

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 July 27

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
5:15 p.m.

No Mass
Thursday & Friday

NO HOLY HOUR

Wednesday
July 30

RECONCILIATION

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

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



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Parish Office Hours:
Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SICK & SHUT-INS
If you know anyone who is sick or shut-in,
please call the parish office.

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.

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 July 27, 2025

Sunday	Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 26 — Sts. Joachim and Anne
6:00 p.m. +Angela Pinto
by Elizabeth, Joseph, Alexander & Pop Pinto

SUNDAY, JULY 27 — 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. People of the parish
10:30 a.m. +Christal Woods by Rose Chaivre
6:00 p.m. +Alice Kavanaugh by McNally Family

MONDAY, JULY 28 — 17th Week in Ordinary Time
5:15 p.m. Gail Lord (living) by Jim & Mary Grace

TUESDAY, JULY 29 — Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
5:15 p.m. +Chris Farley by McNally family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 — St. Peter Chrysologus
5:15 p.m. +Kurt Schultz by Narcia Schultz-Acker

THURSDAY, JULY 31 — St. Ignatius of Loyola
No Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 — St. Alphonsus Liguori
No Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 — St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard
6:00 p.m. +Jonathan Cook by Mary Cook

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 — 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. +Connie Brenes by Family
10:30 a.m. +Mary Makoski by Tammy Boneburg
6:00 p.m. Sid Krone (living) by Jane Krone

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education Classes is now open. Classes will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month beginning October 5.

Registration packets are available in the Narthex or on the parish website <https://www.sttomskazoo.org/religious-ed>.

Classes are offered for 1st thru 6th grades and confirmation prep begins in 7th grade.



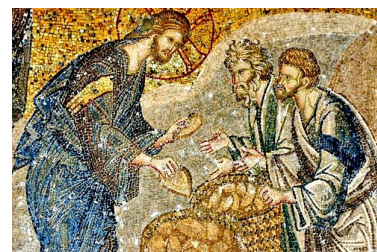
Please contact Narcia in the parish office for details and/or questions narcia@sttomskazoo.org or 269-381-8917

A POST FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of the powerful themes in this week's readings is that of mercy! God wants us all to experience his infinite mercy!

The name of God is mercy. In the first reading, God's mercy is relentless. We see this in the divine dialogue between Abraham and God. Abraham's persistence is met with God's eagerness to grant mercy!



Mercy has a face: Jesus! Through Jesus, the mercy of God became flesh and tenderly embraced those most in need of reconciliation with God!

God wants us to experience divine mercy! Mercy is really our daily bread! God offers us mercy daily, at every moment. God offers us mercy right now, and let's face it. We need it!

God waits for us in the night. It is during our dark hours that we often find it most difficult to seek God. He waits up for us, worries about us, and is eager to respond with mercy. Like a parent, God stays at the door through the night, anticipating our return and our embrace!

I hope you experience the Divine mercy of God this week!

Sincerely, *FR. Paul*

HERE AT ST. TOM'S



Join us for an exciting discipleship study on St. Paul's lifelong conversion journey. Paul persecuted followers of Jesus and led the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. On his way to Damascus, seeking to persecute more followers, Jesus confronted him: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Paul is shocked, for he does not know Jesus. This begins his lifelong journey of conversion of going from a persecutor to a devoted apostle of Jesus Christ.

We will walk, pray, and dialogue with Paul and each other via in Acts and his letters and what this means for our lifelong conversion into Christ. You are invited to join us. Please bring a Bible and a friend. Please attend whatever number of sessions work for you.

Starting on Monday, August 18 at

**10am – 11:30 am OR 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in the Social Hall,
we will gather for 10 sessions (skipping Sept. 1 and Oct. 6).**



Questions? See Jay Landry at jay@sttomskazoo.org or 269-381-8917 ext. 299.

Use QR code or link below to register

<https://sttomskazoo.flocknote.com/signup/218794>

ASSISTANT CAMPUS MINISTER JOB OPENING LATE JULY

Part time: 16-19 hours/week The person in this role mentors student leaders in faith and practical skills, meets students where they are physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The assistant campus minister is a critical member of the St. Tom's campus ministry team. For details or to apply, please send a resume and cover letter to lisa@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.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

We are continuing the Contemplative Prayer sessions on Mondays at 12:15 – 12:45 pm and 6:00 – 6:30 pm in the Daily Chapel or the Church. Contemplative Prayer is a simple, meditative way of prayer where we allow God to lead by choosing a word for a member of our Triune God that speaks of friendship or a love relationship. Then, we slowly breathe that word in and out. Our role is to be present to God as God is present to us; what happens in the prayer is initiated by God. The goal is growing in friendship and intimacy with God. There are no sign-ups. Please join us when it works for you. You are welcome to invite a friend.

