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

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

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

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

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

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.

You must register for these classes.
Call Narcia at the parish office, 269-381-8917.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Luke 14:1, 7-14

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The phrase in today’s gospel, “I don’t know where you come from,” is often used by parents about children and children about parents. Change is so rapid one generation has little in common with another. We depend on love, trust, and mutual respect to bridge this gap.

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

3:30 p.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous
5:00-5:30 p.m. Reconciliation

POSITIVELY 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

“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.

A Catholic theologian from the 16th century commented that “In baptism we are washed. After baptism – there is Confirmation, in which we are strengthened”. Confirmation is spiritual strengthening! It is one of the three sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Faith (the others being baptism and the Eucharist).

Confirmation can be thought of as a personal Pentecost for the faithful who receive it! This sacrament helps strengthen the Christian. It guides them through the conflicts and struggles of this world!

I am very pleased to announce that we can have the opportunity to bring Confirmation classes here at St. Tom’s! As the confirmation process is a two-year process. I am willing to teach the first-year group. We have someone else who is willing to teach the second-year group. This program may include students from St. Mary’s in Kalamazoo. The class times would be on Sunday’s after the 11:30 Mass (from 12:45 to 2:00) for the first-year group. If this time would not work, I would be willing to offer the class on a Monday night, 6 to 7:15 pm. I would need to know what the families would prefer. The second-year class time is to be determined. It may be taught here or at St. Mary’s. Both groups would meet twice a month.

Questions email or call Campus Minister, Lisa LeVasseur (lisa@sttomskazoo.org) 269-381-8917 x 272

A blood drive is a great way to help others who need blood. On Thursday, September 5, there will be a blood drive from 11:00 to 3:00 in the narthex. Anyone can donate, as long as they are at least 18 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. If you have other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Fr. Paul

WELCOME

to our college students who are arriving in Kalamazoo from all over the world.
We hope St. Tom’s will be your spiritual home away from home as you continue your academic career.

SUNDAY SUPPERS AND SUNDAY SHUTTLE
will start up again on September 8, but let us know if you need a ride to church before that by calling the parish office.

MORE AT MIDWEEK
starts this week Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with pizza and social time to meet other St. Tom’s college students. We plan to play ultimate frisbee—watch out for more info on the socials. Bring a friend and meet new friends!

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St. Tom’s Women’s Bible Study

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.

We invite you to help serve meals monthly at the Gospel Mission and/or Ministry with Community

Gospel Mission — St. Tom’s is scheduled to help serve dinner at the Gospel Mission on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 4:30-7 p.m. (August 20)

Ministry with Community — St. Tom’s has committed to serving lunch at Ministry with Community on the 4th Sunday of each month from 12:45-2:45 p.m. At least 12 volunteers needed. (August 25)

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.

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.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE
As of August 20 we have a total of 275 pledges equaling $83,997.
This is 64% of our $129,624 goal with 36% participation.

AUGUST 2019 SUNDAY COLLECTION
Target for August 50,000.00
8/4 7,064.30
8/11 7,220.80
8/18 + Holy Day 5,991.41
8/25
Electronic gifts for August 2019 15,672.79
Total gifts to date for August 2019 35,949.30

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8
10:30 A.M.
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sister Parish
SPONSORED BY THE SISTER PARISH COMMITTEE
The menu includes:
Pancakes INCLUDING GLUTEN FREE
Eggs
Sausage
Fresh Fruit
Yogurt
El Salvador Coffee

50/50 RAFFLE
Purchase your tickets the day of the breakfast
1/$5 3/$10 7/$20
Drawing held at the end of the breakfast! Must be present to win.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SISTER PARISH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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AROUND THE AREA

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. 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 for details.

I WILL BRING YOU HOME:

Songs of Prayer, Stories of Faith Concert

Featuring David Haas

Friday, September 13, 7:00 p.m.

209 S. Brown St., Paw Paw, MI.

Admission $10 per person.

Hosted by St. Jude, Gobles & St. Mary, Paw Paw Parishes.

WORKSHOP/RETREAT

Celebrating the Eucharist:

A Path for Spirituality and Discipleship

Saturday, September 14, 9:00 am—1:00 pm

(coffee, rolls, and lunch included)

Registration Fee: $35 per person. Early registration is encouraged to ensure we have enough food and materials.

Contact Jane Bodway for details about either or both events by email at st.judeparishgobles@gmail.com or 269-271-3359.

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Nadine Deak; Tony Dugal; Rebekah Hoffman;
Jeremy Krygowski, Student Representative;
Mark Krinock; Nancy Neumann; Tom Redmond;
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.

AROUND THE AREA

ST. TOM’S HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN $1,000 from SpartanNash, simply by shopping at any local D&W Fresh Market or Family Fare.

Through the Direct Your Dollars program, we can turn eligible receipts into cash for St. Thomas More!

For every $150,000 in receipts we collect, we will earn $1,000 donation from SpartanNash.

With your support – and your receipts all the proceeds will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul on Elenore St., Kalamazoo.