

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 25

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

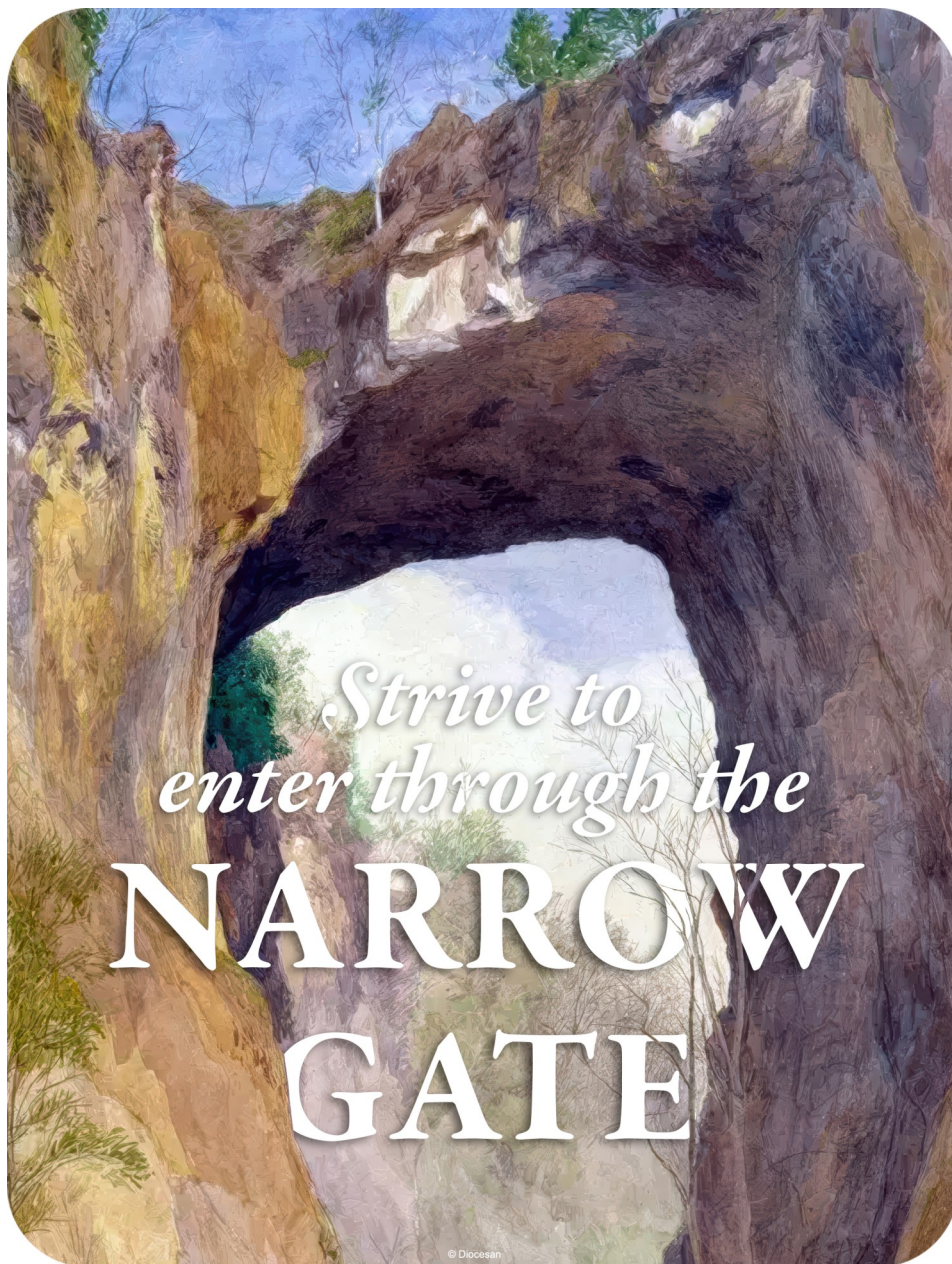
No Mass
Thursday & Friday

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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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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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>.

Early Registration ends on August 25 and tuition rates increase from \$50 to \$75 after that date.

