



St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

— 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.

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Office Located at 1333 W. Lovell Street

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Closed Noon - 1:00 p.m. daily)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Daily Mass 5:15 p.m.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Baptism, Reconciliation, Marriage —

Call the parish office to set an appointment. Please note that the period of marriage preparation is at least six months. If you know of anyone who is sick or homebound, please call the parish office.

PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

Staff members are available for appointments.

Please call the parish office at 381-8917 or call

Catholic Family Services at 381-9800

PARISH STAFF

Sharon Froom, MA, LLP, Pastoral Counselor

Deacon Pat Hall, Pastoral Team

Sr. Sue McCreery, CSJ, Pastoral Team

Sr. Pam Owens, CSJ, Pastoral Team

Fr. Ken Schmidt, Pastoral Team

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Jerry & Molly Mechtenberg-Berrigan, Youth Faith Formation

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Martha Reid, Bookkeeper

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-32
Mark 1:14-20

BAPTISM—Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament. Call the parish office at 381-8917 for more information about baptism and baptism classes. The next baptism class is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Call the parish office, 381-8917 to register for the next **PRE-MARRIAGE MEETING**. Couples planning to marry within the next year should plan on attending one of these meetings. Please call the parish office for the next meeting date. You must register before attending.

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK**MONDAY, JANUARY 16 — SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

Monday:	1 Samuel 15:16-23	Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Mark 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51	Mark 3:1-16
Thursday:	1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7	Mark 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Samuel 24:3-21	Mark 3:13-19
Saturday	2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27	Mark 3:20-21

MASS SCHEDULE**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

6:00 p.m. † Bishop Mark Schmitt uncle of dcn. joe schmitt

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 — Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. † Maurice Clary father of Sandra Gagie
11:30 a.m. † Stella Greenfield requested by family
5:30 p.m. † Nicholas L. Heiny requested by family
7:30 p.m. People of the parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

5:15 p.m. † David Heath (living)
requested by Irene & Stephen Trivers

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 — St. Anthony

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 — St. Fabian

2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Heartland
5:15 p.m. † Susan Rousos requested by family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 — St. Agnes

6:00 p.m. Men and women serving in the military

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 — Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. People of the parish
11:30 a.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres
5:30 p.m. Peace in the world
7:30 p.m. Bishop Paul J. Bradley (living)

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Children & Worship
4-5:30 p.m. FA
6:30 p.m. Sunday Supper
7:30 p.m. Breaking Open The World

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

6:00 p.m. Meditation & Centering Prayer
7:00 p.m. Men's Group
7:00 p.m. Forgiveness Series

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

12:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon
7:00 p.m. RCIA
8:00 p.m. Student AA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 p.m. More @ Midweek

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

10:30 a.m. Yoga
7:00 p.m. Student Ministry Team
7:00 p.m. Peace House presentation
7:00-8:30 p.m. Young Disciples
8:00 p.m. Student AA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

12:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon
1:00-5:00 p.m. MI Blood Drive

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 a.m. Women's AA
8:30-10:00 a.m. FA
11:00 a.m. AA
4:45 p.m. St. Lucy Ministry

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open The Word
9:30 & 11:30 a.m. Children & Worship
12:30 p.m. Salvadoran Student Farewell Potluck
4-5:30 p.m. FA
6:30 p.m. Sunday Supper

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE — Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

— VIRTUS TRAINING —

Protecting God's Children (Virtus), a program designed to raise awareness for the prevention of child sexual abuse, is **required** of all clergy, employees and all volunteers who work with children in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. If you are a catechist, an aide, facilitating Children and Worship, planning on helping with the St. Tom's Co-op Nursery, a college student who indicated on your registration form that you would like to help in any of these programs take advantage of the **upcoming awareness session that will be held at**

St. Tom's on Thursday, January 26, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Parents, even if you are not involved with any of the above, this is a very informative evening and could help you protect your own child so well worth your time. There is no charge.

Before you attend a session you must register on-line at www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org Click: Safe Environment Office, Protecting God's Children Awareness Training Sessions, How to register for a session

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

Men's Group—St. Tom's Men's Group will meet Monday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. 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.