Jay Landry is looking for parishioners to introduce it at a session periodically. He is happy to train you to introduce it.

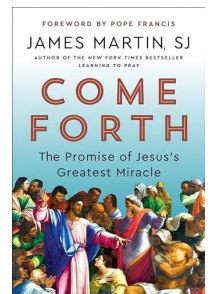
**If you are interested in helping with this,
please contact him at jay@sttomskazoo.org.**

Checkpoint: Women's BIBLE STUDY

ATTENTION

WOMEN OF ST THOMAS MORE and FRIENDS!!

This fall for the Women's Bible Study Group, we are excited to offer an opportunity to delve into Fr. James Martin, SJ's newest book titled *Come Forth, The Promise of Jesus's Greatest Miracle* (In bold print or italicized). According to Fr. Martin, this book is a meditation on what happened 2,000 years ago leading you through the story only found in John's gospel. We will reflect about what it says about love, friendship, family, faith, prayer, sadness, frustration, fear, anger, freedom, joy, hope, death and life.



We will meet on Thursdays at St. Tom's

from 6 - 8 pm beginning

September 11 through November 20

and will resume on January 8 until February 19.

**You can order the paperback book at
local bookstores or online.**

To register or receive further information,
please email

Cathy Haines at chaines02@gmail.com or Beth Rhodes
at richlandrhodes@comcast.net

JULY 2025 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for July	62,415
7/06	15,149
7/13	12,642
7/20	5,866
7/27	
Electronic gifts for July	21,107
Total gifts to date for July	54,764



THANK YOU SUNDAY SUPPER TEAM! 2024-25 was a FANTASTIC year of Sunday Suppers!

All the names listed below show that this is a total parish effort! From our amazing cooks, kitchen preppers, bakers, and clean-up crew, we combine individual talents during the school so that our students can break bread together. To everyone who cooked, prepared, baked or help with Set-up/clean-up, we appreciate you all from the bottoms of our hearts! Sue & Reed Youngs.

THANK-YOU TO OUR AWESOME COOKS!

Lynn Bullard
 Denise [Galipeau-Singson](#) (and Tina)
 Frank & Jan Gibes & Ryan Lee
 Brenda & Bernie Panone
 Knights of Columbus
 (Jeff Kitchen, Bob Flach, Matthew Eickholt & Dave Worthams)
 Gena Pezzoli's Yoga Group
 (Barby Atwood, Sue Ann Mater, Paul Pezzoli,
 Jason & Beth Valade & Kathy Zant)
 The Romanowski Family
 Roth Family & Friends
 (Megan, Jim, Paddy & Liam, Mary Beth Thomas,
 Darlene & Brian Mosher & Laura Kronk)
 Mickey & Eric Smith

THANK-YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL DESSERT BAKERS!

Arlene Allison	Kathy Muller
Becky Branstetter	Patricia Macklin
Megan Fabilli	Kevin Moore
Mary Beckley-Clark	Kathy Muller
Lisa Heyduck	Teresa Pacheco
Elizabeth Haas	Brenda Panone
Jan Haas	Mary Jo Reilly
Debbie Heiss	Romanowski Family
Sue Henshaw	Sue Schlaach
Ann Kilkuskie	Denise Galipeau-Singson
Carrie Johnson	Jane Streeter
Patricia Macklin	Marianne Struckmeyer
Barb Michaels	Marianne Wiersma

THANK-YOU TO OUR KITCHEN PREP/SET-UP & CLEAN-UP CREW!

Lynn Bullard; Romanowski Family; Gina's Yoga Group; Roth Family & Helpers; Peg Klitch; Students: Kolton, Lukas, & Issac;
 Mary Beth Lyons; Denise Galipeau-Singson; Adela Newell; Mary Beth Thomas; Roth Family; Marianne Wiersma
 And a **SPECIAL THANKS** Arlene Allison, Joe Haas, Larry Haag and Larry Root. Week after week you are our eternal life savers!
 Please let us know if we missed anyone! **SUNDAY SUPPER SIGN-UP FOR THE FALL SEMESTER IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX**

NEWS IN AND AROUND THE AREA



Hi, I'm Erin!

