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St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish
421 Monroe Street Kalamazoo, MI 49006

HOLY HOUR
8:00 a.m.
Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.

DAILY MASS
5:15 p.m.
Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday:
9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., & 6:00 p.m.

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

Office located at 1333 W. Lovell Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Monday — Thursday 9:00 a.m.– Noon, 1:00- 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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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 preparation meeting.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MONDAY, AUGUST 19 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25


RCIA is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. RCIA is meant for adults who have been baptized in the Catholic religion that are looking to complete their initial sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, adults who have been baptized in another religion that are looking to become Catholic, and also for adults who have never been baptized and are interested in what the Catholic Church and our parish has to offer. Please call the parish office for more information.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17
6:00 p.m. † Brian Downey by Paul and Sandy Beiter

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary
9:30 a.m. † Brandon Jones by Terry & Judy Bosshart
11:30 a.m. † John Lynch by John Whitmore
6:00 p.m. People of the parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 19 — St. John Eudes
5:15 p.m. † Kurt Schultz by Narcia Schultz-Acker

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 — St. Bernard
5:15 p.m. Refugee families

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 — St. Pius X
5:15 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 — The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:15 p.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 — St. Rose of Lima
5:15 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 — St. Bartholomew
6:00 p.m. † James Schmidt

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 — Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary
9:30 a.m. † Eileen Jansen by Jim & Sheila Bridenstine
11:30 a.m. People of the parish
6:00 p.m. Bishop Paul J. Bradley

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
3:30 p.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous
5:00-5:30 p.m. Reconciliation

MONDAY, AUGUST 19
8:00 a.m. Holy Hour
12:00 p.m. OA
1:00 p.m. Issues Group
6:00 p.m. Meditation and Centering Prayer
6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
8:00 a.m. Holy Hour
9:30 a.m. Yoga
12:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon
4:45 p.m. Cursillo Reunion Group

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
8:00 a.m. Holy Hour
11:00 a.m. Reach, Stretch, Relax
12:00 p.m. AA
6:30-7:30 p.m. Reconciliation
6:30 p.m. Migrant Ministry Appreciation Dinner
6:30 p.m. Apologetics

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22
9:30 a.m. Yoga

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23
8:00 a.m. Holy Hour
12:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon
8:00 p.m. Student AA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
8:00 a.m. Women’s AA
8:30 a.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous
11:00 a.m. Sr. Sue Jubilee Mass /luncheon follows
11:00 a.m. AA
5:00-5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
8:00 p.m. Student AA

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3:30 p.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous
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POSITIVE IMPACT THE LIVES OF OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Our Sunday Shuttle is critical to our WMU students who have no cars on campus. In bad weather it means they can get to mass without walking through a blizzard or thunderstorm. If you can give a Sunday evening from 5-5:45 and 7:30-8 once a month, you can make a huge difference in their lives! You can even attend 6:00 mass and eat a free supper with us if you choose to stay at St. Tom’s between trips.

We will help you get your Virtus training and background check completed.

Please email or call Lisa LeVasseur (lisa@sttomskazoo.org) 269-381-8917 x 272 if you can help with this important ministry.
HERE AT ST. TOM’S

INTERESTED IN HOSTING OR HELPING WITH A SUNDAY SUPPER
Sign-up in the narthex. Suppers begin Sunday, September 8 following 6:00 pm mass. Questions? call Sunday Supper coordinator, Sue Youngs, 269-998-6123 or Michele at the parish office 269-381-8917 x273 michele@sttomskazoo.org

PARISH COUNCIL
The next Parish Council meeting is Monday, August 19, 6:30 p.m. in the Cougar Room. Minutes from the previous meeting are on our website and the bulletin board.

“ISSUES” GROUP
A respectful, accepting environment where people of faith with diverse points of view listen to each other and thoughtfully discuss matters of faith, conscience and related social issues. All are welcome. The “Issues” Group meets Mondays at 1:00 pm.

