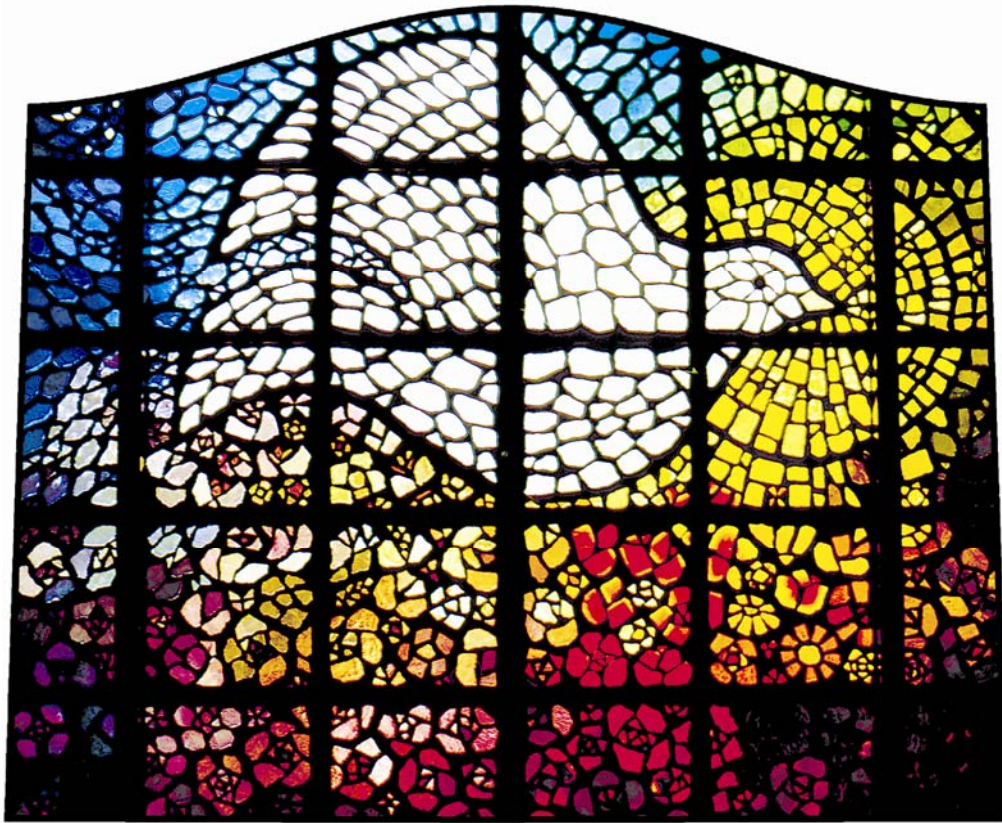


# St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish



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## PARISH STAFF

Sharon Froom, MA, LLP, Pastoral Counselor  
Deacon Pat Hall, Pastoral Team  
Sr. Sue McCrery, CSJ, Pastoral Team  
Fr. James Richardson, Pastoral Team  
Fr. Ken Schmidt, Pastoral Team  
Deacon Joe Schmitt, Pastoral Team  
Jerry & Molly Mechtenberg-Berrigan, Youth Faith Formation  
Michele Cretsinger, Parish Secretary  
Patty Donovan Haley, Religious Education Coordinator, 343-6256  
Marianne Lippi, Development Secretary  
Martha Reid, Bookkeeper  
Lyle Smith, Maintenance

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:30 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

August 8, 2010

Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

### *Congratulations to*

**Raleigh David Brown** son of Bernard and Mary  
**Sophia Birgitta Johansson** daughter of Stig and Sarah  
**Benjamin Bjorn Johansson** son of Stig and Sarah  
 who were baptized here at St. Tom's last weekend.

**BAPTISM**—Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament. The next scheduled baptism class is Monday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. To register for the class or to schedule a baptism call the parish office at 381-8917.