I'm from Portland, MI, but attended WMU and St. Toms for 3 years. St. Toms is where I was able to grow so much in my faith, and now I'm able to go out and share that with others. This year I will be serving as a missionary with The Culture Project, an organization that seeks to create a cultural restoration of virtue in young

people by teaching and engaging them on topics of social media, human dignity, and sexual integrity.

So many teenagers are not prepared to navigate today's culture, commonly resulting in struggles with mental health and understanding their identity. Young people deserve to know the truth that they were created good and for love.

As a part of being a full-time missionary, I fundraise my salary to cover living expenses over this mission year. So I am looking for individuals who are passionate about making and seeing a change in the world to join me this year as mission partners on my monthly mission support team.

If you'd like to learn more about The Culture Project and how to support me on this vital mission, please fill out the google form below or contact me directly at 517-526-7441! Thank you for your dedication to fostering a culture of life for young people.

<https://forms.gle/eRgkApBKBGM72Ekc9>

God Bless — Erin May



ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL WILL BEGIN RECEIVING DONATIONS FOR THE 2026 ONCE IN A BLUE MOON RUMMAGE SALE

Drop-offs, in the back of the Father Crowley gymnasium during the following dates:

- Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 9AM – Noon
- Saturday, November 15, 2025, from 9AM – Noon
- Saturday, January 17, 2026, from 9AM – Noon

We accept items that are clean, in good and usable condition. Donate items to include: Furniture, baby items, adult & children's clothing, sporting equipment, small appliances, housewares, holiday, and religious décor. We are unable to accept sleeper sofas, large exercise equipment, old and outdated athletic equipment, tube TVs, mattresses, personal pillows, baby cribs, car seats, filing cabinets, or hazardous materials (paint, cleaners, etc.)

**Join us as we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the sale,
 which will take place solely on
 Friday, February 27, 2026, from 1PM – 8PM.**

Follow us on Facebook for more details.

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL,

a joyful Catholic school in downtown Kalamazoo, is seeking a dedicated and faith-filled Kindergarten teacher to join our family for the 2025-2026 school year. We are a PK-8 mission driven school, welcoming students as they grow in **Faith, Knowledge, and Stewardship**. If you would like more information, please see our website: <https://shorturl.at/UBSwi> or email the principal, azommers@stakzoo.org.

**NEED A RIDE TO SUNDAY MASS?**

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

STAY CONNECTED

- Follow us on Instagram: @kalamazoocatholic
- Get our weekly email!
Lisa@sttomskazoo.org to subscribe.
- Join our GroupMe for event updates!
https://groupme.com/join_group/89335085/4QjZw0gK

COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS**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 St.



Need a keycard?

Get an application inside the church entrance or ask at the parish office.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 4 — 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

You may register to donate at this link



[Versiti - Donor Portal](#)
or use the QR code



ANNUAL BACKPACK COLLECTION

DONATE NOW THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

We are just waiting for more news on our camp visit situation! We will be continuing our backpack tradition regardless as there are so many kids who need them in the area! My contact who usually lives at the camp knows how to get them where they are needed as well as Veronica and the nuns in Migrant Ministry in the Diocese!

Below is a list of what we pack them with if you would like to donate anything we would be most grateful! The need is there and God is calling on us to help! Thank you in advance for your help with this very appreciated ministry opportunity!

Thanks so much!! Ree Millard 269-720-0510

NEEDS:

- New or gently used backpacks
- spiral notebooks
- Pocket folders
- pencils
- Pens
- large pink erasers
- rulers
- child sized scissors
- pencil sharpeners
- glue sticks
- box 24 crayons
- box 8 markers
- box colored pencils

You may drop your donations at the parish office garage
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
or in the bin near the narthex!

FINAL COLLECTION DAY – SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Bags are being assembled Monday, August 11

REFUGEES IN

FOCUS

IN PRAYER,**ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.**

Blossoming from the Refugees Speak presentation in May, a group of volunteers put our prayers and hopes together to support a refugee family. They are a family of eight—mom, dad and six children ages 4-18, from Afghanistan. They know what it is like to live in difficult times, bear burdens, separate from loved ones, and hope against hope. (They have two adult children who could not come with them—we keep them in prayer.) Finally here, they have been working hard to learn English and to make a home in this new country. We answer their questions, offer rides as needed and connect them with our community.

If you would be willing to offer a ride once or twice a month, **we need you!**

If you have ideas or a connection to offer a job to the papa of the family (he has mechanical skills but is anxious to do any work), **we need you!**

Prayers UP!

Contact: Rosemary Cotter 269-290-4872.



SISTPER PARISH DELEGATION — 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.