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

Contact Narcia in the parish office for more information
narcia@sttomskazoo.org or 269-381-8917

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

For Baptism and Marriage information including scheduling dates and registering for classes please call or email Narcia at the parish office 269-381-8917 ext. 261 | narcia@sttomskazoo.org

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 — St. Rose of Lima

6:00 p.m. +Rene Adrian by Joan Adrian

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. People of the parish

10:30 a.m. +Dennis Chaivre by Rose Chaivre

6:00 p.m. +Hannah Meroucci by June Edgar

MONDAY, AUGUST 25 — St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

5:15 p.m. Ann Simons (living) by Dave & Linda Stafford

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 — 21st Week in Ordinary Time

5:15 p.m. +Marge, Dan, and Danny Root by Larry Root

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 — St. Monica

5:15 p.m. +Paula Alvarez

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 — St. Augustine

No Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 — The Passion of St. John the Baptist

No Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

6:00 p.m. +Dale Wagner by Joan Adrian

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. +Douglas Edgar by June Edgar

10:30 a.m. +Dona Petri by Rose

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of August 24, 2025

Sunday Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Monday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29

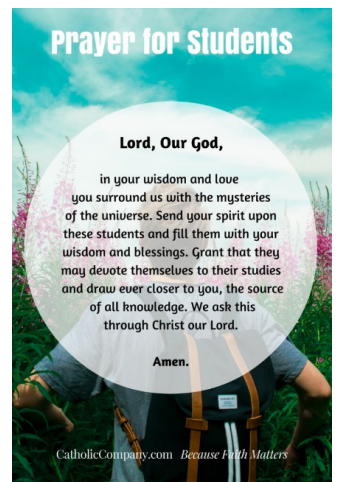
Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

A POST FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we start this new academic season, the National Black Catholic Congress displayed an article on 4 Tips for Maintaining one's faith in College! These tips seem to be appropriate for any age! I thought this might be a good reminder as we begin this academic season! Welcome to all the new and returning students at WMU, K-College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and the Medical school! I hope these suggestions are of help!



1. Gather information: Where is the nearest parish? What are the Mass and Confession times? What are the activities for students and when are they?
2. Schedule it in: Be intentional and specific about giving things a time and space, including time for faith! Plan in time for prayer, for Mass, Bible studies, etc. Plan time for meals, for exercise, for end of day activities!
3. Make a friend: It's the people around us who form us. Surround yourself with like-minded people and find a friend to accompany you on your journey! Join or start a Bible study; notice the people in your dorm/neighborhood who also are Catholic; invite! A spirit of invitation helps relationships grow!
4. Pray: Prayer is our relationship to Christ and His church! Give Jesus your thoughts, feelings, desires, fears, joys, etc. Time to journal! When is a consistent time for prayer!

Welcome back students, new and returning! Jesus wants to be in your life. He wants to be in your joys and struggles! Please take care! It is our goal to make everyone feel welcome and heard here at St. Tom's! Take care!

Peace, *Fr. Paul*

HERE AT ST. TOM'S



REFUGEE MINISTRY

My dream for the refugee ministry is to get one more support group started for one more refugee family! After the May event at St. Tom's, one support group has been started...hooray! Can we get a second one started? IT'S UP TO YOU! I'd love to talk to anyone who wants more information!

Call Elsie Romano at 269-312-9076 or email elsieromano@att.net.

We have enough sewing machines for now!

Other material needs are

- pots and pans
- sewing accessories (thread, scissors, cutting mats)
- ironing board
- countertop microwave oven.

DRIVERS ARE NEEDED

on a regular schedule or on an on-call list, or as donors to a group collecting supplies not covered by SNAP.



Bonaventure Bawa, our parishioner who is a refugee from Cameroon, will start attending 6 P.M. Sunday mass. He is learning English. French is his native tongue. IF YOU SPEAK FRENCH AND YOU ATTEND 6 P.M. Sunday mass, please say hello and make him feel welcome. Thank you!



Thursday
September

4

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

St. Thomas More Student Parish

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish - Social Hall
421 Monroe St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED:
Scan the QR code to sign-up today!

*Walk-ins welcome, as schedule allows!

Rush in to donate and be entered for a chance to win 2 tickets and a VIP experience* to your favorite hometown football team.



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Blood Center of Michigan

For eligibility questions
please call
866-642-5663

ST. TOM'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

This year's Christmas Craft Fair will be held on
Saturday, November 15, 2025

The craft fair supports 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 nmdeak@gmail.com or by text at 269-580-4410.