### *Congratulations to*

*Thomas Michael Kronk and Laura Ann Colegio*  
 who were married here at St. Tom's last weekend

Our next **PRE-MARRIAGE MEETING** will be held on Sunday, August 8, 2010 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.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

### MONDAY, AUGUST 2 — SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

Monday	Jeremiah 28:1-17	Matthew 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22	Matthew 14:22-36
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 31:1-7	Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Matthew 16:13-23
Friday:	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Luke 9:28-36	2 Peter 1:16-19
Saturday	Habakkuk 1:12—2:4	Matthew 17:14-20

### *HOW DO I BECOME CATHOLIC?*

*As a baptized Catholic how do I receive  
Confirmation and First Eucharist?*

If you are thinking that you may want to join the Catholic Church, or you were baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist, you are invited to attend Inquiry, a great chance to "ask your questions." Inquiry will meet at St. Tom's, 7:00 p.m. on the following Tuesdays — August 3; August 17; August 31. You are welcome to join us for any or all of the meetings. Call the parish office if you are interested in attending, 381-8917.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### MONDAY, AUGUST 2

6:00 p.m.	Meditation & Centering Prayer
6:15 p.m.	Migrant Camp Visit
7:00 p.m.	A Capella

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

12:00 p.m.	AA/AI Anon
6:15 p.m.	Migrant Camp Visit
7:00 p.m.	Inquiry
8:00 p.m.	Student AA

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

8:00 p.m.	Student AA
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### FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

12:00 p.m.	AA/AI Anon
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### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00 a.m.	Women's AA
12:00 p.m.	AA
4:45 p.m.	Shawl Ministry

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

12:45 p.m.	Marriage Prep
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## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, JULY 31 — *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

6:00 p.m. † Bill Dulzer requested by Kim & Joyce Ross

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 — *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:30 a.m. † Augusta C. Barretta  
requested by Matt, Joanne & Kristen

11:30 a.m. † Mary B. Makoski  
grandmother of Tammy Boneburg

7:30 pm. People of the parish

### MONDAY, AUGUST 2 — *St. Eusebius, St. Peter Julian Eymard*

5:15 p.m. † Richard Greis requested by Ginny Bauhof

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

5:15 p.m. Peace in the world

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 — *St. John Vianney*

5:15 p.m. † Peg Kowalski requested by Bill Kowalski

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 — *Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

5:15 p.m. Vocations

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 — *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Heartland

5:15 p.m. 10th Wedding Anniversary  
Pete & Chris Bourgeois (living)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 — *St. Sixtus II and Companions, St. Cajetan*

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 — *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:30 a.m. † Madeline Miller mother of Diane Litynski

11:30 a.m. 50th Wedding Anniversary  
Charlie & Rita Heller (living)

7:30 pm. Bishop Paul J. Bradley (living)

## SISTER PARISH NEWS

"Christ is all and in all." In today's second reading we hear an oft repeated theme; we are all one in Christ and Christ is within us. Regularly when St Tom's delegation visits our sister parish, *Maria Madre de los Pobres*, in San Salvador we focus on that theme...where do we see Christ in the people about us. And we discover we see Christ every; sometime in what appears to be the smallest act of kindness. You can experience the part of us that lives within our brothers and sisters of El Salvador by becoming a delegate. The trip this year will be from November 12-20. Space is limited...please call Jerry Pahl at 372-7937 for more information.

**KEN'S KALEIDOSCOPE**

This coming week Pat Hall and I will both be at a conference in Chicago. I will make a presentation about trauma to the people of dioceses around the country who work with victims of abuse by church personnel, with the hope that it will improve our ministry; this is part of the ministry that Pat carries out for the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

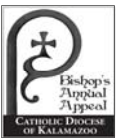
I am not facing gracefully the "dissonance" I am experiencing as I prepare to move houses. I have convinced myself that I "live a simple lifestyle;" but the amount of things I will be moving stands in direct contrast to that "illusion." Scary how much I can fool myself, and for so long!

We are grateful to the many volunteers who have helped and signed up to assist with the coming moves. Things are taking shape, just not as fast as I would like – part of my "let's get it done and over with" mentality.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**—We pay a dear price trying to possess the biggest, best, fastest and latest. Satisfaction will never be spelled with LETTERS (SUV, DVD, IRA, and IPOD) but rather by the WORD of God in today's gospel: "Be on your guard against all greed." Happiness comes from those we love and who love us and not from gadgets because we are more than consumers.

