

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 January 25

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
5:15 p.m.

Tuesday
No Mass

Friday
Kanley Chapel, WMU Campus
12:10 p.m.

NO HOLY HOUR

Wednesday
January 28

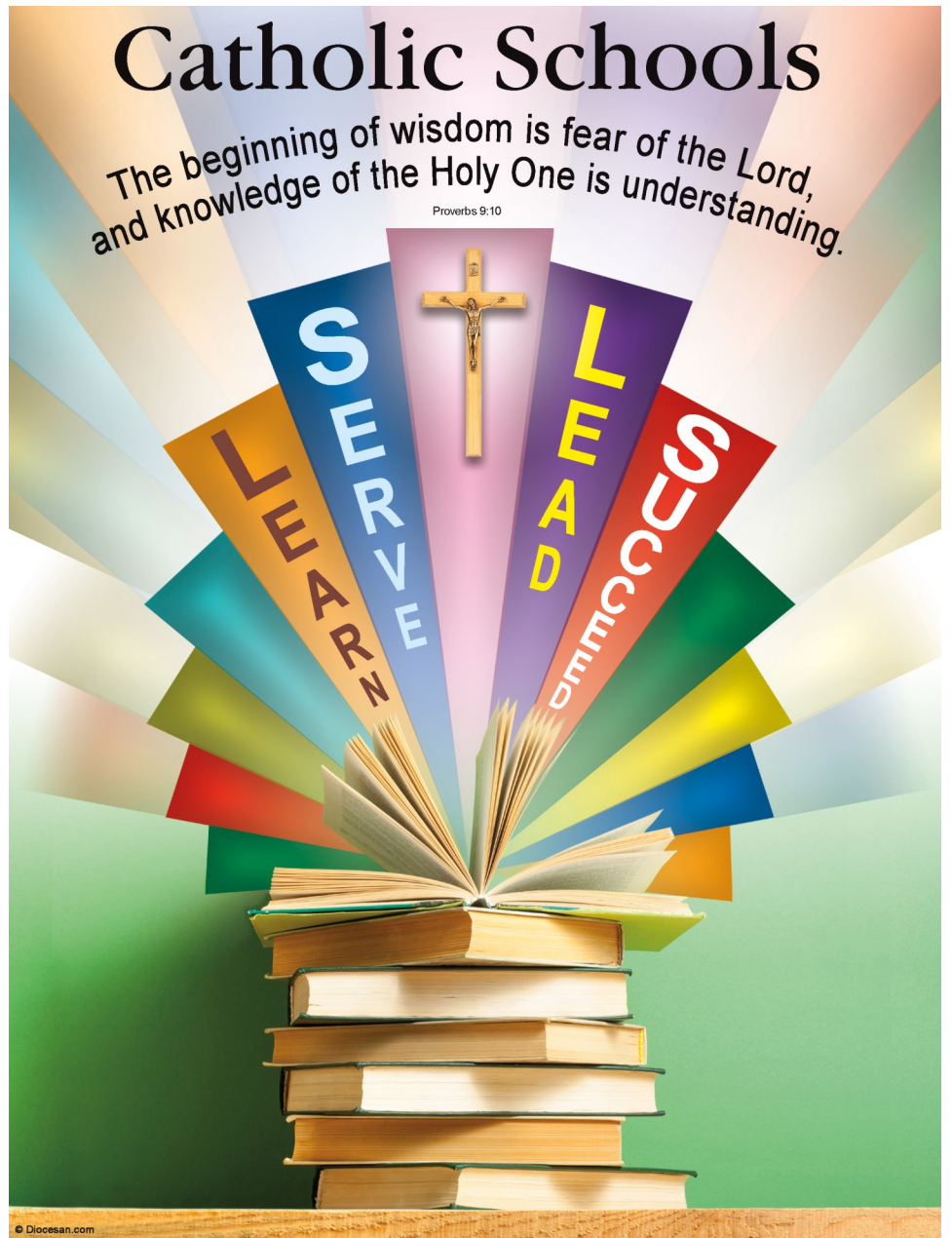
RECONCILIATION

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

OPEN: Monday - 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 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