Fr. Ken will be repeating the series on Forgiveness: what it is and how to do it. We often need help to understand what forgiveness really is (and is not), and the process that assists our own healing from serious hurts. This series of three evenings will lead us through that, with a reserved fourth Monday for a "snow date." **Monday, January 16; Monday, January 23; Monday, January 30; (snow date Monday, February 20)** All begin at 7:00 p.m. Call the parish office if you are interested in attending, 381-8917, ext. 261.

St. Lucy Ministry meets on the first and third Saturday from 4:45 to 5:45 for sharing, crafting and prayer. Join us this Saturday 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. Those who can benefit from the products of our prayers and hands will receive our crafts and these gifts will be passed along with the blessing of the crafts created by our members. Interested parishioners may contact - Mary Grace at mgrace2001@sbcglobal.net; Sue Banner at susancbanner@gmail.com; Rita Linnenkugel at ritac48chartermi.net; or Becky Schmitt at mrschmitt2@yahoo.com.

NURSERY CO-OP: St. Tom's will be opening the nursery co-op soon during the 9:30 and 11:30 Sunday Masses. If you are interested in participating in the nursery co-op or have further questions, please contact Danielle Howell at howellfamily2005@gmail.com.

Mondays — 6:00 - 6:40 pm **Silent Prayer and Meditation** in the Chapel, Mary Mother of the Poor. Need some quiet prayer time? Join us for a brief devotional reading followed by 25 minutes of prayer & meditation in shared silence.

Experience the benefits of Yoga – uniting body, mind and soul. Release tension, reduce stress, and improve awareness, posture, and balance. Build strength and a stronger core for improved functional fitness. Every Thursday at 10:30 am in the Cougar Room. All levels welcome, no experience necessary. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. Donations accepted of \$5 - \$10.

2011 Contribution Statements are available for you to pick-up in the narthex. Any questions please call Martha Reid, 381-8917, ext. 266.

SISTER PARISH NEWS

We are pleased that our Salvadoran students Gloria and Belen will be with us from January 13-22. We are very much in need of translators for the weekday outings we have planned for the students. Please call Jerry Pahl ASAP at 372-7937 if you can help. Also, the students will be able to take cards and letters back with them, but they have to be translated. Please have them at the office no later than Wednesday, January 18 or those that do not have to be translated can be turned in on Sunday, January 22 at the farewell potluck for the students after the 11:30 Mass.

Our sister Parish in El Salvador is in great need of new computers. Those previously donated are probably 13-14 years old. The need is for 12 computers. We would like to purchase directly from San Salvador so that the parish could get installation and technical support. Purchase price ought to be about \$400.00/ computer. **We have a donor who will match every computer that is purchased.** Checks toward purchase ought to be made out to St. Thomas More with a memo 'computers'.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

If your child is planning to receive the sacrament of First Eucharist or Confirmation this year and you have not received a letter from Sr. Pam, please call the parish office and leave her a message.

381-8917, ext 273.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASSES MEET ON SUNDAYS

10:10-11:10 (English) or 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (bilingual)
at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Lake Street

The Religious Ed. class year is now half over. All families with students who believe that they are receiving a sacrament this spring (First Communion / Confirmation) need to be attending Religion Classes, either through Religious Education on Sundays, CSGK, or by special arrangement through the Religious Ed. Department. If you need to register your student, please contact Patty Haley at 343-6256.

Last Sunday (Jan. 8, 2012) all Religious Ed. Classes began our annual "Fill the Ark" service project and it will run until Sunday February 5, 2012. This project raises money for Heifer International. Heifer's mission is "to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth." Heifer empowers people by giving them a hand-up, not just a hand-out. They help turn lives of hunger and poverty into lives of self-reliance and hope. Heifer International can be found online at WWW.heifer.org, as well as on Myspace, Facebook and Twitter! Please call Patty at 343-6256 if you want to participate in this project or if you want further information regarding Heifer International.

Please remember: If the weather is bad on ANY Sunday morning and you think classes may be cancelled, please call the Religious Ed. Dept. at 343-6256, ext. 110 to check for cancellations. The message will be changed by 8:00 a.m. to reflect the cancellation if it occurs.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Patty Haley at 343-6256, ext. 110 or email at phaley@tds.net.



BLOOD DRIVE

It's in you to give blood.



