

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 October 6

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

NO MASS

Thursday
5:15 p.m.

Friday
12:10 p.m.
at Kanley Chapel

NO HOLY HOUR OR RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, October 8

RECONCILIATION

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

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

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



“All
LIFE has
inestimable
value, even the
weakest and most
vulnerable, the **sick**,
the **old**, the **unborn** and
the **poor** are masterpieces
of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

Respect Life

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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

Congratulations to

Vicente Patrick Hernandez Hill

son of Yan Carlos & Grace Margaret

who was baptized Sunday, September 28, 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

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

OCIA — COME & SEE

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 — St. Francis of Assisi

6:00 p.m. Denny & Bonnie Banghart 60th Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 a.m. +Jan & Maria van den Hohmbergh by family

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 — St. Bruno, Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

No Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 — Our Lady of the Rosary

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 — 27th Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 — St. Denis & companions; St. John Leonardi

5:15 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 — 27th Week in Ordinary Time

at Kanley Chapel

12:10 p.m. John Yeager (living) by Jane Krone

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 — St. John XXIII

6:00 p.m. +Marc Abueva by Romy & Maureen Abueva

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. People of the parish

10:30 a.m. +Henriques Mateus Uanela Gungulo

by Jose Mussequejua

6:00 p.m. +Erin Raderstorf by Victor & Barbara Ceru

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of October 5, 2025

Sunday Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2

Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Monday Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9;

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Lk 11:27-28

Sunday 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13;

Lk 17:11-19

A POST FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the Gospel from Luke, Jesus talks about faith. It's not the amount of faith that is so important. It's the kind of faith that's important. For example, it's good to have belief in God. Do we have any time for God? It's good to come to God with our problems. It's also good to come to God at any time, including our joys and appreciations!



One priest several years ago was concerned that as a society, we were making God a type of fire extinguisher. We pull God out when we need a fire put down. Our faith needs to be more than this.

Maybe that's why we have two national celebrations this week: World Communion Sunday and Respect Life Sunday. A reminder that Holy Communion can increase the kind of faith we need. Also, every person is made in the image and likeness of God.

In His mercy and grace, God has made us His children. When we don't get an immediate answer to our prayers, it's not because God doesn't hear us. It is because in His love and wisdom, He wants us to wait. Faith helps us see this. Faith needs to be involved in everything we think, do, and say!

Have a blessed week!

Sincerely, *Fr. Paul*

RACE MATTERS

Building Our
Beloved
Community

JOIN THE RACE MATTERS TEAM ON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 7:00 PM 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.

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: sttomssjm@gmail.com and note whether you will be participating in person or on Zoom.

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS!

Fr. Ken Schmidt is leading our parish Advent Retreat on Saturday, Dec. 6: "What is the Point of Waiting?" If you are like me, I am tired of waiting. What is the point? Join us as Fr. Ken leads us in reflecting on waiting as a spiritual practice. Doors open at 8:30 am and the retreat is from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.



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
Please note we will NOT meet on Monday, October 6, the study will resume on Monday, October 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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 No Yoga October 7 & 9
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.org

COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

MORE AT MIDWEEK
Wednesday, October 8 | 7–9 PM
Join us for a fun night with Jaime Clark leading Catholic + General Trivia! Bring a team of friends or join one when you arrive. Test your knowledge and win awesome **prize packs!** Pizza and pop provided.

STUDENT HOLY HOUR
Every Thursday | 6–7 PM | St. Tom's Worship Space
Take a break from the busyness of college life. Spend an hour with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession.

FRIDAY MASS AT WMU
Fridays | 12:10 PM | Kanley Chapel
Celebrate Mass with Fr. Paul on campus and finish your week in prayer and fellowship.

SUNDAY SUPPERS
Every Sunday after 6:00 PM Mass | Social Hall
Stay for a free homemade meal with friends—entrée, sides, drinks, and dessert provided!

KVCC CATHOLIC STUDENTS
Mondays | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Student Commons @ TTC
Meet Fr. Paul and other Catholic students at KVCC for conversation and community.

 **SUNDAY SHUTTLE**
Need a ride to Sunday Mass? Contact Kevin at kevin@sttomskazoo.org to get on the shuttle list.

THE ROMERO ROOM
Your St. Tom's space to study, relax, and build community. Open daily! Key card applications available in the Narthex.

THE WORD AMONG US
Free college-edition booklets are available each month in the Narthex. Pick one up and grow deeper in daily prayer.

- SAVE THE DATES — SAVE THE DATES
- **HAYRIDE & BONFIRE**
Friday, October 24 (Carpool from St. Tom's at 4:40 PM)
Enjoy a cozy fall evening of food, fun, and fellowship around the fire
 - **"FAITH ON FIRE" FALL COLLEGE STUDENT RETREAT**
November 7–9 | Pretty Lake Camp Encounter Christ with students in prayer, talks, and community!
Registration deadline: October 26

SEPTEMBER 2025 SUNDAY COLLECTION	
Target for September	62,415
9/07	12,241
9/14	6,720
9/21	6,258
9/28	7,591
Electronic gifts for September	33,768
Total gifts to date for September	66,578

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