

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday, April 11, 2010

Acts 5:12-16

Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

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

The next scheduled **BAPTISM** of infants will take place Easter Sunday. Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament. The next scheduled baptism class is Monday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. To register call the parish office at 381-8917.

Our next **PRE-MARRIAGE MEETING** will be held on Sunday, April 18 following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Couples planning to marry within the next year should plan on attending one of these meetings. You must register before attending. Please call 381-8917.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 – *Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil*

8:30 p.m. RCIA Elect and Candidates

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 – *Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord*

9:30 a.m. † Grace Kenney requested by Rae Kenney

11:30 a.m. † Geraldine Porto mother of Mary Jo Reilly

7:30 pm. Peace in the world

MONDAY, APRIL 5 – *Easter Monday*

5:15 p.m. † Elaine Durst requested by Dorothy Mark

TUESDAY, APRIL 6 – *Easter Tuesday*

5:15 p.m. † Mary Ann Nemet
requested by Jim & Ginny Bauhof

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 – *Easter Wednesday*

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 8 – *Easter Thursday*

7:00 p.m. Men and women serving in the military

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 – *Easter Friday*

2:00 p.m. Heartland Communion Service
5:15 p.m. Priests serving the Diocese of Kalamazoo

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 – *Easter Saturday*

8:30 p.m. † Richard Simmons
brother-in-law of Jerry & Sylvia Pahl

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 – *Divine Mercy Sunday*

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. Peace in the world

5:30 pm. † Juan Carlos Almonte
requested by Katerina Druan

7:30 pm. † Bill Liston requested by Geri Schubert

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, APRIL 5 - SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41	John 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10	Luke 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26	Luke 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12	John 21:1-4
Saturday:	Acts 5:12-16 Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19	John 20:19-31

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Mary Magdalene confesses she "did not know" what happened to Jesus. Every relationship is held together by hope and trust in the other, because, like Mary Magdalene, we "just don't know." Easter continues whenever we accept the uncertainty in our relationships and joyfully live the present moment in hope and trust. Alleluia.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 **Easter Sunday**

9:30 a.m.	Mass
11:30 a.m.	Mass
12:45 p.m.	Easter Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Mass



MONDAY, APRIL 5

6:00 p.m.	Rosary for Vocations
6:00 p.m.	Meditation and Centering Prayer
7:00 p.m.	Men's Group
8:30 p.m.	SMT

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

7:00-10:00 p.m. More at Midweek

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

10:30 a.m.	Yoga
12:00 p.m.	Grace Fellowship
6:00 p.m.	Rosary for Peace
8:00 p.m.	Student AA

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 **(Relay for Life at WMU)**

12:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 a.m.	Women's AA
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Deaconate Formation
9:30 a.m.-5:30p.m.	Diocese Hispanic Office Catechist Certification
12:00 p.m.	AA
2:00 p.m.	Wagenvelt - Whelan Wedding
4:00 p.m.	Memorial Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

9:30 & 11:30 Children & Worship

PASTORAL TEAM: Sharon Froom, Deacon Pat Hall, Sr. Sue McCrery, Marian Nelson, Fr. James Richardson, Fr. Ken Schmidt, Deacon Joe Schmitt

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KEN'S KALEIDOSCOPE

I hope that this Easter season is a time for joy and celebration for the new life that Christ has given us. I pray that your Lenten acts of charity and self-sacrifice bore fruit personally and for others. I know that I was surprised by the direction that God pushed me during the "Season of Purification," and while it is still difficult, it is also good.

You'll soon be hearing about the Bishop's Annual Appeal, a new approach to the former Kalamazoo Diocesan Services Appeal, including personal communication from Bishop Bradley. After much consultation throughout the diocese, they also redesigned the "formula" that is used to calculate the assigned goal for each parish. Like every other parish in the diocese, the target is now based on our Sunday giving total for the year (it does not include your designated gifts to the Mortgage Fund, so you can continue to direct your gifts there without an effect on the Annual Appeal target amount.) More in the coming weeks . . .

STUDENT NEWS

Wednesday, April 7 More at Midweek –

7: 00 pm Quiet prayer; 7:30 Praise and Worship; 8:15 Pizza; 8:30 **Standing Up For Our Faith in the Face of Authority.**

There is no Sunday Supper this weekend. Suppers will resume next weekend after 5:30 p.m.

24/7 ACCESS TO ST. TOM'S BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Our architects were advised to situate our Blessed Sacrament Chapel in such a way that pray-ers could some day access it independently while the rest of the church was closed. Well that day has arrived! The chapel can now be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by a personal access card that can be issued to interested parishioners. The coded card merely needs to be flashed within inches of the proximity reader and the chapel door will be electronically unlocked. Interested parishioners need to apply for their personal access card. The application will be reviewed by the Pastoral Team for approval. Please note: that if it is past open hours for the church, one would not have access to restrooms or public telephone.



