

St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish



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MASS SCHEDULE

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

MASS SCHEDULE**SATURDAY, JULY 10**

6:00 p.m. † Thomas J. Sullivan
requested by the Sullivan Family

SUNDAY, JULY 11 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. † Jennie Greco requested by the Spoerl Family
11:30 a.m. † Mary Ellen Laurent
7:30 pm. Bishop Paul J. Bradley (living)

MONDAY, JULY 12

5:15 p.m. Seminarians

TUESDAY, JULY 13 – St. Henry

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 – Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha

5:15 p.m. Sisters and girls at Casa Amparo

THURSDAY, JULY 15 – St. Bonaventure

5:15 p.m. The unemployed

FRIDAY, JULY 16 – Our Lady of Mt Carmel

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

SATURDAY, JULY 17

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SUNDAY, JULY 18 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. † Dorothy Kline mother of Vicki Matunas
11:30 a.m. † Duane Stimson father of Judy Stimson
7:30 pm. Peace in the world

SACRAMENTAL LIFE**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

July 18, 2010

Genesis 18:1-10a Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

BAPTISM—Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament. The next scheduled baptism class is Monday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. To register for the class or to schedule a baptism call the parish office at 381-8917.

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.

Happy Birthday Fr. Ken – July 10**KEN'S KALEIDOSCOPE**

Welcome to Frank Marotti, a seminarian who's about two years away from priestly ordination, God willing. He's shared a little information about himself elsewhere in the bulletin, so I won't repeat that. But we're glad to have him with us, and you'll most likely spot him in the narthex before and after mass helping with hospitality -- with Marian's retirement it was the most obvious need ☺

It's a little late to say it, but I had some nice time away over the last weekend – first, in Lancaster PA, for a friend's wedding; and then spent some time with other friends up I Frankfort, MI. I love y'all, but it was nice to have some time away too. I left Frank in charge of the rectory.

With the consent of the Pastoral Team and the parish's Financial Advisory Council, we'll be making some moves this summer to consolidate and use our facilities better. The apartment building will now be used for parish purposes, including housing for four sisters – Sr. Sue and Sr. Pam on our staff; and Sr. John Mary Vianney from Tanzania and Sr. Kim Phung from Vietnam are students at WMU, and our provision of housing for them I part of our parish's support of the church throughout the world. We'll also convert one of the apartments into a meeting space. I will then move into the white house (formerly the convent) which *de facto* will make the convent the new rectory. The intention is to sell the rectory, having one less building to care for, and the income from the sale will be applied to the church's mortgage.

That means that extra energy this summer will be devoted making these moves in several stages before September 1 – first, cleaning, repairing, and upgrading the apartments as needed; then moving the sisters; then fixing anything that needs doing at the former convent; then I will move; then we'll fix anything that's needed before the rectory is sold. I think that latter two "fix-its will be minimal. Whew! That means a) we'll be looking for some help, especially with the actual moves, but also from people who are skilled at various repair work, painting, etc. We'll be looking on particular dates for some help actually moving. And it means that after 15 years I'll be moving - aaargh! After all, it's the place I have lived longest my entire life. I'm already overwhelmed, and I've barely started!

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK**MONDAY, JULY 12 — SATURDAY, JULY 17**

Monday	Isaiah 1:10-17	Matthew 10:34—11:1
Tuesday:	Isaiah 7:1-9	Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16	Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday:	Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19	Matthew 11:28-30
Friday:	Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8	Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday	Micah 2:1-5	Matthew 12:14-21

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**MONDAY, JULY 12**

6:00 p.m. Meditation & Centering Prayer
6:15 p.m. Migrant Camp Visit
6:30 p.m. Baptism Class
7:00 p.m. Men's Group
7:00 p.m. A Capella

TUESDAY, JULY 13

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14**THURSDAY, JULY 15**

8:00 p.m. Student AA

FRIDAY, JULY 16

12:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon

SATURDAY, JULY 10

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

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

Men's Group—St. Tom's Men's Group will meet Monday, July 12 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.

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, July 17 at 4:45 in the Chapel Mary Mother of the Poor. Basic knitting or crochet skills are needed.

SISTER PARISH NEWS

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." Need one say any more? Our neighbors in El Salvador need our help with their tuition for high school and college. We only have a handful that need sponsors. Would you please consider being one? More information is in the narthex.

Also, we have room for three more delegates to visit our sister parish, *Maria Madre de los Pobres*, this November. For more information please call Jerry Pahl at 372-7937. It is a phone call that could change your life!

<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		
7/18		
7/25		
Electronic gifts	3,184.00	1,150.00
Total gifts to date for July 2010	9,151.05	3,735.00
Operating budget to date for July 2010	12,961.00	3,350.00
Difference in July 2010	(3,809.95)	385.00
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	(3,809.95)	385.00

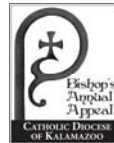
Welcome to Seminarian Francis Marotti



My name is Francis Marotti and I will be spending the next month or so with all of you here at St. Thomas More. I am a seminarian for the diocese going into my third-year of theology studies, and I am happy to be back home for the summer after a couple years' absence! I have lived in Kalamazoo almost my whole life, and my family has been part of St. Monica Parish ever since I was very young. I attended Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, California, for philosophy and theology studies, after which I taught for a year at St. Philip High School and St. Joseph Parish in Battle Creek. During my time in seminary I have been privileged to be able to spend time with the Missionaries of Charity in Kochi, India, as my summer apostolate, and do apostolic work at an AIDS hospice outside the city of Rome for the past two years. I look forward to meeting all of the faithful here at the parish and offering my time and help in whatever way I am able. I will continue to keep everyone in the parish in my prayers, and I hope you all do the same for me!

Yours in Christ Jesus
Francis Marotti

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL UPDATE AS OF 7-6-10



256 Pledges totaling \$78,891
81% of our goal of \$97,949
50% Participation to date

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—All the characters in today's gospel are within us. Like the Levite we can ignore the problem and "cross to the other side." Or we can be like the Samaritan, focus on the person and "approach and care for him." A healthy family looks beyond the problem to the person who is "stripped and beaten." We expect our family to "bind our wounds."

AREA HAPPENINGS

Mass with the Bishop Bradley, July 21, 2010, Noon All are invited to Mass with Bishop Paul J. Bradley on the occasion of the 39th anniversary of the Diocese, the Dedication of the Cathedral and the 39th anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Paul V. Donovan on Wednesday, July 21, Noon in the Cathedral.

Attention Mid-life Singles: If you are looking to grow in your faith life, meet new friends, and feel like you belong, a REFLECT Singles Retreat is for you! Singles (ages mid-30s to mid-50s): register today for a life-changing weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI (10 mi. north of Lansing) on July 23-25. Cost is just \$128 for double occupancy, or \$158 for a single room. Cost covers meals, lodging, and materials. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Call (313) 724-8068, visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, or e-mail us at reflect.retreat@gmail.com for more details.

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