

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.*

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

July 25, 2010

Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

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.

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY, JULY 19

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY, JULY 20 — St. Apollinaris

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 — St. Lawrence of Brindisi

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

THURSDAY, JULY 22 — St. Mary Magdalene

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

FRIDAY, JULY 23 — St. Bridget of Sweden

2:00 p.m. Residents of Heartland at Heartland

5:15 p.m. Priests serving the Diocese of Kalamazoo

SATURDAY, JULY 24 — St. Sharbel Makhluf

6:00 p.m. Peace in the world

SUNDAY, JULY 25 — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. † Elaine Durst requested by Dorothy Mark

11:30 a.m. People of the parish

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday July 21 is our last VBS session for this year. Because we always serve ice cream on the last night we would appreciate knowing how many participants and their families will be attending that night. Please call the Rel. Ed. Office, 343-6256, by Tuesday, July 20 so we can make sure to have enough ice cream! This year's theme, Finding Peace and Love with God has our children looking for opportunities to "get caught being good". Come and join us from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. For children in grades K through 5.

Parents should sign their children up for next year's Religious Ed. classes or consider enrolling in one of our Catholic schools. Registration forms for the next fall's Religious Ed. classes (2010-2011) are now available in church or from the church office. The first class is scheduled for Sunday, September 12, 2010. Patty Haley, Religious Ed. Coordinator.

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JULY 19 — SATURDAY, JULY 24

Monday	Micah 6:1-4, 6-8	Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20	Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10	Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13	John 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday:	Jeremiah 3:14-17	Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday	Jeremiah 7:1-11	Matthew 13:24-30

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JULY 19

9:00 am-1:00 pm	TRA
6:00 p.m.	Meditation & Centering Prayer
6:15 p.m.	Migrant Camp Visit
7:00 p.m.	A Capella

TUESDAY, JULY 20

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, JULY 21

10:00 a.m.	Sr. Marlene
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Women's Group Book Discussion

THURSDAY, JULY 22

6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Beacon Group
8:00 p.m.	Student AA

FRIDAY, JULY 23

12:00 p.m.	AA/AI Anon
3:00 p.m.	Sr. Marlene
4:00 p.m.	Colegio/Kronk Wedding

SATURDAY, JULY 24

8:00 a.m.	Women's AA
12:00 p.m.	AA
7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Thank You Dinner

SUNDAY, JULY 25

11:30 a.m.	Baptism during Mass
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HERE AT ST. TOM'S

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. We are accepting clothing, food, linens, and household items for use by migrant families in our area. 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.

The Sister Parish Committee is looking for delegates to go to *Maria Madre de los Pobres* in November. It truly is a heart warming experience. He have only until the end of August to solidify the delegation and then there will be orientation sessions to prepare you for both a physical and spiritual journey. Contact Jerry Pahl at 372-7937 for more information.

KEN'S KALEIDOSCOPE

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 is 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!

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 — July 20; 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.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL UPDATE AS OF 7-13-10
265 Pledges totaling \$84,491
86% of our goal \$97,949
51% Participation to date

JULY 2010	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		
7/25		
Electronic gifts	5,797.00	1,538.70
Total gifts to date for July 2010	22,518.52	5,413.70
Operating budget to date for July 2010	25,922.00	6,700.00
Difference in July 2010	(3,403.48)	(1,286.30)
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	(3,403.48)	(1,286.30)

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

The High School Youth Group travels to Ada, Michigan this week to spend four days in prayer and service. Please pray for them! May this experience further clarify their identity as Beloved Children of God, who are called, in the words of St. Francis, to be "Channels of God's Peace."

Again, many thanks to all members of St. Thomas More and St. Joseph parishes who have helped support our young people on this journey. All 22 participants are attending Service Week FREE OF CHARGE thanks to your generosity.

Please join us this coming Saturday, July 24, for the 6:00 pm Mass here at St. Tom's, followed by a thank-you dinner prepared by our young people and their families. We will show slides from the trip, and each student will report on what they did and what it meant to them. We promise to cook tasty food. Come, pray with us, relax, and be our guest. God bless you all!

Contact Molly or Jerry Mechtenberg-Berrigan, godsyouth@stomskazoo.org, 381-8917.

WHAT'S HE DOING?

Some folks have noticed a few differences at the altar when I offer the Mass here and have asked about the meaning or significance of these details. I thought this might be a good opportunity to explain some of the things St. Tom's parishioners aren't accustomed to seeing.

Historically, the image of the crucifix has been placed at the altar to help orient the prayer of the Mass. The presence of this cross, with the figure of Christ crucified upon it, calls to mind the saving Passion of the Lord, and the mystery by which the sacrifice of the cross is made present on the altar under sacramental signs.

For its sign value, the Church considers it praiseworthy to use a main chalice of larger dimensions in addition to the smaller chalices used for Communion. Additionally, a chalice with personal connections can be a means of remembering particular persons at the altar. The particular chalice that I used last weekend was a gift from the Knights of Columbus, in memory of deceased members. As chaplain of the downtown knights, using this chalice is a way to unite two aspects of my ministry.

On top of the chalice there is a piece of stiffened cloth called a *pall*. The pall is used to guard against things falling into the wine or precious blood. Even in modern churches, gnats and flies are present and find their way to the sweet smell of wine. Placing the pall on top of the chalice and removing it during the Eucharistic Prayer also helps in directing the intention of the priest during the consecration of the bread and wine (let your Holy Spirit come upon *these* gifts).

This by no means exhausts the significance of these few elements, let alone the rest of the Eucharistic Liturgy, but I hope that it helps shed some light on the reason for what you see. The ritual language of the liturgy is rich with meaning, and when we understand the vocabulary of the actions a little better, our actual and conscious participation in this language is more readily realized. If you ever have questions about things you see or notice at Mass (or anywhere else for that matter), please feel free to ask me. It's through this sort of open dialogue that we learn from one another.

Fr. James