

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., 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**

August 1, 2010

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

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 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)

MONDAY, JULY 26 — *Sts. Joachim and Anne*

5:15 p.m. † Dan Jakovich requested by Pat VanAmburg

TUESDAY, JULY 27

5:15 p.m. Vocations

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

5:15 p.m. People of María Madre de los Pobres

THURSDAY, JULY 29 — *St. Martha*

5:15 p.m. Seminarians

FRIDAY, JULY 30 — *St. Peter Chrysologus*

2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Heartland

5:15 p.m. † Jackie Simon requested by family

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

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

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.

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. Questions call the parish office, 381-8917

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK**MONDAY, JULY 26 — SATURDAY, JULY 31**

Monday	Jeremiah 13:1-11	Matthew 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jeremiah 14:17-220	Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21	Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday:	Jeremiah 18:1-6	John 11:19-27
Friday:	Jeremiah 26:1-9	Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday	Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24	Matthew 14:1-12

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**MONDAY, JULY 26**

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 27

12:00 p.m.	AA/Al Anon
6:15 p.m.	Migrant Camp Visit
7:00 p.m.	West Main Hill Neighborhood Association
8:00 p.m.	Student AA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28**THURSDAY, JULY 29**

8:00 p.m. Student AA

FRIDAY, JULY 30

12:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon

SATURDAY, JULY 31

8:00 a.m. Women's AA

12:00 p.m. AA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

11:30 a.m. Baptism during Mass

SISTER PARISH NEWS — St. Tom is filled with Good Samaritans! With the sponsors for our students in El Salvador and the people who could not sponsor a student, but could contribute a lump sum, we have reached our goal of sponsoring every student who needed financial help. THANK YOU good people of St. Thomas More! We do have some students who do not have sponsors so we are hoping some of you will consider becoming pen pals with those student. It would be about 3 or 4 times a year that you could send (and receive) messages from them. Financial support is one thing, but moral and spiritual support is even more important! Please contact Jerry Pahl if you would like to be a pen pal.

If you become a delegate to *María Madre de los Pobres* we can promise you that you will have luxurious accommodations, a limousine in which to travel, experience culinary delights, meet wonderful people, partake in a fantastic spiritual journey, live your faith, and make friends for life...well, if not that, how about a limousine ride, culinary delights, wonderful people, a great spiritual journey, live your faith, and make friends for life...well, if not that, how about culinary delights, wonderful people, a spiritual journey, live your faith, and friends for life... well, if not that, how about meeting wonderful people, making a moving spiritual journey, living your faith, and making friends for life? Just as Abraham bargained with the Lord in today's reading, we will bargain with you. We can at least guarantee you those last items, but you will probably experience much, much more. **We have two places left in the delegation and we must have them filled by the end of August.** The trip will be November 12-20. Please contact Jerry Pahl at 372-7937 for more information.

NOTES FROM SR. SUE

If you have been away for a few weeks, you may not know that we are doing some moving around this summer. As Father Ken explained in his Kaleidoscope last week, the Sisters are moving into the parish apartment building (behind the church); he is moving into the white house (on the corner of Lovell and Stone); and the current rectory will be sold, with proceeds going toward the mortgage on our new church.

We need your help to make all of the moving happen before the students return in September. If you can give us some time between now and the end of August, please fill out one of the bright pink cards (in the basket on the bulletin table) and return it to that basket, the collection basket, or hand it to one of the pastoral team members. We will call to schedule you according to your availability and skills.

New College Students – Each spring Michigan Catholic Conference contacts every Catholic high school and parish in Michigan seeking information about the high school seniors' plans for college. That information is sorted and sent to the various Catholic Campus Ministries throughout the state. We recently received 135 cards for students intending to attend KVCC, Kalamazoo College or WMU this fall. Their names will go into a data base, and each student will receive a welcoming brochure explaining our programming and an invitation to join us when they arrive in the fall. Their parents are also sent a flyer of information about St. Tom's and how we work with the students.

We also participated in Western's freshmen orientation sessions during June, meeting potential new students three evenings a week from 9:00 – 10 pm. There were a number of students who visited our table, genuinely interested in becoming part of our parish during their college years.

So, you may think the office quiets down during the summer months, but we are busy planning our programs and connecting with new students and their parents. As always, we are grateful to all of our permanent residents for your support and interest in keeping our mission statement – to serve the college communities - alive and active. St. Tom's makes a big difference in the lives of many young people. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School is always an adventure. I want to thank the teens who volunteered their time to lead our group of children through their various activities on Wednesday nights for the past 5 weeks. These youth worked all five days: Amy McCarthy, Nicole Buchmann and Marina Gutierrez. Others, who worked at least one day, were: Austin Blackburn, Lucais Gutierrez, Lucas Haley, Allie Baker, Kelsey Waruszewski, Matt Tanksley and Mallory LaPorte. In addition to the leading (and playing) they helped make decorations, set-up and clean-up each week. Adults who helped plan, supervise and coordinate the VBS were Priscilla Dibble, Caroline Miller, Sara Miller, Susanna Miller-Wheeler, Jen Pollard and Mable Hoskins. Each of these people is congratulated for the time and effort put in to making this program work. We couldn't do it without the help of volunteers!

If you were a volunteer and need to have a service hours form filled and/or signed, please call Patty Haley at 343-6256.

The Religious Ed. Advisory Group is meeting on Thursday August 12 at 6:00 p.m. Please feel free to join us.

Registration forms for the 2009-2010 Religious Ed. School year are available in the narthex. Please call the office at 343-6256 for any questions or a registration form.

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



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL UPDATE AS OF 7-20-10

267 Pledges totaling \$84,791
87% of our goal of \$97,949
52% Participation to date

<i>JULY 2010</i>	Growing in	
	Sunday Collection	the Spirit 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		
Electronic gifts	12,640.50	2,603.05
Total gifts to date for July 2010	37,130.14	8,358.05
Operating budget to date for July 2010	38,883.00	10,050.00
Difference in July 2010	(1,752.86)	(1,691.95)
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	(1,752.86)	(1,691.95)