

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 August 11

Monday & Wednesday
5:15 p.m.

No Mass Tuesday

HOLY DAY

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 14
5:30 p.m. Vigil

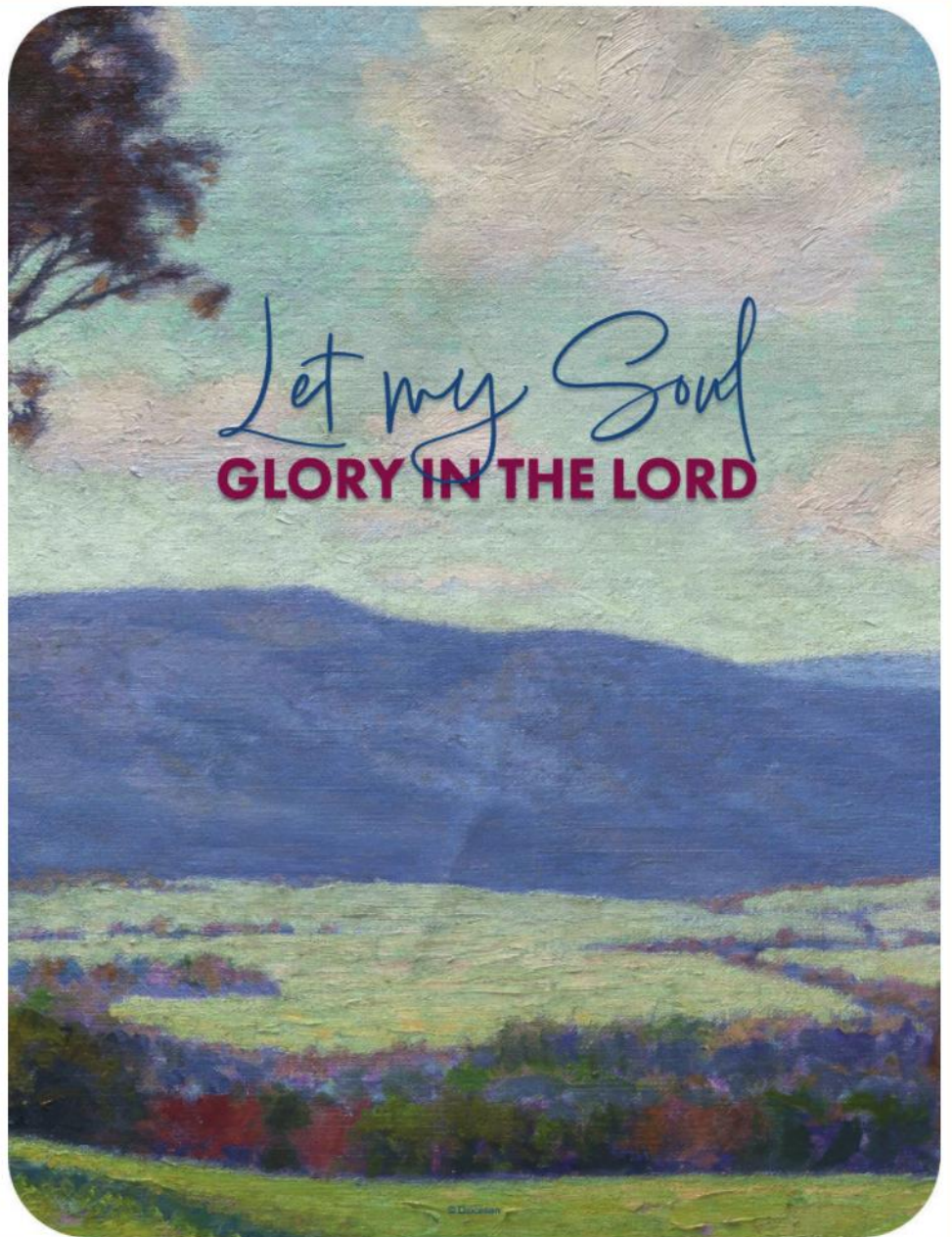
Friday, August 15
12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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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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.

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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Week of August 10, 2025

Sunday	Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40
Monday	Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17, Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 — St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
6:00 p.m. +Tom Sommerfeldt by Jim & Mary Grace

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. +Theresa Murphy by McNally Family
10:30 a.m. +Jan & Maria van den Hombergh by Family
6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 11 — St. Clare
5:15 p.m. +Kathleen Howley-Kolar by Larry & Sara Howley

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 — St. Jane Frances de Chantal
No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 — Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus
5:15 p.m. +Dora Borden by Sandy Borden

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 — St. St. Maximilian Kolbe
5:30 p.m. Ann Simons (living) by Dave & Linda Stafford

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 — The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
12:10 p.m. Bishop Edward Lohse
5:30p.m. Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 — St. Stephen of Hungary
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. +Joan Young mother of Molly Williamson
10:30 a.m. +William Murphy by Sue Schlaack
6:00 p.m. +Janet Robbins by Deidre & Doug Smith

SACRAMENTAL LIFE*Congratulations*

Grace Lynnae Omiecinski daughter of Josiah & Anna
who was baptized on Saturday, August 2, 2025
and

Edward David Collins son of Brendan & Kelli
who was baptized on Sunday, August 3, 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

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>.

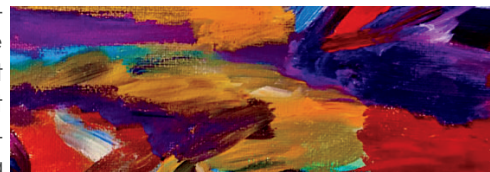
Classes are offered for 1st thru 6th grades and confirmation prep begins in 7th grade.