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION
Mondays, 6:00-6:40 pm in the Chapel. Need some quiet prayer time? Join us for a brief devotional reading followed by 25 minutes of prayer & meditation in shared silence.

REACH, STRETCH, RELAX
is a group chair exercise class that targets balance, flexibility, range of movement and breathing. The class meets every Wednesday 11:00 am - Noon in the Cougar Room. This class is appropriate for “every body”. Contact Matt Barretta at 343-7857 or 548-6837 for more information.

EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS OF YOGA
Reduce stress, improve awareness, posture, strength, balance and flexibility. Uniting body, mind and spirit with instructor Gena Pezzoli, every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. Suggested donation of $5-$10.

APOLOGETICS
Have you been wanting to learn how to explain our Catholic faith to others? Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Cougar Room to do just that. Questions contact Cora Jarman at cjarman@mtu.edu.

BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, September 5, 11:00 - 3:00 in the social hall.
Register to donate blood at www.versiti.org. Help us reach our 18 unit goal if you can.
If you would like to donate food or help the day of the blood drive sign-up in the narthex.

Several years ago, I had a conversation with a priest from Los Angeles. The priest made the following comment, “Without an education, people become brutes.” Then he added, “Without Christ in an education, people become educated brutes”!

I appreciated the Father’s insight. Our faith needs to be taught in order for it to be practiced correctly. With this in mind, I have really thought and prayed about the direction of our religious education for our youth.

While many of the families of children in the religious education have appreciated the instruction at other parishes, there has been a lament of not having a religious education program here. I agree. For a parish to continue to grow, it is important, if the resources are available, to have a religious education program at one’s own parish.

There has been overall support to have a religious education program start here at St. Tom’s! I believe that we can start a religious education program here! I am proposing to start “low and slow”. The religious education program will be for grades 1-6th. There will be three groups: 1-2nd grade; 3-4th grade; and 5-6th grade.

We will be following a partial home school format. The choice of home school curriculum hasn’t been officially decided on yet (there are many to choose from!). The meeting times are tentatively scheduled for after the 9:30 am Sunday Mass, from 10:45 am to 12:00. The groups will meet at St. Tom’s only two times a month. There will be a facilitator and an assistant present at the sessions. There has been some interest in teaching/facilitating! We could use a few more people to help make the religious education a success!

As this won’t work for Confirmation students, I believe we have a wonderful opportunity for this area. Further details and options will follow next week. The week after, I have some ideas on starting a youth group, grades 9-12. I would also appreciate your insights.

While only being here for only a month, I believe that religious education for our young is of vital importance. I am excited and confident of having a religious education program that has St. Tom’s taking more ownership in the process! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time.

Fr. Paul

Sunday, September 8 — 10:30 a.m. Social Hall
Pancake Breakfast
Sponsored by the Sister Parish Committee

SALVADORAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Please consider supporting the program by sponsoring a student or with a one time donation.
Interested in corresponding with a student but are unable to support them financially?
Pamphlets with information about the Program are on the bulletin table.
Call Michele at the parish office 269-381-8917 x273 or michele@sttomskazoo.org
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Sign-up in the narthex for one or both.

Questions? Contact Deacon Joe at jhschmitt@charter.net or 269-381-8917 x274.

Toilet Paper Ministry

For those in need

Bring a roll or package anytime.

Put it in the alcove in the narthex hallway.

Catholicism

Join us beginning Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. to explore the foundations of our faith. We will be viewing a DVD series by Robert Barron entitled Catholicism.

Topics and dates:
- God … September 12
- Mary, mother of God … September 19
- Jesus … September 26
- Teachings of Jesus … October 3
- Peter and Paul … October 10
- No session… October 17
- Union of Christ and Church … October 24
- Eucharist … October 31
- Communion of saints … November 7
- Prayer and life of spirit … November 14
- World without end … November 21

Cost of study guide $20.00.

Sign up in narthex by September 8.

Checks payable to St. Thomas More memo line Women’s Bible Study may be dropped in the collection basket or at the parish office.