PAUL'S LIFELONG CONVERSION JOURNEY

a Discipleship Study

with Jay Landry

New start date: **MONDAY, AUGUST 25**



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 25
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? Contact
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>

**VIRTUAL
OPTION**

Available for the
evening session
Contact Jay

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

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



Welcome!

COLLEGE STUDENTS

BRONCO BASH

43rd
2025

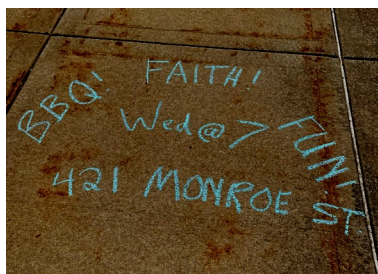
MEET US AT OUR BRONCO BASH BOOTH

Tuesday, August 26 from 3:00-6:00 PM.

We will be out front of Kanley Chapel with giveaways, sign ups, info, and more!



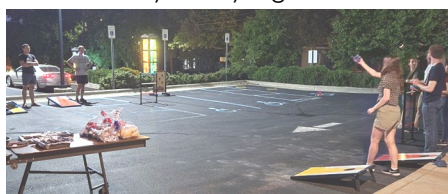
OUR FIRST SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR TAKES PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 7:00 PM



AT ST. TOM'S IN THE FRONT PARKING LOT

with a barbecue and backyard-style games.

Hang out till 9:00.
New and returning students get a chance to make new friends, catch up, and have some fun!



NEED A RIDE TO SUNDAY MASS?

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

STUDENT HOLY HOUR with
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSION resumes in the Worship Space at St. Tom's on Thursdays 6-7 PM starting September 4. Life is rarely quiet, but it's quiet here. Listen to Jesus speak to your heart.



LOOKING TO CONNECT WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH?

Our small groups are the perfect opportunity to dive deeper into the teachings of Christ.

Small group sign-up is back for January groups:

<https://forms.gle/3rpFpHZPaAAyYxqA9>

FRIDAY MASSES ON WMU'S CAMPUS

Join Fr. Paul for mass at 12:10 PM at Kanley Chapel every Friday during the fall semester starting September 5.



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

OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS ARE CALLED MORE AT MIDWEEK.

On Wednesday, September 3 we will meet at 7:00 in the Cougar Room at St. Tom's for pizza and games. Goes until 9:00, come for the whole evening or as long as you can!

SUNDAY SUPPERS WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 7!!!

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS (or any K students) will join us for 10:30 Mass on Sunday, September 14. Meet on the steps of Stetson Chapel by 10:15 to walk to St. Tom's together.

SAVE A SPOT ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL ST. TOM'S COLLEGE STUDENT BLOCK PARTY

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 FROM 7-9 PM.

We will see you for real food, real friends, real faith. Catered, games, and raffle!



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, which is located at 1333 W. Lovell St. (corner of Monroe & Lovell)

MORE 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.



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.

AUGUST 2025 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for August	78,109
8/03	13,090
8/10	8,232
8/17	5,948
8/24	
8/31	
Electronic gifts for August	18,617
Total gifts to date for August	45,637

BISHOP LOHSE CALLS FOR SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION TO ASSIST GAZA RELIEF - AUGUST 30-31, 2025

In light of the catastrophic conditions and humanitarian crisis in Gaza, Bishop Edward M. Lohse, in accord with canon 1266 and along with The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has requested a **second collection during the weekend of August 30/31st** to assist with emergency humanitarian relief aid for the Gaza region. Monies collected will be divided equally to support the on-the-ground efforts of The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

Checks should be made out to the parish with a notation written in the reference line for "Gaza Relief Fund". Funds collected will be sent to the Diocese for forwarding to the USCCB. You may also [give directly to Catholic Relief Services](#).

The situation in Gaza and across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States. To expedite this process, all funds from the collection are due to the Diocese of Kalamazoo September 12, so we can get funds quickly to Gaza relief and save lives.

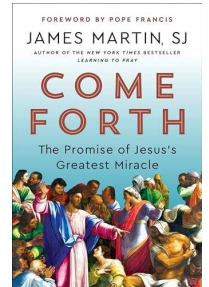
Check our [website](#) To learn more about how the funds from this special second collection will be utilized .

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

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!

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