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.

DAILY MASS
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 5:15 P.M.

HOLY HOUR
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
8:00 a.m.

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

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

OFFICE HOURS
Monday — Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch

Phone (269) 381-8917 Fax (269) 381-0195
email: sttoms@sttomskazoo.org website: http://www.sttomskazoo.org

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
Kalina Bernadine Murray and Jaida Jene Murray
daughters of Daniel & Jessica
who were baptized here at St. Tom’s September 14, 2019.

BAPTISM
Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a
class before the celebration of this sacrament. Call the
parish office to register.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION
Couples planning to marry within the next year need to
attend a marriage preparation meeting. Call the parish
office at 269-381-8917 to register for the next class.
YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THESE CLASSES.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Amos 6:1, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

THANK YOU FROM FR. DAN

Fr. Dan sends his appreciation for the
birthday cards and messages.
He enjoyed hearing from you and sends
prayers and blessings for all.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — St. Matthew
6:00 p.m. † Lorraine Bond by Dolores Kaupa

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 — Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. People of the parish
11:30 a.m. Bishop Paul J. Bradley
6:00 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — St. Pius of Pietreicina
5:15 p.m. Vocations

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — St. Robert Bellarmine
5:15 p.m. Men and women serving in the military

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
5:15 p.m. Refugee families

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — Sts. Cosmas and Damian
5:15 p.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — St. Vincent DePaul
5:15 p.m. Women religious

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 — St. Wenceslaus;
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
6:00 p.m. † Denni Oravec sister of Karen Klott

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 — Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. † J. Richard Jaconette
father of Dave Jaconette
11:30 a.m. People of the parish
6:00 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family

BECOMING CATHOLIC

RCIA is the process through which
interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catho-
lic faith and way of life. RCIA is meant for adults who have been
baptized in the Catholic religion that are looking to com-
plete 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.
Our first gathering will be TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 at 7:00 p.m.
Please call the parish office for more information, 269-381-8917.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
3:30 p.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous
5:00-5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. Sunday Supper

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
8:00 a.m. Holy Hour
12:00 p.m. OA
1:00 p.m. Issues Group
6:00 p.m. Virtus Training
6:00 p.m. Meditation & Centering Prayer
7:00 p.m. Men’s Group
8:00 p.m. Focus Bible Study

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8:00 a.m. Holy Hour
12:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon
6:00-7:00 p.m. Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Group
7:00 p.m. Focus Bible Study
7:00 p.m. West Main Hill Neighborhood Assoc.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
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
7:00 p.m. More @ Midweek

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
6:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Apologetics
7:00 p.m. Music Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
8:00 a.m. Holy Hour
9:30 a.m. Yoga
12:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon
8:00 p.m. Student AA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
8:00 a.m. Women’s AA
8:30 a.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous
11:00 a.m. AA
5:00-5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
8:00 p.m. Student AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
12:45 p.m. Marriage Prep
3:30 p.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous
5:00-5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. Sunday Supper
MEN’S GROUP
St. Tom’s Men’s Group will meet Monday evening, Sept. 23 at 7:00 pm in the Bronco Meeting Room. All the men of the parish are invited to join us for thoughtful discussion of the weekend readings and other spiritual works.

THE ST. TOM’S YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
will begin our next session on September 24. This fall we will sample a variety of Catholic podcasts, and meet each Tuesday evening for a discussion and a meal. This group is open to all young adults (young professionals, single, married, parents and anything in between!) in the Kalamazoo area who want to grow in faith together through prayer, study, service, and fellowship. visit the St. Tom’s website for more information or Email sttomsyoungadults@gmail.com.

EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS OF YOGA
PLEASE NOTE YOGA WILL NOT MEET TUESDAY AND THURSDAY THIS WEEK, BUT WILL MEET ON FRIDAY AT 9:30.
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: a reasoned argument in favor of a belief
This is a group where young adults interested in Apologetics come together to profit from the collective knowledge, resources, and experience of the group so as to better prepare each other to evangelize in the real world as Jesus asked us to do. Interested in Apologetics? Welcome! We meet to learn and enjoy food from 6:30 to 8:00 each Thursday evening in the Bronco Room. Questions, contact Ferran Poage at ferranpoage@gmail.com

“APOLOGETICS” 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.

PARISHIONER UPDATE & STUDENT REGISTRATION FORMS
are available in the narthex. Please complete the forms and put in the basket provided or return to the parish office.

Here at St. Tom’s

St. Tom’s is scheduled to help serve dinner at the Gospel Mission on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 4:00-7:00 p.m. (October 15)

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. (October 27)

SIGN-UP IN THE NARTHEX FOR ONE OR BOTH.
Questions? Contact deacon joe at jhschmitt@charter.net or 269-381-8917 x274.
**ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH**

**KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN**

**Thank you** to all of the volunteers who made the pancake breakfast run smoothly.
Without help like you gave the breakfast could never happen.
Many of you come back every year.

**Thank you** also to the parishioners who attended the breakfast to lend your support to our sister parish in El Salvador.
In addition to breakfast many of you bought items from El Salvador, participated in the 50/50 drawing or bought coffee.

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**Welcome**

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

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

**Sunday Suppers**

Are open to all college students and young adults. Come to the Social Hall for a free, homemade supper following the 6:00 Mass.