Landon Scott Zimmer son of Jared and Lauren who was baptized Saturday, January 17, 2026

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, JANUARY 24 — St. Francis de Sales
6:00 p.m. +George & Lee Redmond

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. People of the parish
10:30 a.m. +Austin Melgar (Birthday "25") by Fran Bruder
6:00 p.m. +Joe Snearline former St. Tom's college student

MONDAY, JANUARY 26 — Sts. Timothy & Titus
5:15 p.m. Jane Duhan (living) by Joan Adrian

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 — St. Angela Merici
No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 — St. Thomas Aquinas
5:30 p.m. +Paul Steichen by Anne & Paul Pancella

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 — Third Week in Ordinary Time
10:00 a.m. +Stuart Borden by Borden family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 — Third Week in Ordinary Time
at Kanley Chapel
12:10 p.m. +James Homrich by Jeff & Sue Henshaw

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 — St. John Bosco
6:00 p.m. +Robert Walters by Bazali-Walters family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. Terry Henderson (living) by Jeff & Sue Henshaw
10:30 a.m. +Dave Leonard, Jr.
by Kim, Mackenzie, Patricia & Dave Leonard, Sr.
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

MATTHEW 25 — When Jesus is baptized, we hear God the Father say, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." God the Father calls him beloved. Why? Because God became human to teach us all that we are first loved by God because we exist, and then, as we grow in this love, to share it.

In Kalamazoo, we have a ministry called Matthew 25 whose mission is to reach out to the homeless, letting them know that they are beloved sons & daughters of God by our building relationships with them.

We gather at the River Church (517 Walbridge, Kzoo, 49007) on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Interested? Please contact Jay Landry at jlandry@sttomskazoo.org.

Whatever time that you can give is appreciated.

OCIA

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of January 25, 2026

Sunday	Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

A POST FROM FR. PAUL

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of the powerful themes in this week's readings is a reminder that Christ is our light! Christ is the light of the world! Christ enlightens us with the truth, liberates us from the darkness of sin, illness, and death. He enables us to be light to those around us!

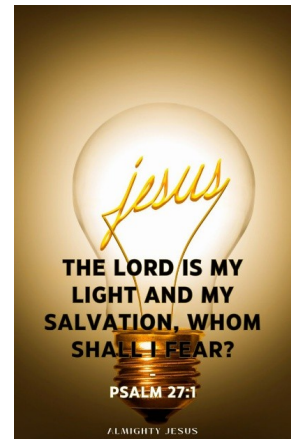
Jesus' public ministry in Capernaum is greeted with great enthusiasm! The people recognize His presence, teaching, healing, and Good News as light that they need! Jesus also comes to us repeatedly to enlighten and liberate us from all forms of darkness! Jesus desires our well-being and eternal salvation.

Jesus enlightens us in many ways! Jesus lights us and liberates us when we receive Holy Communion. He liberates us through the other sacraments such as Baptism, Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick. We are enlightened when we prayerfully read the Gospel!

When Jesus dwells in us, He will dispel all the darkness in our hearts and lives. He will transform us and set us free. We can always lift our hearts to Him and ask Him to bless and heal us!

Have a blessed week!

Sincerely, *Fr. Paul*





COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

IMAGO DEI (IMAGE OF GOD) COLLEGE STUDENT RETREAT

will be held Feb 20-22 at Sherman Lake YMCA. Cost is \$40, but St. Tom's students who are registered with the parish can attend for 50% off or request a scholarship. Please scan the QR code for more information or to sign up.



MORE AT MIDWEEK – BLANKET MAKING

Wednesday, January 28 | 7:00–9:00 PM
Join us in the social hall for our first community service night of the year. Making no-sew fleece blankets for the Seita Scholar program at WMU. Please bring a pair of sharp scissors, if you have them. Pizza and Drinks will be served first.

