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 September 22 Monday Wednesday Thursday 5:15 p.m.

Friday, September 26 NO MASS at Kanley Chapel

HOLY HOUR

Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Thursday 6:00 - 7:00 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.

Narcia Schultz-Acker | ext. 261 Parish Secretary Safe Environment Coordinator narcia@sttomskazoo.org

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May I love the Lord than the Treasures

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

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of September 21, 2025

Sunday Am 8:4-7: Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8: 1 Tm 2:1-8:

Ik 16:1-13

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18 Monday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; **Tuesday**

Ik 8:19-21

Wednesday Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befahn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9 **Thursday**

Friday Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;

Lk 9:43b-45

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Sunday

Lk 16:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

 $\textbf{SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20} \longrightarrow \textbf{Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-goon \& Paul Chong Ha-sang}$

6:00 p.m. +Jeff Hiller by Helen & Nancy Buist

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. +Helen Pytiak mother of Taras Berezowsky 10:30 a.m. +Mary & +Archie Woods by Rose Chaivre

6:00 p.m. +Jane Streeter wife of Jon

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 — 25th Week in Ordinary Time

5:15 p.m. First Responders

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — St. Pius of Pietrelcina

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — 25th Week in Ordinary Time 5:15 p.m. +Diocese of Kalamazoo Deceased Clergy

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 — 25th Week in Ordinary Time

5:15 p.m. +Gracie Kavanaugh

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — Sts. Cosmas and Damian

No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — St. Vincent de Paul 6:00 p.m. +Mark Cook by Mary Cook

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. +Liz Fedesna by David Worthams

10:30 a.m. +Joan Young mother of Molly Williamson

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

OCIA — COME & SEE

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Join us on Sunday's in the Hornet Room from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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

For information contact

Fr. Paul (frpaul@sttomskazoo.org) or Claire McSwiney (claire.mcswiney@att.net) All are welcome:

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

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE — Despite all our time saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To solve this we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today, we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

Sunday, September 21

after 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Mass

We will offer training for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors.

MASS COORDINATORS

We are in need of Mass coordinators for all Masses, particularly Saturday 6:00 p.m. & Sunday 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. For more information please contact Narcia at the parish office or inquire with any Mass coordinator at church.



IN HOPE Jay Landry

Jesus gives us quite the puzzling parable of The Dishonest Steward today. Why is this steward commended for being dishonest?

It would be awkward for Jesus to call us to be dishonest. Rather, perhaps, Jesus calls us to be more industrious as stewards of the mysteries of God. As Paul writes in 1 Cor 4:1-2, "Thus should

one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy."

The steward in the parable is not found trustworthy, but he is commended by his master for seeding his future possibilities that serve only himself. He is a cheat, but an industrious cheat.

Jesus offers a comparison after the parable. He reveals that the children of this world are better stewards with worldly matters (mammon) than are the children of light (followers of Christ). Maybe, Jesus is calling us to be more industrious as children of the light with the mysteries of God. How? By surrendering our hearts and all we have in self-sacrificing love, trusting in God, as Jesus did in embracing the cross in love for us.

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

ST.TOM'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR Saturday, November 15 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, contact Nadine Deak at nmdeak@gmail.com or by text at 269-580-4410.

PAUL DISCIPLESHIP STUDY with Jay Landry

Monday 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 7:00-8:30 p.m. Questions email jay@sttomskazoo.org or call 269-381-8917 ext. 299

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER in the Daily Chapel Mondays at 12:15 – 12:45 pm and 6:00 – 6:30 pm

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

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.

ASSISTANT CAMPUS MINISTER JOB OPENING

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.ora

SEPTEMBER 2025 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Target for September	62,415
9/07	12,241
9/14	6,720
9/21	
9/28	
Electronic gifts for September	21,502
Total gifts to date for September	40,463

REFUGEE MINISTRY

A true story worth reading....

I received an urgent text from my friend at Samaritas who was out of country and needing help for a refugee family just arriving to Kalamazoo. Family includes a single mom with two teens. With the name and phone number of a student at WMU who speaks their language, I was able to connect quickly with the family and invite them to my home. Because of the generosity of St. Tom's parishioners, "the store" in my garage was stocked with essential needs! They were able to receive pots and pans, dishes and flatware, bath and kitchen towels, a couch, chairs, tables, nightstands, bedding, sheets, blankets, and a sewing machine, to name just some of it! We went to Meijer to purchase food for a week, paid for by our refugee fund at St. Tom's. Thank you all who donate in money and/or household goods for refugees! This was an unusual event that happened fast, and we were able to make a huge difference in their lives before Samaritas can take over!

ITEMS NEEDED: twin bed frame, box spring and mattress, countertop microwave oven, heavy duty mixer, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT MORE SEWING MACHINES!

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

My apologies to all who went to Kalamazoo Valley Museum for the film series on refugees. The series was canceled after I put the update in last week's bulletin.



JOIN THE RACE MATTERS TEAM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 for "The Michigan Civil Rights Commission: Who, What, Why, and How It's Made History."

St. Tom's parishioner, David Worthams, will share an insider's view of how it works to secure the civil rights of all Michigan citizens. Dave was appointed to a four-year term on the commission by Governor Gretchen Whitmer in 2025 and currently serves as its chairman.



covered area

PLEASE HAVE PETS ON A LEASH OR IN A CRATE

We will meet in the Cougar Room at St. Tom's from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. A Zoom option is also available. To register, please email: sttomssim@gmail.com and note whether you will be participating in person or on Zoom.

