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

Week of June 22

Monday, Tuesday & 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.

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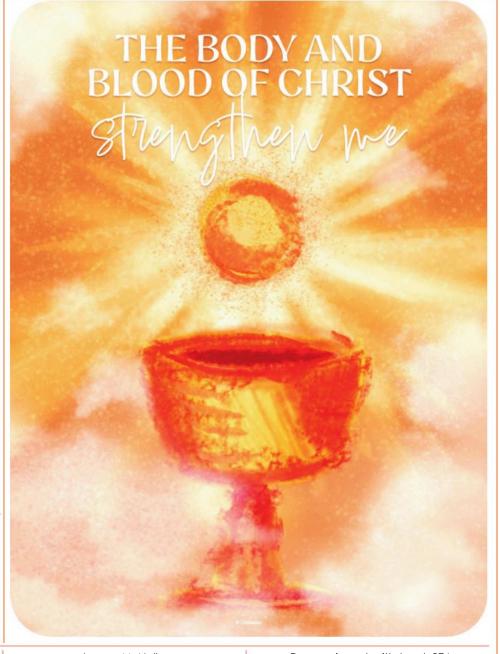
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of June 22, 2025

Sunday Gen 14:18-20; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23-26;

Lk 9:11b-17

Gen 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22; Monday

Mt 7:1-5

Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Tuesday

Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9;

Mt 7:15-20

Gen 16:1-12, 15-16 or Gen 16:6b-12, 15-16; **Thursday**

Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 7:21-29

Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Friday

Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7

Gen 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55; Saturday

Mt 8:5-17

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Sunday

Jn 21:15-19

Mass during the Day: Acts 12:1-11;

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus teaches we will find abundance by sharing the little we have. No matter how little time, money or food we have, it is enough to share.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 — St. Alovsius

6:00 p.m. +George Earl Whitlock

uncle of David Worthams

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 — The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Mark Alan Berard (living) by Rose Chaivre 8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. People of the parish 6:00 p.m. Bishop Edward M. Lohse

MONDAY, JUNE 23 — 12th Week in Ordinary Time

+James Smigielski 5:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24 — the Nativity of St. John the Baptist +Mary Delehanty by McNally Family 5:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 — 12th Week in Ordinary Time

5:15 p.m. +Paula Sunnerville

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 — 12th Week in Ordinary Time

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 — The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

No Mass

No Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 — The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Irenaeus

6:00 p.m. +Dorothy Walters by Bazali-Walters Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 29 — Sts. Peter and Paul

+Alice Bernadine Whitlock 8:30 a.m.

grandmother of David Worthams

10:30 a.m. +Fr. Ernest K. St. Johns father of Patty Robinson

Ed & Doreen Thomas (living—50th Anniversary) 6:00 p.m.

by Kris Bazali

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION "CATCH UP" PROGRAM

This summer Fr. Paul will be offering a Confirmation "catch up" program for those in 8th thru 12th grade who would like to be Confirmed in 2026.

The Confirmation program is a 2-year process.

Students will meet 5 times during the summer on June 24, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19, 10:00 am — 12:00 noon. St. Tom's uses the Chosen Series Confirmation program which is 24 sessions with a video. The first 12 lessons will be reviewed during the summer sessions. Those who complete this summer session will be ready to start the Fall of 2025 2nd year program and be confirmed in 2026.

To register please contact Narcia in the parish office

narcia@sttomskazoo.org or Fr. Paul at frpaul@sttomskazoo.ora

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.

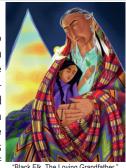
REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR BOTH CLASSES

To register or for more information call the parish office at 269-381-8917 or email sttoms@sttomskazoo.org

A POST FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I heard of a story many years ago about a people of a Native American Village in the Southwest part of the United States. They were unable to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The reason was that there was no clergy available to assist. The Blessed Sacrament was not contained in their church. Some of the leaders of that faith community by Brother Mickey McGrath, O.S.F.S.



decided to place a circular piece of white paper in their Monstrance. That way, they could observe and hold their annual Corpus Christi procession. There are probably many things to think about with this solution. One aspect is the admiration of the people for their fervor and excitement of their faith. They had a genuine longing for the Real Presence of Christ. That is the type of longing I all hope we can appreciate as we celebrate this weekend the Body and Blood of Christ, commonly known as the Feast of Corpus Christi.

That type of enthusiasm is what we need as we celebrate this day! Beyond the Real Presence of Christ, we are called to remember and make Christ present for others in our world. We do that by feeding the hungry, reaching out to those who feel marginalized, gathering humbly before God in our prayers and service. Our faith helps keep us secured that God remains always and uniquely with us in the Eucharist! May God bless you this day!

Sincerely, FR. Paul

URGENT

NEED!

DIAPERS

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

OCIA — COME & SEE

TUESDAY EVENINGS IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT 6:30 P.M.

We will share our lives, scripture, hospitality and answer your questions about Catholicism.

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

All are welcome:

those that are thinking about the OCIA process and those that are already Catholic.



REFUGEE UPDATE

REFUGEE FAMILY FURNITURE NEEDS: dressers, tv stands, storage units, bookcases, coffee tables, end tables, nightstands, lamps.

