

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish



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PARISH STAFF

Sharon Froom, MA, LLP, Pastoral Counselor
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 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 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**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

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 23 — SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

Monday:	2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10	Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19	Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16	Mark 16:15-18
Thursday:	2 Timothy 1:1-8	Mark 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17	Mark 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Samuel 112:1-7, 10-17	Mark 4:35-41

MASS SCHEDULE**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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

5:15 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 — St. Francis de Sales

5:15 p.m. † Frank Cunningham requested by Ginny Bauhof

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 — The Conversion of St. Paul

5:15 p.m. Seminarians

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 — Sts. Timothy and Titus

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 — St. Angela Merici

2:00 p.m. Residents of Heartland at Heartland
5:15 p.m. Men and women serving in the military

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 — St. Thomas Aquinas

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 — Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. † Betty Huskey requested by Larry & Kathi Fuss
11:30 a.m. † Stella Greenfield requested by family
5:30 p.m. Bishop Paul J. Bradley (living)
7:30 p.m. Vocations

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**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

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

6:00 p.m. Meditation & Centering Prayer
7:00 p.m. Forgiveness Series

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:30 p.m. More @ Midweek

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

10:30 a.m. Yoga
4:00-5:30 p.m. Beacon Group
6:00-8:30 p.m. Virtus Training
7:00 p.m. Student Ministry Team
7:00 p.m. Parish Council
7:00-8:30 p.m. Young Disciples
8:00 p.m. Student AA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

12:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 a.m. Women's AA
8:30-10:00 a.m. FA
10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Justice Walking
11:00 a.m. AA
6:00 p.m. Breaking Open The Word

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

4-5:30 p.m. FA
6:30 p.m. Sunday Supper

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

All families with school aged children who believe that their child will be 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. Dept. If you need to register a student, contact Patty Haley at 343-6256.

The annual "Fill the Ark" service project will run until Sunday February 5. 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. Please call Patty at 343-6256 if you want to participate in this project or if you want further information.

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.

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

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, 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.

— 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

SISTER PARISH NEWS

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'.

SPIRIT YOUTH GROUP



High School Youth Group
Sunday, Jan. 22, 6 - 8 pm, St. Joe's Youth Room
 "Sports and American Culture"

Middle School Youth Group Monday, Jan. 23, 6:30-8 pm
 "Journeys of Faith: A Look at Pilgrimage"

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

ACTIVITIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Join us on Wednesday evenings for **More at Midweek**. 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.

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.

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 firsthand those who suffer from injustices. Justice Walking will be offered to students here at St. Tom's beginning with a retreat on Saturday, January 28. Brochures in the narthex.

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.

JANUARY 2012

	Growing in the Spirit	
	Sunday Collection	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	8,396.61	155.00
1/22		
1/29		
Electronic gifts	14,496.00	4,505.00
Total gifts to date for Jan. 2012	39,813.62	6,937.00
Operating budget to date Jan. 2012	39,345.00	10,050.00
Difference in January 2012	468.62	(3,113.00)
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	11,584.66	21,944.75