SUNDAY SHUTTLE NEED A RIDE TO SUNDAY EVENING MASS?

Contact Kevin at kevin@sttomskazoo.org to get on the list for the Sunday Shuttle.

FRIDAY MASS AT WMU

Fridays | 12:10 PM | Kanley Chapel
Join Fr. Paul for Mass on Campus and enter the weekend in prayer. Please note: Friday, February 6 will be a communion service.

STAY CONNECTED

Follow us on Instagram @KalamazooCatholic or sign up for our weekly email or GroupMe to get info on new events first. Email lisa@sttomskazoo.org to subscribe to our weekly email. Our GroupMe texting group can be found here: https://groupme.com/join_group/89335085/4QjzW0gK

STUDENT HOLY HOUR

Thursdays | 6–7 PM
A quiet hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. Step away from the noise of campus and rest with Jesus.



VOCATION DISCERNMENT NIGHT Thursday, Jan. 29 — hosted by the Office of Vocations at St. Tom's for all adults age 18-35. 5:15 PM Daily Mass; 6:00 Eucharistic Adoration; 7:00 Dinner and vocations panel

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 8 at 6:30 PM in the Cougar Room. Fajitas catered by Off the Cuff. Join us for kickoff or after 6:00 PM Mass.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SHUTTLE COORDINATOR

Opening late February / early March Help serve college students by coordinating and driving the Sunday Shuttle. Responsibilities include driving the church minivan, planning routes, and communicating with students and drivers. Requirements: 21+ years old and willing to use WhatsApp. Interested? Email lisa@sttomskazoo.org for details.

ASSISTANT CAMPUS MINISTER (Part-time, 16–19 hrs/week)

We're hiring a part-time Assistant Campus Minister to support campus ministry at St. Tom's. This role:

- Mentors student leaders in faith and practical skills
- Accompanies students spiritually, emotionally, and personally
- Requires some prior experience teaching, sharing, or leading in faith

To learn more or apply, please send a resume and cover letter to: lisa@sttomskazoo.org

REFUGEE UPDATE submitted by Rosemary Gardiner



Help 30+ Refugee Families begin life in Kalamazoo by providing needed essential supplies. It is one of the most uplifting ways to express your heartfelt compassion while practicing social justice. "It takes a village" and we have a small but mighty one – please join us! Share your abundance and enjoy the feeling of doing something small that helps in a large way.

ST. TOM'S REFUGEE SUPPLY VOLUNTEERS came together last Spring (currently 14) to answer the local call to provide non-food essentials not covered by SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) for low- and no-income persons to help them maintain adequate nutrition and health. We currently have some 56 Afghan Families, many at Candlewyck Apartments, who are often working in low paying jobs while learning English, setting up households, and making sure their

children are successful in school. Our challenge and opportunity is simple – to provide families with essential supplies including: laundry/dish detergent, toilet bowl cleaner, cleaning products, paper towels/tissues, shampoo/conditioner, feminine products, etc. We simply purchase and drop supplies at Unwindings, 5466 Holiday Terrace (front foyer) and communicate as an email group for updates. A small group gathers monthly to sort, pack, and deliver to Samaritas (formerly Lutheran Services), who provide refugee support services in the area). Samaritas staff know our families well and identify from 14-20 families most in need of help each month.

WE HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN LIVES since April 2025 – some 80 parents & their children monthly! We help them stretch hard earned dollars from low paying jobs. We offer support for their efforts to raise healthy children and care for elders. We let them know they are not alone in Kalamazoo. We give them hope.

IT'S EASY TO PARTICIPATE! Contact rosemarygardiner2@gmail.com and you will be added to our email list, give you a current needs list and driving directions to our drop site. We need the village to expand – help us recruit by sharing this information with neighbors, friends, business associates, and anyone with a heart for Refugees in need who live quietly among us and seek to achieve The American Dream. Sending you hope and joy in the New Year.

