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.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH
421 Monroe Street — Kalamazoo, MI 49006
Phone 269-381-8917
Email: sttoms@sttomskazoo.org
Website: www.sttkskazoo.org

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

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 daily 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch

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**SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**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.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**

**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 become Catholic, and also for adults who have been baptized in another 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. RCIA meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Cougar Room, call the parish office for more information, 269-381-8917.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

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**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Everyone needs “A Round Tuit.” The lepers in today’s gospel probably meant to thank Jesus. Excited about being cured they didn’t get ‘around-to-it.’ We get caught up in our own interests and fail to appreciate what we have or to say what is in our hearts. This week get yourself a “Round Tuit.”

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**
9:30 a.m.  Children & Worship
2:00 p.m.  Cursillo
3:30 p.m.  Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous
5:00-5:30 p.m.  Reconciliation
7:00 p.m.  Sunday Supper

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14**
8:00 a.m.  Holy Hour
12:00 p.m.  OA
1:00 p.m.  Issues Group
6:00 p.m.  Meditation & Centering Prayer
7:00 p.m.  Men’s Group
8:00 p.m.  Focus Bible Study

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**
8:00 a.m.  Holy Hour
9:30 a.m.  Yoga
12:00 p.m.  AA/Al Anon
5:15 p.m.  Women’s Cursillo Reunion Group
6:00 p.m.  Salvadoran Delegation Planning
7:00 p.m.  RCIA
7:00 p.m.  Young Adult Group
7:00 p.m.  Focus Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**
8:00 a.m.  Holy Hour
11:00 a.m.  Reach, Stretch, Relax
12:00 p.m.  AA
6:30 p.m.  What’s Happening at the Border
6:30-7:30 p.m.  Reconciliation

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**
9:30 a.m.  Yoga
6:00 p.m.  Women’s Bible Study
6:30 p.m.  Apologetics
7:00 p.m.  Music Rehearsal

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**
8:00 a.m.  Holy Hour
12:00 p.m.  AA/Al Anon
8:00 p.m.  Student AA

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19**
8:00 a.m.  Women’s AA
8:30 a.m.  Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous
11:00 a.m.  AA
4:45 p.m.  St. Lucy Ministry
5:00-5:30 p.m.  Reconciliation
8:00 p.m.  Student AA

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**
9:30 a.m.  Baptism
9:30 a.m.  Children & Worship
10:45 a.m.  Religious Ed (Grades 1-6)
1:00 p.m.  First Year Confirmation Prep Class
3:30 p.m.  Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous
5:00-5:30 p.m.  Reconciliation
HERE AT
ST. TOM’S

MEN’S GROUP
St. Tom’s Men’s Group will meet Monday evening, Monday, October 14 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.

ST. LUCY MINISTRY
meets on the first and third Saturday, 4:45 to 5:45 for sharing, crafting and prayer. Join us Saturday, October 19 in the Chapel Mary Mother of the Poor. This ministry provides items of comfort or warmth for those in need in our community and beyond.

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
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.

“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 “everybody”. Contact Matt Barretta at 343-7857 or 548-6837 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
The next blood drive here at St. Tom’s is scheduled for Thursday, November 7. To donate go to: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/116420

TOILET PAPER MINISTRY
FOR THOSE IN NEED
Bring a roll or package anytime and put it in the alcove in the narthex hallway.

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, 4:00-7:00 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 jhscmitty@charter.net or 269-381-8917 x274.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT THE BORDER?
Many people are saying a number of different things about the situation at our southern border.

No one person understands every detail, but first-hand experience offers a larger view than what we hear on TV.

Wednesday, October 16 — 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Justice grads will present an evening of informative conversation with friends,
Father Bob Flickinger, Sister Pamela Owens, CSJ,
and
Coral Cervantes, Justice for Our Neighbors,
who traveled to the border this spring
and served our neighbors
in El Paso and Laredo, Texas and Tijuana, Mexico.