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,

Jesus is reminding us in the gospel this Sunday not to wait until the last minute. He will come again. We don't know when that will occur. Therefore, the only thing to do is to always be ready!



Being ready doesn't mean living in fear. It means to live in His grace! The key to being ready for Jesus is faith. We need faith like Abraham's. Abraham responded obediently when God called him. It had to be a challenge for Abraham. God told him to leave his home and go to a place he didn't know. Abraham kept his faith and was willing to obey. That helped him let go of his fears. God helped Abraham when he let go. God helps us when we are willing to let go of our own will and follow Him. That is trust. That is what faith is all about!

I hope you have a blessed week!

Sincerely, *Fr. Paul*

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

ST.TOM'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR — CALLING ALL CRAFTERS.

This year's Christmas Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2025 to support the Toilet Paper/Hygiene Ministry (30% of sales goes to the fund). If you would like to participate (sell your crafts, help set up or help take down), please contact Nadine Deak at nmddeak@gmail.com or by text at 269-580-4410.

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.

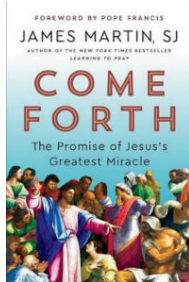
According to Fr. Martin, this book is a meditation on what happened 2,000 years ago leading you through the story only found in John's gospel. We will reflect about what it says about love, friendship, family, faith, prayer, sadness, frustration, fear, anger, freedom, joy, hope, death and life.

**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



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

Mondays at 12:15 – 12:45 pm and 6:00 – 6:30 pm in the Daily Chapel or the main Worship Space.

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. 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 contact
jay@sttomskazoo.org.**



SUNDAY SUPPERS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 7

This is a long-standing ministry here at St. Tom's
Cooking & Serving a meal
for our college students on Sunday evenings.

The new sign-up book for fall semester is in the narthex.

Questions contact

Supper Coordinator Sue Youngs 269-998-6123

PAUL'S LIFELONG CONVERSION JOURNEY

a Discipleship Study with Jay Landry beginning Monday, August 18

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





RUSH INTO DONATE



HELP US SCORE OUR GOAL OF 28 UNITS

**Register now for the next Blood Drive here at St. Tom's
Thursday, September 4 — 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Appointments preferred but walk-ins welcome.

You may register to donate at this link [Versiti - Donor Portal](#) or use the QR code

Need assistance registering call the parish office at 269-381-8917

NEWS IN AND AROUND THE AREA



LADIES- LIVE A CURSILLO WEEKEND

What a great way to celebrate the Year of Jubilee by living a Cursillo Weekend. This 3 day "short course" in Christianity, with Daily Mass, Eucharistic

Adoration, and presentations by Clergy and Laity is perfect to energize your spirituality.

Join us and be a pilgrim of HOPE!

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

October 16-19, 2025 –

Women's #80 Cursillo weekend, Amigo Center Sturgis.

Informational flyers and forms are available on our website.

<https://kalamazoocursillo.com/forms>

Questions?

For more information contact

Amy Hackman, Pre Cursillo Coordinator

269-625-1512; ahackman85@yahoo.com

or Marie Koole 269-506-3636, mariekoole@yahoo.com

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THAT LASTS – VOLUNTEER AT THE ARK SHELTER!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve others and live out your faith? The Ark Shelter, a safe haven for youth in crisis, is seeking volunteers from our parish community to support their mission of healing, hope, and growth. This is a wonderful opportunity to use your time, talents, and passions to make a lasting impact in the lives of young people who need it most. Whether you enjoy organizing, gardening, or sharing a skill or hobby you love, there's a place for you at The Ark. Every act of service—large or small—helps create a space of peace, beauty, and possibility for youth at the shelter.

Current Needs:

► **Donation Room Support:** Help organize donated items (2 hours every other week, M-F, anytime before 5pm, done by 7pm).

► **Flower Garden Beautification:** Tend to the shelter's gardens and bring joy through beauty (2 hours every other week, M-F, before 5pm, done by 7pm).

► **Creative Skill Sharing:** Are you 18 or older and passionate about something creative—music, poetry, arts & crafts, cooking, or another hands-on skill? Share what you love with youth who are eager to learn and grow. Individuals or small groups are welcome! (Evenings after 3pm, Tues/Thurs/Fri).

Let your light shine!

For more information or to sign up, please contact Melissa Centofanti at melissa.centofanti@ccdok.org. Thank you!

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.



COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

NEED A RIDE TO SUNDAY MASS?

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

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Lisa@sttomskazoo.org to subscribe.

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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 St.

Need a keycard? Get an application inside the church entrance or ask at the parish office.



MORE AT ST. TOM'S

ST. TOM'S IS SPONSORING CARING NETWORK'S

PARISH PLAYPEN DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

The Diocese of Kalamazoo's pro-life agency serves pregnant women of all ages, faiths, and marital status, who need support in their life-affirming decisions!

The following items are in low supply in the Caring Closet:

Size 6 and 7 diapers, girls and boys pajamas sizes 12-24 months and 3T-5T, boys pants sizes 24 months, girls pants and tops size 3T and 5T, toddler socks, toddler size toothbrushes/toothpaste, strollers, high chairs, pack 'n plays, front carriers, exersaucers, wraps (for moms/dads to wear babies, not swaddles), adult shampoo and/or conditioner.

All donations are appreciate.

ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED IN THE PLAYPEN

BY THE ELEVATOR IN THE NARTHEX

Please visit www.ccdok.org or call 381-1234 to learn more about how you can support Caring Network mothers and families in need!



AUGUST 2025 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for August	78,109
8/03	13,090
8/10	
8/17	
8/24	
8/31	
Electronic gifts for August	8,259
Total gifts to date for August	21,349

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