1-866-MIBLOOD
miblood.org

Friday, January 20
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Here at St. Tom's

Appointment Preferred

Questions? Call
Sue McCreery @ 269-381-8917 ext. 275

SPIRIT YOUTH GROUP



High School Youth Group

Sunday, Jan. 15, 6 – 8 pm, St. Joe's Youth Room
"On Pilgrimage"

What does it mean to be "on pilgrimage?" Join us as we explore the meaning of a pilgrimage and look at the stories of some people who have taken on these spiritual journeys.

Bring a friend to join the fun! For more information, contact Molly or Jerry Mechtenberg-Berrigan @ syg@stomskazoo.org, 381-8917

2011 ADVENT PROJECTS

Maria Madre Senior Center: \$ 5,859

Casa Amparo Sisters' Education: \$ 1,500

Open Doors Shelter: \$ 500

In addition we delivered 103 wrapped presents to Open Doors on Christmas Eve—all donated to the Giving Tree Project.

Loaves and Fishes: \$ 1,765

Also the total amount of food that St. Tom's donated to Loaves and Fishes for year of 2011 was 703 lbs.

Thanks to everyone for their continued generosity to our annual Advent Projects and the many other ministries here at St. Tom's throughout the year.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Update as of January 4, 2012



Total	251	90,248
GOAL	88%	102,332
DIFFERENCE		-12,084
# of parishioners (over \$25 gifts)		505
Percentage of participating		50%

JANUARY 2012

	Sunday Collection	Growing in the Spirit Mortgage Fund
Weekly Target	\$ 13,115.00	\$ 3,350.00
1/1	5,746.58	870.00
1/8	11,174.43	1,407.00
1/15		
1/22		
1/29		
Electronic gifts	6,623.00	2,347.00
Total gifts to date for Jan.2012	23,544.01	4,624.00
Operating budget to date Jan. 2012	26,230.00	6,700.00
Difference in January 2012	(2,685.99)	(2,076.00)
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	8,430.05	22,981.75

ACTIVITIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Welcome Back Students

Join us on Wednesday evenings for **More at Midweek**. This week our visiting students from El Salvador will join us for the evenings activities. We begin around 7:00 with quiet prayer in the church. About 7:30 we begin praise and worship – singing, praying with the upcoming Sunday's readings and faith sharing. 8:15 - Pizza, pop and the program will begin. Each month, we try to do one week focused on Catholic identity, one week on a "hot topic" - yeah, we don't shy away from the difficult discussions, one week on an outreach or service project, and one week doing something that's just plain fun. Come for all or part of the evening as your schedule allows.



LET'S EAT— CHILI IS ON THE MENU THIS WEEKEND —

Sunday Supper is a FREE home-cooked supper is served from 6:30-7:00 p.m. upstairs in the Social Hall.

Supper includes a main entree, salad, beverage, and dessert. Come for the 5:30 Mass and stay for supper - or come to supper and stay for the 7:30 Mass.

St. Tom's will sponsor an Alternative Spring Break on March 3-10 in New Orleans where we will work in the Gentilly Neighborhood or the Lower 9th Ward. Cost is \$300 and it includes transportation with the parish van, accommodations, food, and site fees. We have room for 6 people; a \$25 deposit is needed by January 25. Olga Bonfiglio is coordinating this trip; she will meet with participants at the Sunday Supper on January 22. For more information, see the flyers on the table in the narthex or call her at 269-226-8727.

JUSTICE WALKING — (J-Walking) is a small-group program that focuses on the social justice teachings of our Catholic faith. You will read about, discuss, meet and experience first-hand those who suffer from injustices. Justice Walking will inspire uncommon life-choices; offer faith-based perspectives on the events of our time; re-order life-priorities; and build unique relationships. Justice Walking will be offered to students here at St. Tom's beginning with a retreat on Saturday, January 28. **INFORMATIONAL-REGISTRATION BROCHURE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.** If you are interested please fill out the form and put in the box provided before next weekend.

Young Disciples Young Adult Community will meet every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Hornet room. This is a group geared towards young adults in their 20s and 30s, especially focusing on young professionals. Our goal is to learn about our Catholic faith through the study of the Bible, the saints, and other Catholic literature. We are an intentional faith community and hope you will join us. If you have any questions email Kathy Williams at willikat@aquinas.edu.