Questions contact: larisamrozins@gmail.com.

Golden Jubilee Party

Saturday, August 24, 11 am – 2 pm

Here at St. Tom’s Sister Sue McCrery invites you to join with her family and friends to celebrate her 50 years as a Sister of St. Joseph, here on Saturday August 24. Mass at 11:00 am, followed by a potluck lunch upstairs. Main dish and beverages will be provided. Signup sheets in the narthex to RSVP and tell us what you’ ll bring to add to our lunch. No gifts please.

Sister Sue, a member of St. Tom’s Pastoral Team for 19 years, served as director of liturgical music and campus ministry, among other things. She has worked in the Spiritual Care Department at Ascension Borgess Hospital for the last five years.

Congratulations on your 50 years, serving God’s people!

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August 2019 Sunday Collection

Target for August 50,000.00
8/4 7,064.30
8/11 7,220.80
8/18
8/25

Electronic gifts for August 2019 8,202.12

Total gifts to date for August 2019 22,487.22

Thank you.

First of all, thank all of you who have provided support to our Vietnamese parishioner Uyen/Merry. She is so appreciative of your care whether it has been prayer, practical things like help with her move, food, transportation and emotional support at medical appointments. The hardest day for Uyen is Sunday as she is usually alone. During the week she often goes to the nail salon where she worked before the illness. Sunday’s are the most lonely and depressed as she does not have that outlet. She would be so grateful if someone could drive her to Grand Rapids so she could visit the Catholic Vietnamese church, Our Lady of La Vang, and a Vietnamese sister (with whom Fr Ben has put her in touch) there on Sunday afternoons. You wouldn’t need to stay with her, maybe visit a museum, Meijer Gardens...I leave it to your imagination! Also, if anyone may be willing to include her in an activity on Sunday afternoons locally, which would help take her mind off her very real worries, that too would be appreciated!

If you would be willing, please let me, Janine Smith or Sue Banner know and we can put you in touch with Uyen. Or call the parish office, 269-381-8917, and they will connect you with one of us.

Thank you—Becky Schmitt
THANK YOU TO ALL THE AREA VOLUNTEERS OF MIGRANT MINISTRY
We want to thank all the volunteers who directly or indirectly helped in the ministry to the migrant farmworkers. We invite you to an appreciation dinner on Wednesday, August 21, 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More Parish, 421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006. Please call 269-903-0197 to confirm your attendance.

REFUGEE FAMILIES
Bethany and Samaritas could be resettling more than 10 families in Kalamazoo before September 30. Because of a possible zero refugee policy for the next fiscal year starting October 1, Samaritas and Bethany are welcoming these families immediately. The needs are urgent for support groups (one for each family), gently used furniture (couches, chairs, kitchen tables and chairs, dressers, NO MATTRESSES), household items (dish sets, silverware, pots and pans), and monetary donations. If you have contacts for temporary housing, that is also an urgent need. Both organizations are stretched to capacity and are seeking immediate help. Furniture can be stored at two local churches. Prince of Peace Lutheran and Chapel Hill. Large items can be picked up. E-mail Samaritas (Afifa Thaj) athaj@samaritas.org or Bethany (Jane Trejo) jtrejo@bethany.org. Bethany is offering a short overview of how to become a support member or start a support group on August 20, 6-8 pm and August 24, 10 am-Noon at Bethany’s main office—6687 Seeco Drive, Kalamazoo. Check the bulletin board in the narthex for the poster.

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Glenn Roehrig; Lowell Rinker

DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST ST. TOM’S IS SPONSORING CARING NETWORK’S PARISH PLAYPEN
Caring Network assists pregnant women of all ages, faiths and marital status with life-affirming decisions. The agency needs the following items for newborn to size 4T boys and girls: clothing, socks, bibs, receiving blankets, hardcover books, new bottles, wipes, family hygiene and cleaning products are all appreciated! DIAPERS IN SIZES 5 AND 6 ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED!
Please call 381-1234 to learn more about Caring Network.