratulations

Daisy June Looker daughter of Kyle & Megan
who was baptized on Saturday, May 17, 2025

and

Arthur Thomas Stein son of Marc & Caroline
who was baptized on Sunday, May 18, 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

A POST FROM FR. PAUL



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

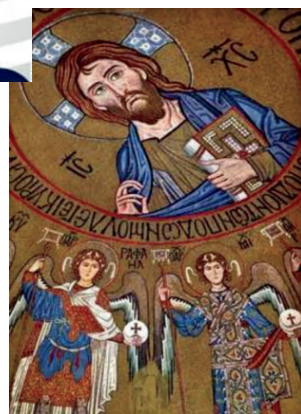
As we celebrate this Sixth Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate/remember Memorial Day. Please keep all those who served in the military in prayers, especially those who died in service for the country.

There is a common way of thinking about heaven. We may picture God deciding on who comes into heaven and who doesn't! It is an image used throughout the Sacred Scriptures. It's an attempt to explain in a simple way that a life of virtue will lead eventually to happiness. A life of vices (bad habits) will eventually lead to unhappiness.

In reality, it's not God who decides who gets into heaven and who doesn't. That decision is made by each of us. That is the focus on today's gospel. Something has to take place in a person's life before they can "get into" heaven. Heaven has to "get into" them. Having God in us, living in us, animating us with His grace, loving us with His infinite love, uniting us through the Holy Spirit is what will constitute the glory of heaven.

Don't focus on who gets in or out of heaven. Focus instead on to what extent we are letting God "in" or keeping God "out" of our lives! Take care and have a blessed weekend.

Sincerely, *Fr. Paul*



HERE AT ST. TOM'S

**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.

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.


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
in the Daily Chapel on June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at
12:15 - 12:45 pm or 6:00 - 6:30 pm**

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.

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

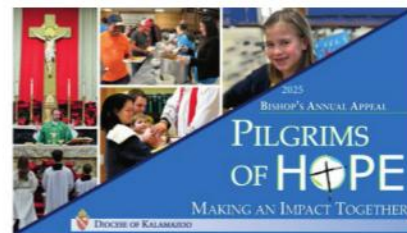
For additional information call Michele at the parish office 269-381-8917, x273 or email michele@sttomskazoo.org.


SICK & SHUT-INS

If you know anyone who is sick or shut-in, please call the parish office at 269-381-8917.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are not already registered and would like to be, please complete a registration form. You may drop it in the collection basket or mail it to St. Thomas More, 421 Monroe St., Kalamazoo, MI 49006. Forms are available in the narthex.



Thank you to those who have donated to the Annual Bishop's Annual Appeal.

**As of May 15 we are at
28% of our goal
of \$138,191**

MAY 2025 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for May	58,491
5/4	7,277
5/11	11,139
5/18	5,542
5/25	
Electronic gifts for May	20,279
Total gifts to date for May	44,237

*Please join us in Honoring
Michele Crötsinger and Martha Reid
on the occasion
of their 20 Years of Dedicated Service
to
St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish
on
Sunday, June 8, 2025
following the 10:30 am Mass
Light Refreshments
will be served*

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

[Versiti - Donor Portal](#)



*Wish Fr. Paul
 Happy Birthday
 Saturday, May 31!*



THE PARISH OFFICE GARAGE WILL BE OPEN FOR MIGRANT MINISTRY DONATIONS

Now 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.



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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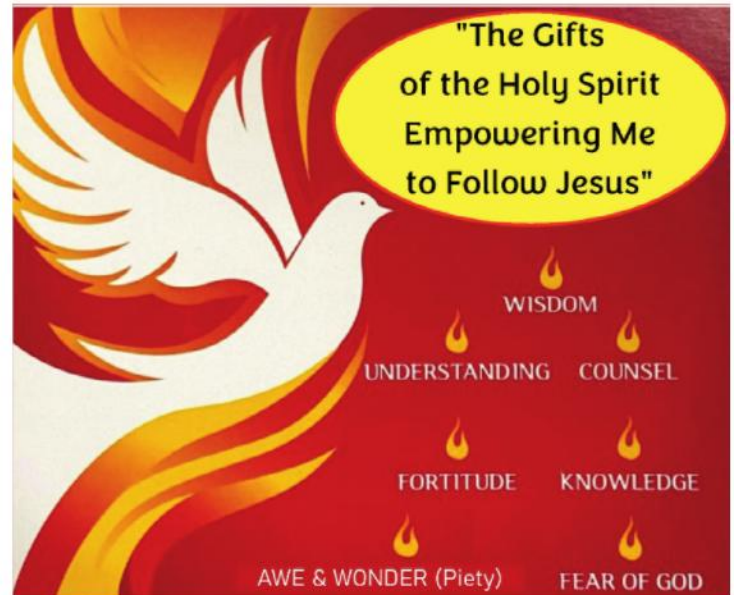
Open Monday-Saturday 8 AM-10 PM



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 at the parish office.



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.

NEWS AROUND THE AREA

BACKWOODS PLAYERS PRESENTS GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S "THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"! Featuring swashbuckling pirates, Victorian damsels in distress, soaring vocal lines, and sidesplitting comedy from beginning to end, this operetta (directed by Danny Shultz, with musical direction by Ursi Engebretsen) runs from June 13-14 at Hackett Catholic Prep's auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for age 10 & up, \$5 for children under 10. Reserve your tickets today <https://bwplayerskzoo.wordpress.com/#tickets> or by scanning the QR code!



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.

¡Celebración!

An Evening of Latin American Music

PRESENTED BY:

KAMTA, The Suzuki Academy of Kalamazoo, and Arts in Action

Suggested Donation: **\$10**

5 JUNE 2025, 7PM

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH

421 Monroe St, Kalamazoo MI



FEATURING COMPOSERS:

- GINASTERA
- NIN-CULMELL
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- AND MORE!



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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.

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