NEED A RIDE? Though we are close to campus, the walk from many residence halls is pretty lengthy – not bad in good weather, but when the snow flies, it's not fun. So, we send our St. Tom's white van up to campus—to the 3 valleys and the Bernhard Center on Sunday evenings, before and after the 5:30 and 7:30 Masses to pick you up and take you back to campus.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Peace House presents:

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND SOCIAL UPHEAVAL: A TWO-PART SERIES

Thursday, January 19: Kurt Cobb

"A Turning Point for Oil and the World"

Kurt Cobb is a Kalamazoo-based energy expert and author of the blog *Resource Insights*. He has written a novel, the peak-oil themed thriller *Prelude*, and is a columnist for the Paris-based science new site *Scitizen*. Cobb says the current U.S. energy policy of "don't worry, be happy" makes us highly vulnerable to repeated economic and security crises. He offers one key approach that he believes will greatly aid us in responding to our emerging energy reality.

Thursday, February 16: Ron Kramer

"Climate Change, Denial and Social Justice"

Ron Kramer is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Criminal Justice Program at Western Michigan University. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from the Ohio State University in 1978. His research specialties within criminology are corporate and state crime and crime prevention and control strategies. He will be speaking on the social causes, social conflict and social solutions of global climate change.

Both events will take place at

St. Thomas More Parish, 421 Monroe St., 7:30 pm

For more information, please contact
peacehouse@tds.net; 492-1206

TRAUMA RECOVERY PROGRAM

If you were hurt emotionally and/or physically as a child and now struggle with extreme uncomfortable emotions, have difficulty in relationships and make choices that are harmful to yourself or others, the Trauma Recovery Program can help you understand why and offer you skills to live a happier and more satisfying life. Help and healing are possible.

GROUPS ARE FORMING FOR MARCH 2012

Choose a

MORNING GROUP 9:30 a.m. - NOON

or an

EVENING GROUP 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

March: 12, 19, 26; April: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

May: 5 (Saturday both groups) and May 7

If you are interested in participating in the program contact Sharon Froom at 269-381-8917, ext. 222 to learn more about the program.

Calling all Children with Disabilities and their Families—

Come to a day of Faith and Fun for all. February 18, 2012 10:00 am — 3:00 pm; Camp Friedenswald, near Cassopolis. Lunch included. There is no cost for this day. Parents, sisters, brothers and extended family join together for a day learning about Noah and his Ark through stories, crafts and other activities. For more information or to register contact Ministry with Persons with Disabilities 269-349-7276 asherzer@dioceseofkalamazoo.org or go to www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org/disabilities

WHAT IS "THEOLOGY OF THE BODY"?

COME FIND OUT! In this 2 hour introduction presentation given at 5 locations, best selling author and well known speaker, Christopher West, begins to explore the "gift" God desires to give us, what will bring the happiness we all long for, and much more. This presentation is intended to start the process of exploring Blessed John Paul II's teaching to create a foundation for future courses.

Presentations facilitated by: Mrs. Pat Vanderpool, Director of Religious Education from St. Ann's Parish & Dr. Michelle T. Valella from St. Philip's Parish.

SESSION	LOCATION	WHEN	CONTACT
1	St. Philip Parish Battle Creek Parish Center	Thursday January 19 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Jan Gray 269-968-6645
2	St. Martin of Tours Vicksburg Parish Hall	Thursday January 26 6:00-8:00 p.m.	Tim McNamara 269-649-1629
3	St. Ann Parish Augusta Family Center	Tuesday January 31 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Pat Vanderpool 269-731-0295
4	St. Joseph Parish Battle Creek Parish Center Main Floor	Wednesday February 1 6:30-8:30 p.m.	Barb Kincaid 269-965-4079
5	St. Rose of Lima Parish Hastings Adult Ed Room	Thursday February 2 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Steve Youngs 269-945-4246

TO REGISTER:

send Name, Email, Phone number, & Session # attending to:
TOB Registration, 148 Pheasant Run, Battle Creek, MI 49015
or Email info to TOB@CanYouSeeClearly.com
or Call Pat Vanderpool at 269-731-0295 M-F 9am-4pm
(Work books are \$7.00 at the door. Scholarships provided)

Making a Report of Sexual Misconduct—

report of sexual misconduct may be initiated at the Diocese of Kalamazoo's Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line: (877) 802-0115. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding sexual misconduct will be returned, usually within one hour. This toll-free telephone number has been established as a part of the Diocese's effort to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within Diocesan institutions and ministries only. If you have some other concern about Diocesan schools, parishes, or ministries, please contact the appropriate Diocesan school, parish, or office directly.

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