Rosemary Gardiner, Elsie Romano, Mary Grace, Kate To, Kathy Shurtz, Danya from Samaritas



HERE AT ST. TOM'S

RACE MATTERS*Building Our Beloved Community***FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH. IN FACT, IT IS THE 100TH CELEBRATION!**

To honor this annual celebration, Race Matters will host the Society for History and Racial Equity (SHARE -- www.sharekazoo.org) for an evening of **BLACK HISTORY BINGO!** We will

learn more about Kalamazoo's African American heritage and have some fun at the same time.

This special event will take place in the social hall at St. Tom's on

Wednesday, February 4, 6:00-7:30 pm.

Our college students will join us as their More at Midweek event. Snacks and sweet treats will be provided.

And, there will be prizes!

Please register in advance to facilitate planning. But if your schedule opens up at the last minute, please come. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer this program on Zoom.

To register, email sttomsjm@gmail.com.

**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).

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. **Note: Yoga will not meet on Thursday, January 29 or Tuesday, February 3.**

**NEW START DATES****DISCIPLESHIP STUDY**

with Jay Landry

7 sessions — 90 minutes each

Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
February 16 - March 30

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
February 17 - March 31
Virtual Option Available

Location: Social Hall

Register: sttomskazoo.flocknote.com/signup/239986

(Or scan QR code)

Questions? jay@sttomskazoo.org**Women's**

ST. TOM'S SOCIAL GROUP

Women's Social Group will meet on **Monday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m.** in the social hall. Please join us to make Valentine's for Vets. Bring glue and scissors, if you can. We will also be planning the soup and salad meal that we'll be preparing for the Sunday night student on February 22. Come, create, relax, and enjoy being with friends!

Email Linda at kot10ed@yahoo.com or

Mary Ellen at maryellenoreilly@gmail.com.

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.

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". Contact Matt Barretta at 343-7857 or 548-6837 for more information. Please note: When Kalamazoo Public School closes because of weather class is cancelled.

**ST. TOM'S WILL BE COLLECTING through the month of January**

for

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The needed items are also listed below:

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CREW, WARM socks; boots; long underwear

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MEN's jeans- sizes 32-44

New

Men's Boxer Briefs- Sizes M-XXL and**Women's underwear** S-XXL

New or gently used and clean

backpacks, duffle bags, and suitcases on wheels

If you would like to donate money, send it to SVDP at
513 Eleanor St, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

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.



St. Thomas More Parish Lenten Retreat

JESUS, JUSTICE & JOY



Saturday, February 21, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

with Sr. Dorothy Ederer, O.P.

A Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. — Check-in and Morning Refreshments

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. — Retreat

\$35.00 per person includes materials, refreshments, and lunch



The book *Jesus, Justice & Joy* is available for purchase on Amazon with the QR code on the left

Sr. Dorothy will also have books available for purchase the day of the retreat

REGISTER WITH THE LINK <https://forms.gle/cjdreagVApFbrgVJ6> | FORM BELOW OR BLUE QR CODE

PAYMENT WITH REGISTRATION PRIOR TO THE RETREAT BY CASH, CHECK, OR AT ST. TOM'S WEBSITE
www.sttomskazoo.org (ONLINE GIVING - CHOOSE RETREATS)



REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DUE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

(send to: St. Thomas More, 421 Monroe, Kalamazoo, MI 49006, Attn.: Michele / or drop in collection basket)

Name _____ Phone _____

Email address: _____

(please enclose \$35 fee w/registration, payable to St. Tom's by Sunday, February 15, 2026)

CHECK YOUR LUNCH CHOICE BELOW

Ham & Swiss Wrap

Turkey & Cheddar Wrap

Vegetarian (Garden Salad)

Gluten Free (Garden Salad)

QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE REGISTERING — CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 269-381-8917

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