OTHER NEEDS THAT ARE CRUCIAL AT THIS TIME ARE VOLUNTEERS TO DRIVE people to appointments, ESL classes, job interviews, doctors, MI WORKS, etc. Also leads on job opportunities for people who have not mastered English yet but are capable workers. If you own your own business in trades, call me! We have people who can work hard!

We have one group getting ready to meet "their" family as a support group! Many of the volunteers came from our May 19th meeting about refugees at St. Tom's. More information about the family will be in a future update. I am hoping that we will get another group going in the future.

If anyone is interested in learning more about this, call or email Elsie Romano, elsieromano@att.net or 269-312-9076.



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 Mondays in the Daily Chapel, June 23 and 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.

JUNE 2025 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for June	73,133
6/1	13,891
6/8	11,151
6/15	11,478
6/22	
6/29	
Electronic gifts for June	18,767
Total gifts to date for June	55,286

MIGRANT MINISTRY DONATIONS

The Parish Office is open 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.

The following items are needed

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

MISC. ITEMS: Pots; Pans; Dishes; Quart Size Jars 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

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

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.

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.



THE WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP JULY HAPPENINGS

social group Join us for lunch Wednesday, July 2nd, at 11:30 at University Roadhouse. RSVP to Nancy at NJHBUIST@GMAIL.COM

Regular meeting - Monday, July 21st at 2 pm in the Social Hall. We will be celebrating Christmas in July! We will make a Christmas ornament and have a white elephant gift exchange. Come for all or part. You do not need to participate in the gift exchange to come to our celebration!

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish Parish Operations Report July 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025

	Actual		Budget	
Income			34	
Sunday Collections	645,921		584,914	General fund collection
Facilities Maintance Fund donations	93,582		18,000	Facilities maintenance fund donations
Other	139,444	(1)	59,137	Income from facilities rental, parents of students, retreats, Hardings rewards, memorials and religious ed fees
Gain/Loss on Diocesan Funds	21,420	(2)	-	change in account balances year to date
Total Income	900,368		662,051	
Expenses				
Support for CSGK	90,000		90,000	annual parish support for CSGK (Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo)
Parish Tithe (Donations)	28,515		29,062	our parish tithe donations to other ministries / services (up to 5% of Sunday donations)
Service to Parishioners	25,030		29,650	handouts, religious ed, retreats, RCIA, music and liturgical supplies
Student Ministry	35,906		32,175	student retreats, student suppers and other student activities and campus ministry programs
Salary and benefits	354,504		352,386	all clergy, lay and support staff
Office Operations	41,436		42,874	office supplies and processes
Buildings and Maintenance	122,068		92,061	all building maintenance and utilities - church, office building, apartment building, rectory
Facility Insurance Premiums	18,456		17,250	required insurance through Michigan Catholic Conference
	715,915	-	685,459	
Building Furnishings & Equipment	88,820	(3)	80,125	budgeted capital improvements and equipment
Total Expenses	804,735		765,584	
Net Income (expense) before transfers	95,632.28		(103,532)	

- (1) This amount includes \$107k in Employee Retention Credit refunds from the Department of Revenue.
- (2) This amount represents unrealized gains (losses) on held investments, due to change in market value.
- (3) Completed projects included completing Hornet meeting room expansion project, rectory carpet and new parish vehicle.

Anyone who wants a copy of the entire revenue and expense statement and/or budget for the period can call the parish office and we will be glad to provide that information to you.



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

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- ► Follow us on Instagram:@kalamazoocatholic
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next to the church at 409 Monroe St.

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Sister Parish

The Sister Parish Ministry Team is beginning to plan for a delegation to El Salvador

(tentative date November 14-22)

You may have already been on a past delegation to our sister parish, Maria Madre de los Pobres. You may have shared your stories with others about your experience and what the trip meant to you. Maybe it's time to think about a return trip. Or you have been sponsoring a student in the scholarship program—possibly this is a chance to meet them in person. Or you have felt the call to visit our friends and students in El Salvador.

For more information about the trip, our Sister Parish, or the scholarship program call Michele at the parish office, 269-381-8917 (ext. 273) or email michele@sttomskazoo.org.



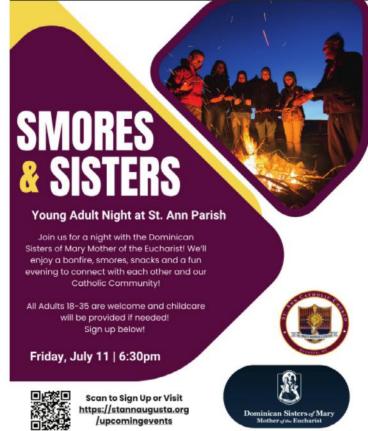
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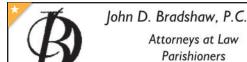
MATTHEW 25 —

Matthew 25 is a ministry to the homeless and near-homeless that gathers on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10 am – 2 pm at The River Church (517 Walbridge, Kalamazoo) in the parking lot. It is an opportunity to build kinship with our sisters and brothers in Christ. Jesus tells us in Matthew's Gospel (Mt 25:31-46) that whatever we do for the least of our sisters and brothers who are homeless, poor, and marginalized – we do for him.

There are a handful of ways to serve at Matthew 25: preparing food, serving food, chatting with guests, setup, takedown, cleaning, and more. You are welcome to serve on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Please contact Jay Landry (jay@sttomskazoo.org or 269-381-8917 ext. 299) if you are interested or would like to learn more.





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