SAVE THE DATE ADVENT RETREAT WITH FR. KEN SCHMIDT

Saturday, December 6 from 9 am - 12 pm here at St. Toms

SUNDAY SUPPERS — **CALLING ALL COOKS!** This is a long-standing ministry here at St. Tom's Cooking & Serving a meal for our college students on Sunday evenings. The sign-up book is in the narthex. The following are open dates for cooks: 9/28; 10/26; 12/7

Questions contact Supper Coordinator Sue Youngs 269-998-6123



GOOD NEWS & BREWS

Wednesday, September 24 | 6-8 PM

at Thunderbird River Ranch

Join us for a night out with Fr. José Haro as he shares The Power of Silence. Enjoy meaningful conversation and community in a relaxed setting.

Meet at St. Tom's to carpool no later than 5:50 PM.



NEED A RIDE TO SUNDAY MASS? We've got you covered. Contact Kevin at kevin@sttomskazoo.org to get on the list

Join us for

FREE SUNDAY SUPPER AFTER 6:00 P.M. MASS TWO \$25.00 GIFT CARD PRIZE GIVEAWAYSEACH WEEK

STUDENT HOLY HOUR with

EUCHARISTIC 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.

FRIDAY MASS AT WMU

NO KANLEY MASS ON SEPTEMBER 26.

Join us again on upcoming Fridays at 12:10 PM in Kanley Chapel with Fr. Paul.



SMALL GROUPS / BIBLE STUDY

Student-led groups bring college students together to share life, pray, and learn more about Christ's teachings — and how to

live them on campus, with friends, and with family. Free & open to all students About 1 hour/week for 6 sessions. Sign up after Mass this weekend or here:

https://forms.gle/jAig9wRvN3ZZ93Nm7

THE ROMERO ROOM

Looking for a quiet corner to study or connect with friends between classes? The Romero Room at St. Tom's is open Monday - Saturday Key card applications availa-



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HAPPENINGS 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; <u>ahackman85@yahoo.com</u> or Marie Koole 269-506-3636, mariekoole@yahoo.com

Jubilee Mass for Charitable Workers



Friday, September 26, 2025

6 p.m.

St. Augustine Cathedral

542 W. Michigan Avenue Kalamazoo, MI 49007

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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.

MORE HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND THE AREA

THE KALAMAZOO UNITED DAY OF SERVICE (KUDOS) needs volunteers for their annual event on Friday, October 3

Volunteers will work in teams to help residents prepare for the colder months by installing weatherstripping or doing some garden clean up. Everyone is welcome and invited to participate in this relationship-building event. They hope to recruit a wide range of talent, from the most self-assured handy-person to the all-thumbs variety. The day begins at 8:30 am at Allen AME Chapel on W. North Ave. and wraps up by 1:00 pm and return to Allen Chapel for lunch.

Contact KUDOS organizer Christina Dorett for more information or to sign up at csdorett@gmail.com

JOIN OUR NEW GRANDPARENT GROUP AT ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL!

We are excited to announce that we're starting a Grandparent Group at St. Augustine School to support our teachers and students! We would love to have you and your gifts and talents join us.

Times are different now—there are many working parents, and grandparents often have the time and wisdom to make a real difference in these children's lives.

Ways You Can Help

- Put up artwork in hallways or classrooms
- Assist with tasks like cutting, pasting, or filing
- Help in classrooms during parties or activities
- Provide comfort to a child going through difficult times (divorce, death of a grandparent or pet)
- Meet students in the cafeteria for lunch when they need one-on-one time
- Read with children who need extra help
- Assist students who are behind on projects or need guidance
- And so much more—the possibilities are endless!

We all know the unique gifts and talents we've been given, and now is the perfect time to share them! These children are precious and would love to have new friends like you. Program Details

Since we're just building this program, changes may occur along the way to make it more user-friendly.

Requirements:

- Incredible flexibility
- A servant's heart
- Virtus training (see form on school website)

How to Get Involved

You can find a detailed form on the St. Augustine School website at **stakzoo.org**. Forms will also be available in the school office or in the church narthex for those who prefer not to use computers.

We'll schedule a group meeting to go over everything once we receive the forms back. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our fantastic school at St. Augustine!

Questions? Please feel free to call Ree Millard anytime at **269-720-0510**.

AQUINAS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 AND NOVEMBER 1

Aquinas College welcomes all high school students and their families to our Fall Open Houses on Saturday, October 4 and Saturday, November 1! Explore academic programs, connect with our supportive faculty, staff & students, chat with admissions & financial aid experts, and tour our scenic campus. Details and registration information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse.



ATTENTION — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a Saturday available to assist the less fortunate?

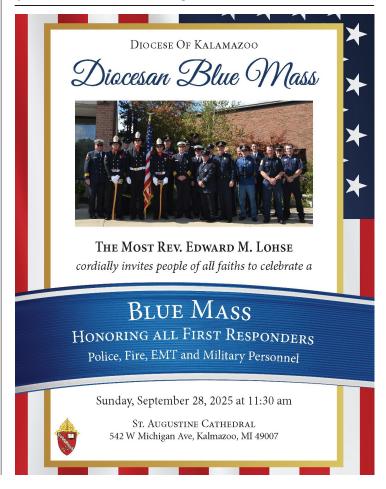
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Ed Haines at 618-741-5142 or Cathy Haines at 618-567-1114

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

is seeking an outstanding, energetic, dedicated and talented individual to fill a **Middle School Math position** for the 2025-26 school year. The successful candidate will be faithfilled, dynamic, compassionate and willing to work collaboratively in a team environment. Interested candidates please submit a letter of interest, resume and references, to: Jennifer Crawford, Principal St. Monica Catholic School jcrawford@stmonicakzoo.org or 269-345-2444



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