They will share their personal experiences and tell us what they
heard, saw, and felt, and offer ideas of what
we might do as we move forward in hope.

A question and answer period will follow their presentations.

The event will be held at
St. Thomas More Student Parish, 421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo.

ALL ARE WELCOME

OCTOBER 2019 SUNDAY COLLECTION

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ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC STUDENT PARISH
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**LIVES OF POSSIBILITY: A SERIES ON INCLUSION** (November 19, 26, and December 3)
A Transformations Spirituality Center collaboration with The Fetzer Institute, St. Thomas More Student Parish, Western Michigan University Department of Education, and Urban Alliance. **All events are free but registration is required.** Please register at TransformationsCenter.org/programs
Disabilities are a normal and natural part of life, yet those who are disabled – intellectually, physically, or both – are often subjected to mistreatment and prejudice. The US Department of Labor Statistics reports that over 80% of those with disabilities are unemployed. Let’s look at how we can shift the narrative of these precious lives!
**THE SERIES WILL BE HELD HERE AT ST. TOM’S.**
Flyer available in the narthex. Full details on our website and in next week’s bulletin.

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

**SUNDAY SUPPER**
Is open to all college students and young adults following 6:00 mass.
Come to the Social Hall for a free, homemade supper which includes homemade mac and cheese with chicken and of course homemade desserts!

**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.

**NO MORE AT MIDWEEK THIS WEEK DUE TO WMU FALL BREAK AND NO SUNDAY SHUTTLE OR SUPPER ON OCTOBER 20.**

**ADOPT A STUDENT/ ADOPT A FAMILY**
We are re-instituting the program that connects permanent residents with college students. For some of our students, this time of year can be a nerve-racking time, particularly for new students. Some are spending their first year away from the support system they have known all their life. Other students are returning for another stressful and emotional semester with their families and friends very far away. The program links up college students who would like a local family with St. Tom’s families who can provide comfort, support, a place to de-stress, and a listening ear so desperately needed by young people living the college life. We’ll try to match students with families according to needs and offerings. Applications are now available in the narthex and on the St. Tom’s website for both permanent residents and students.

"**COME HOLY SPIRIT**"
**COLLEGE STUDENT RETREAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**
Friday, November 8- Sunday, November 10 at Pretty Lake Camp in Mattawan. Check-in Friday evening at St. Tom’s either before or after mass; join us at 5:15 for daily mass, then we’ll eat together and carpool out from there. If you are unable to be there by 6:00 let Lisa know you need a special arrangement. Arrival back at St. Tom’s on Sunday around one. The cost is $70, which includes 5 meals, snacks, overnight lodging, and materials. Students registered with St. Tom’s can attend for just $35 and scholarships are available. Friends from other schools are welcome to join us if space is available. Registration forms are available in the narthex at St. Tom’s or online through our Facebook event. Must be completed by Sunday, November 3, but you can turn in cash or a check at check-in. Please note: St. Tom’s has no way to accept a credit card, but you can securely do a transfer from your checking account through the electronic giving tab at the top of our website www.sttomskazoo.org

**SPECIAL INCENTIVE TO REGISTER EARLY!**
ANYONE WHO REGISTERS BY OCTOBER 20 WILL BE GUARANTEED A T-SHIRT, REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED OCTOBER 21 OR LATER WILL RECEIVE ANY EXTRAS WE MAY HAVE.
OLD FASHIONED CHICKEN DINNER
St. Stanislaus Parish, (1871 136th Ave. Dorr MI) is serving an old fashioned Chicken Dinner on Sunday October 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with lake outs available. Menu: Fried Chicken, Mashed potatoes, Biscuits and gravy, corn, beans, Coleslaw, homemade rolls and homemade pies. Adults $10, children aged 5-12 $5, and 4 and under free.