All pray-ers are encouraged to bring their own cell phones for emergency calling. As a security measure, there is a video camera in the chapel. The camera is not actively monitored by anyone, but a recording can be accessed the next day if anything is noticed amiss. Our Blessed Sacrament Chapel is a wonderful environment to share one's concerns, hopes and fears in the presence of our living Lord. A \$5.00 refundable deposit is required. **Those interested should obtain and submit their application at the parish office.**

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

Men's Group—St. Tom's Men's Group will meet Monday, April 5 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.

Operation Rice Bowl—It's time to turn your bowls in. There is a box in the narthex for Rice Bowls. Thank you for the support of this very important project.

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

Yoga — Experience the benefits of Yoga. Increased strength, balance, and flexibility. Stronger core, reduced stress, relaxed and clear mind. Join us on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am in the Cougar Room. All levels welcome – no experience necessary. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. Donations accepted (suggested amount of \$5 - \$10).

Shawl and Prayer Ministry provides shawls made with prayer. Our time together centers on silent prayer as well as blessing shawls that are completed. The next scheduled Shawl Ministry meeting is Saturday, April 17 at 4:45 in the Chapel Mary Mother of the Poor. Basic knitting or crochet skills are needed.

Please, Accompany Your Children—An increase in the number of unaccompanied children has been noticed during Mass and other events at St. Tom's. It has always been the policy going back to the Dove Window days that children be accompanied while at St. Tom's. "Does that mean to the restroom?" Yes. "Does that mean at coffee and donuts?" Yes. "Does that mean at ...?" Yes. "But, isn't St. Tom's a safe place to be?" Based on my training and experience in crime prevention, I tell you that there is no such thing as a safe place. Your safety and the safety of your children are more dependent on your safe practices than "where" you are. Practice safety at home, when away and at St. Tom's. *Deacon Pat Hall, Diocesan Office of Safe Environment and former Crime Prevention Officer for the City of Kalamazoo.*

Mass Intention—If you wish to have a Mass offered for someone who has died or in celebration of someone's special day call Michele at the parish office, 381-8917. The intention appears under the Mass schedule in our bulletin. They can be set for weekday or weekend Masses. The usual donation is \$10.00.

WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE & WELCOME

OUR NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS
TO OUR ST. TOM'S FAITH COMMUNITY

◆ Vicki Matunas

◆ Lyudmyla Pusteluyk Bliznyuk

◆ Tony Scamazzo

◆ Rachel Warren & Jesse Anderson



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010

Scripture

"Thus says the Lord God: When I purify you from all your crimes, I will re-people the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt; the desolate land shall be tilled, which was formerly a wasteland exposed to the gaze of every passerby. 'This desolate land has been made into a garden of Eden,' they shall say. 'The cities that were in ruins, laid waste, and destroyed are now re-peopled and fortified.'"

Ezekiel 37:33-35

Personal reflection

Rejoice in your celebration of the Paschal Mystery! God's infinite ability to love means that we are given many opportunities to draw closer.

The readings for the Easter weekend remind us of how much God loves us - that he pursues us unceasingly to be in relationship with him. One way that this love is manifested to us in a material way is this beautiful planet that supports our lives. By cleaning up our acts at church and at home, we have helped to decrease the amount of toxic chemicals that can get into people, animals, and plants. Our hope for this Easter season is that you now have a healthier home and that you can see and feel a difference.

Activity

Please share what you have learned with others that you love, so that they too can have safer home environments.

ST. TOM'S/ST. JOE'S YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

High School Students: *Are you thinking about college in your future? Are you heading off to college next year? Do you have questions that parents and college recruiters can't answer?*

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COLLEGE

A panel discussion with K College and WMU students to help you prepare.

Sunday, April 11

5:30 pm: Mass at St. Tom's

6:30 pm: Student supper in which you can sit with college students and talk informally

7:00 - 8:00 pm: Panel discussion with K college and WMU students

Come with questions or just to listen and learn.
Open to all high school students
who want to learn more about college life.

Please join us!

Questions? Contact Molly and Jerry at 381-8917 x262 or godsyouth@sttomskazoo.org.

NEXT STOP



Thank
You

**TO EVERYONE
WHO HELPED US PREPARE
AND SET-UP FOR HOLY WEEK
AND OUR
EASTER
CELEBRATIONS**

AS ALWAYS
WE APPRECIATE
EVERYTHING YOU DO

HAPPY EASTER



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

Patty Donovan Haley
Religious Ed. Coordinator - 343-6256

Alleluia, He is Risen!