**AREA HAPPENINGS**

**The Visual Art of Love and Forgiveness**—August 22 – October 17, at The Carnegie Center for the Arts, 107 N. Main St. Three Rivers. This exhibit gives visual shape to the themes of love and forgiveness as expressed through sacred and spiritual art. 12 local artists will exhibit their works using a variety of forms. The exhibit will also feature carvings of two Santos (saints) collections from the New Mexico religious tradition, 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. The opening reception is Sunday, August 22, 2-4 pm. Admission is free. Contact the Office of Worship for details at [dreilly@dioceseofkalamazoo.org](mailto:dreilly@dioceseofkalamazoo.org) or 269-903-0193.



**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL UPDATE AS OF 7-27-10**

**270 Pledges totaling \$84,941**  
**87% of our goal of \$97,949**  
**52% Participation to date**

<i>JULY 2010</i>	Growing in the Spirit	
	Sunday Collection	Mortgage Fund
Weekly Target	\$ 12,961.00	\$ 3,350.00
7/4	5,967.05	2,585.00
7/11	10,754.47	1,290.00
7/18	7,768.12	1,880.00
7/25	8,981.32	440.00
Electronic gifts	14,012.00	3,897.40
Total gifts to date for July 2010	47,482.96	10,092.40
Operating budget to date for July 2010	51,844.00	13,400.00
Difference in July 2010	(4,361.04)	(3,307.60)
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	(4,361.04)	(3,307.60)

**HERE AT ST. TOM'S**

**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.

**Migrant Ministry Camp Visits, Monday and Tuesday evenings.** Volunteers gather to carpool behind the parish office for a 6:15 p.m. departure and return about 10:00 p.m. For more information call the parish office, 381-8917. **Also we are accepting** clothing, food, linens, and household items for use by migrant families in our area. Clothing is needed for men, women, and children. Articles should be suitable for warm weather and for field work for adults (jeans, shorts, short & long sleeve cotton or cotton blend shirts, and work boots or tennis shoes). No dress clothing or dry cleanable clothes. Items may be dropped off at the parish office garage.

**Music Ministry** — meets the hour before each Mass to prepare for that liturgy. Drummers, guitar players, string and wind players are always welcome, along with singers.

**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, August 6 at 4:45 in the Chapel Mary Mother of the Poor. Basic knitting or crochet skills are needed.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Vacation Bible School is over for this year. I want to thank the teens who volunteered their time to lead our group of children through their various activities on Wednesday nights for those 5 weeks. While I thanked them all last week, Elaina Thompson joined us on the last night. All together there were 12 different teenagers who gave up their Wednesday nights to help. Most of them functioned with little or no direction and made the events WONDERFUL for the younger kids. If I had to decide right now, I'd tell you we will be doing 5 Wednesday nights again next year.

If you were a volunteer and need to have a service hours form filled and/or signed, please call Patty Haley.

The Religious Ed. Advisory Group is meeting on Thursday August 12, 6:00 p.m. at St. Joe in the Rectory dining room. Please feel free to join us and discuss the schedule and activities planned during the coming Rel. Ed. year.

If we have your address and your student was enrolled last year, you should receive a registration form in the mail. Registration forms for Religious Ed. are available in the narthex and people have begun to register. If you don't find one, please call the office at 343-6256 and we will be happy to send one out to you! If you already registered, thank you.

Students have an opportunity to get some service hours in before school starts. Each Wednesday in August, the 4, 11, 18, and 25, we will be working on getting the classrooms on St. Joseph's campus ready for use this fall. There is cleaning, supply re-stocking and bulletin board decorating that needs to happen, and I could use some help. We will get started around 3:00 p.m. meeting at the Rel. Ed. office in the Bennett Building, and depending on how many people can help, we'll figure out how long we'll work each time. If your student is interested in these service hours please call Patty at 343-6256.