UNITED IN PURPOSE
AN EVENING WITH LOU HOLTZ
Monday, October 21, 5 p.m. Western Michigan University Miller Auditorium, Kalamazoo. An evening with Lou Holtz to promote Catholic education and our shared mission of faith-based education. Learn more and purchase tickets at kalamazouunitedinpurpose.com

GROUP SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
Would you like to feel more alive, more attuned to your own responses and experiences? Many people from varied walks of life and religious backgrounds find that this is an outcome of engaging in a process of group spiritual direction. In this setting we become attuned to God’s active presence in our lives, while listening to others and to ourselves. A new small group facilitated by Sr Pam Owens, CSJ will begin on Nov. 7 from 1:30-3:30 OR 6:30-8:30 p.m. (dependent on the desires of the group) and will meet every-other week for 5 sessions. Come and sample group spiritual direction at an orientation which will be held on Oct. 24 at 6:30 in the Lacy Room at the new Nazareth Center, 2929 Nazareth Rd, Kalamazoo. For details on costs, schedules, and to register, please go online at https://www.transformationscenter.org/programs or contact Sr. Pam at 269-775-1554.

NEW BOOK RELEASE written by FR. KEN. SCHMIDT
Conscious Contact with God
is a new paraphrase of the Psalms that reflects the experience of addiction and living in recovery. It will speak powerfully to anyone who shares those experiences and struggles to find God present in the midst of them. Ideal for personal prayer, reflection, and meditation, as well as for praying and reflecting in groups, these thoughtful and inspiring texts are rich in the vocabulary and vision of the Twelve Steps.
This new resource fills a gap that has unfortunately existed until now for anyone addicted to alcohol, drugs, food, sex, or other substances or experiences. Here they will find compassion, understanding, and strength.
The book is available at the St. Tom’s parish office for $20.00.

WIDOWED FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP
Wednesday, October 23, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. — Diocesan Pastoral Center, 215 N. Westnedge Avenue. Widowed men and widowed women are invited to participate in this gathering/support group once a month.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
St. Joseph Church, 932 Lake St., Kalamazoo on Friday, October 25 sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, proceeds for MRC Industries and Kalamazoo Area 16 Special Olympics. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., serving 5:00-7:00 p.m. Homemade spaghetti sauce, meatballs, salad & garlic break. $8 adults; $5 for children 6-11; 5 and under free. Pop & alcohol extra.

MEMORIAL MASS
SISTER MARLENE HALPIN, OP
a former employee of our diocese, was called home to God on May 31, 2019, the feast of Mary’s Visitation to Elizabeth. A memorial Mass will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 26 at St. Thomas More Parish, with Fr. Ken Schmidt as the celebrant.

PRINCIPLES OF MANAGING FINANCES AS A COUPLE
October 26, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Crowley Center at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo. Join us for a free presentation from special guest speakers on steps to living together in harmony by becoming good stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to you. Register online at diokzoo.org/managing-finances. Contact Socorro Truchan for additional details at struchan@diokzoo.org.

MEDJUGORJE 2020
June 4 to June 10, 2020 - 7 days/6 nights, escorted by former parishioner Annemarie Ausland. Join Annemarie on this religious pilgrimage to world-famous Medjugorje in Bosnia and Herzegovina where the Holy Virgin, Queen of Peace, appeared to six teenagers in 1981. Flyer available in the narthex on the kioske. For detailed information contact Annemarie at 269-998-1733; email lunga233@yahoo.com or Kathleen Hutchins 269-674-4562; email: kehutch60@yahoo.com

CSGK TUITION REIMBURSEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.
Volunteer needed for TRIP administrator position. This position is responsible for overseeing the program which includes ordering and tracking all inventory, distributing orders to each school, selling at Hackett Catholic Prep High School, financial statements, bank reconciliations, credit slips to families, etc. Volunteer would take over as coordinator in early 2020. Interested volunteers please contact Melissa Andereg, CSGK Business Manager, at manderegg@cskg.org or by phone at 269-381-2646, ext. 119.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General’s investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General’s office at: 844.324.3374.