**The Sunday Shuttle**

Is in full service this weekend. If you live on Western’s campus, you can catch a free ride to St. Tom’s for the Sunday evening mass and supper. Our white van provides transportation from Valley Dining Center, Bernhard Center, and Davis Hall. Pick-up begins at 5:20 pm at Valley Dining Center Upper Parking Lot, followed by Bernhard Center Bookstore Entrance, and Davis Hall. We’ll drop you off right at your door (on campus) after Mass/supper. Watch for the white van with St. Tom’s blue logo on the side. You can walk to church and get a ride back to campus or ride both ways.

**More at Midweek**

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with praise and worship, followed at 8:30 by free pizza and mini-presentations by the Student Ministry Team and parishioners about the many ways to get involved with St. Tom’s inside and outside our walls. This includes helping out at mass, social justice, working with children, on-campus outreach, serving refugee families and those in need, among others. Bring a friend and meet new friends! Come for all or part of the evening.

**Gull Meadow Farms Trip**

Friday, September 27 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Calling all College Students & Young Adults for a Fun Fall Adventure!

Explore the farm this fall with wagon rides, a corn maze, jumping pillow, fence maze, and more! $12 gets you a wristband for admission to all areas of the farm: Family Activities, Corn Maze and Petting Farm (see list here: http://gullmeadowfarms.com/FallFun). Eat dinner before you come or bring extra money if you want to purchase (or pick) apples, pumpkins, cider, baked goods (donuts!), or apple cannon shots. Wear your walking shoes. Meet us at the ticket booth at 6:00 or call Lisa to find us when you arrive. Tickets can be purchased online or at the farm.

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**Youth Faith Formation**

**Children and Worship** for children ages 3-7, is a program based on Bible stories, that helps children to fall in love with God and develop their own relationship with God through experiences and wonder.

**Children and Worship Will be Offered During 9:30 Mass the First Three Sundays of Each Month Beginning Sunday, October 6.**

We are also in need of additional volunteers. This would require one Sunday per month October - April during 9:30 Mass.

To register your child or volunteer call Michele at the parish office, 269-381-8917 x273 or email michele@sttomskazoo.org

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**Religious Education** Grades 1-6 Registration packets available in the narthex.
First Session begins Sunday, October 6 — 10:45 a.m.

Registration Packets in the Narthex

**Confirmation Classes**

First Year Confirmation Students will meet Sundays 12:45-2:00
Second Year Confirmation Students will meet Monday evening 6:00-7:15

**Questions?** Call Narcia at the parish office — 269-381-8917

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**September 2019 Sunday Collection**

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AROUND THE AREA

WIDOWED FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP
Wednesday, September 25, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Diocesan Pastoral Center, 215 N. Westnedge Ave. Widowed men and widowed women are invited to participate in this gathering/support group once a month.

CELEBRATING WORKERS OF MERCY
Friday, September 27, 6 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo All workers of mercy in any of our parishes, agencies, or other institutions are invited as we give thanks for your faith-filled outreach and celebrate the way you bring comfort to so many who are in need of Jesus’ love and mercy. The evening will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul J. Bradley at 6 p.m., followed by reflections from Msgr. Hazard and a simple dinner from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Please RSVP by September 20 to Joan Jaconette at 269-903-0147 or jjaconette@dickzoo.org.

JUSTFAITH Phase III: Living Simply BEGINS SOON!
The new Just Faith program invites you to gain deeper understanding of contemporary issues through the lens of Christian faith. In a small, supportive community, you will engage in reading, prayer, thought-provoking dialogue, and encounter as you build lasting relationships. The full Just Faith program is available over three phases, allowing you to experience this transformational journey in a timeline that fits your life. In Phase III: Living Simply—Caring for the earth and for the poor as you investigate the Gospel teachings. The opening retreat will be held on Saturday, October 12, 10:00-4:00. Classes will convene for 8 weeks, beginning October 17, 2:00-4:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 212 S. Park St., Kalamazoo. Please register now by calling/texting Nancy Servoss at 269-598-0936.

CALLING ALL WOMEN
Experience your Catholic faith more fully and live a 3-day weekend growing in a stronger and more beautiful relationship with the Lord.
Women’s Cursillo will be held Oct. 17-20. For more information contact Diana Godish 269-312-8041 or Sharon Matkin 269-698-9087. Application deadline Oct. 3.

THE ST. VINCENT DePAUL THRIFT STORE
continues to seek volunteers. If you are looking for an opportunity to join a joyful group of people who work together to help some of the most vulnerable people in our community, then this may be the place for you. There is a need for workers in the Thrift Store and in other areas such as client counseling, web page development, marketing and public relations. To further explore this volunteer opportunity, contact Bob Cretsinger at 269-254-8175.

HACKETT CATHOLIC PREP INVITES YOU TO HOMECOMING 2019 AND THE INAUGURAL ALUMNI WEEKEND:
Thursday, October 3
Awards Dinner 6:00pm – Kalamazoo Country Club

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees
Rick Bourner ’76; Shawn Connors ’74; Patrick Walsh ’85
1963 St. Augustine Football Team
2002 Hackett Women’s Soccer Team

Distinguished Alumni Award
Rod O’Brien ’51
Bishops’ Service Award
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Friday, October 4
Irish Golf Classic 9:00am – Kalamazoo Country Club
Homecoming Tailgate
5:00pm – Soisson-Rapacz-Clason Field
Homecoming Football Game vs. Coloma
7:00pm – Soisson-Rapacz-Clason Field

Saturday, October 5
Alumni Mass 10:00am – Hackett Catholic Prep Chapel
Visit csgk.org/alumni for more information about events and registration.

We hope to see you there. Go Irish!

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