HAPPY EASTER to all of our families and young people from all of the Religious Ed. Department catechists and volunteers. Religious Ed. classes resume on Sunday April 11, 2010.

All St. Joe and St. Tom's students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, whether they attend Religious Education or CSGK, are invited to a Confirmation retreat on Saturday April 10. The retreat will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Transformations Spirituality Center, 3427 Gull Road, Kalamazoo. If you have not received information or want to RSVP, please call Patty Haley at 343-6256.

SISTER PARISH

Exciting news from El Salvador—On March 4, the Salvadoran National Assembly with 56 votes, approved Decree #294 which declared March 24th to be celebrated every year as "National Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero Galdamez Day." The decree acknowledges Monseñor Romero as Pastor who was extremely dedicated to his church, his people and seeking justice for the least favored people of El Salvador. It is important to note that this decree was supported by all political parties in the National Assembly. We feel that this is another important step in recognizing Oscar Romero a symbol for peace and justice among Salvadorans and in the world. During this time of renewal, this time of rebirth, this time of resurrection, let us rejoice that there are saints in this world like Msgr. Romero, who guide, love, and help their fellow men and women. We still have 30 students who need your guidance, love, and help. On this Easter weekend celebrate by sponsoring a fellow member of Christ's church. There is more information about the El Salvadoran Student Sponsorship Program in the narthex. Come celebrate and believe!

MARCH 2010

	Sunday Collection	Growing in the Spirit Mortgage Fund
Weekly Target	\$ 12,550.00	\$ 3,350.00
3/7	11,336.27	1,215.00
3/14	8,307.80	1,030.00
3/21	10,899.83	600.10
3/28	9,531.37	885.00
Electronic gifts	15,588.50	2,859.10
Total gifts to date for March 2010	55,663.77	6,589.20
Operating budget to date for March 2010	50,200.00	13,400.00
Difference in March 2010	5,463.77	(6,810.80)
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	(1,545.64)	(69,380.56)

AREA HAPPENINGS

Mark your calendars! St. Augustine's Cathedral School's "Once in a Blue Moon Garage Sale" will be held on Saturday, April 24 from 7:00a.m.-3:00p.m. at St. Augustine's Crowley Center, 600 West Michigan Avenue, downtown Kalamazoo. Lots of great stuff to be had! All proceeds benefit St. Augustine Cathedral School and our community. For more information, go to stakzoo.org and click on the "Once in a Blue Moon" button.

Middle School Fun Night for all 7th and 8th graders April 9, 7:00 -10:00 pm. \$8 pre-registration and \$10 at the door. Must have a signed permission slip. E-mail Pat at pbyrne@hackettcc.org for details.

Support Hackett's Alternative Spring Break! Shop at D & W April 11-17. Give the cashier school code: **96278**. ASB will earn 2% of total purchases.

St. Catherine of Siena Divorce Ministry will host a 7 week session for those whose marriages have broken or are ending, and who wish to rebuild their lives. We will meet weekly on Thursdays from April 15 to May 27, from 6:45-9:00 p.m., in the Siena Conference Room, lower level. St. Catherine is located at 1150 West Centre, Portage. We will use the Rebuilding book, which will be available for purchase of \$10. Sessions are free. If you plan to attend please email divorceministry@stcatherinesiena.org, or phone 269-978-2334.

The Hackett Catholic Central Home and School Organization, St. Augustine PTO, St. Monica Boosters and St. Catherine Sienna Parish invite you to attend an entertaining and educational evening titled: **STAND STRONG AS A PARENT** with Dr. Ray Guarendi Thursday, April 15, 7:00 pm at Hackett Catholic Central Auditorium. Cost is FREE and babysitting provided by CSGK 7th - 12th grade students. Dr. Guarendi is a nationally recognized parenting expert who has written several books on parenting, has appeared on Oprah and is the father of 10 children! Questions: Contact Mickey Smith (269) 552-5598 or Colleen Takacs (269) 388-7424

The Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning is being offered by the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Ministry. It is a three-class series in beginning on Sunday, April 18, 4 pm. The next two classes will be held on Sunday, May 2, 4 pm and on Sunday, June 6, 4 pm. Classes are held at the Lawrence Education Center at Borgess Hospital. Pre-registration is required. A registration form can be downloaded at www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org. Registration deadline is one week before the beginning of the series. There is a \$60 fee for the class or \$30 if you attended Healthy Love : an introduction to Natural Family Planning first. For more information, call (269) 349-8714 ext. 114/110.

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