

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**

June 13, 2010

2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13 Galatians 2:16, 19-21

Luke 7:36—8:3

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.

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Congratulations to

Ryan Fritz and Amy O'Rourke

Matthew Hughes and Kara Ellis

who were recently married here at St. Tom's.

Our next **PRE-MARRIAGE MEETING** will be held on Sunday, June 27, 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, JUNE 7 — SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

Monday	1 Kings 17:1-6	Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kings 17:7-16	Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kings 18:20-39	Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday:	1 Kings 18:41-46	Matthew 5:20-26
Friday:	Ezekiel 34:11-16	Romans 5:5-11
	Luke 15:3-7	
Saturday	1 Kings 19:19-21	Luke 2:41-51

**LECTORS,
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS,
AND
MASS COORDINATORS**

please pick up your
JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES
located on the Liturgical Minister sign in table.

Help St. Tom's save money on postage.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—After feeding the people in today's gospel there were twelve baskets of leftovers. Leftovers are common in our homes and if we keep them too long they turn bad. "Emotional leftovers" such as resentment, jealousy and unresolved conflict in our family also become toxic when held too long. Do some spring cleaning and toss out your emotional leftovers.

MASS SCHEDULE**SATURDAY, JUNE 5 — St. Boniface**

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 — The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9:30 a.m. † Donald P. Stone

requested by The Sullivan Family

11:30 a.m. Peace in the world

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

MONDAY, JUNE 7

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 — St. Ephrem

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, JUNE 11 — The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Heartland

5:15 p.m. for Steven & Kathy Morozowich (living) on their 11th Anniversary requested by Morozowich family

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 — The Immaculate Heart of Mary

6:00 p.m. Peace in the world

SUNDAY, JUNE 13 — Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. † Michael Reidy brother of Joan Boyd

11:30 a.m. † Michael Olsen

requested by Beth, Ben & Hannah Letzer

7:30 pm. Graduates of Kalamazoo College

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**SUNDAY, JUNE 6**

11:30 a.m.

Nursery

6:15 p.m.

Sunday Supper

MONDAY, JUNE 7

9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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6:00 p.m.

Meditation & Centering Prayer

6:00 p.m.

Rosary

7:00 p.m.

A Capella

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

12:00 p.m.

AA/AI Anon

8:00 p.m.

Student AA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

6:30 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Women's Group Book Discussion

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

10:30 a.m.

Yoga

6:00 p.m.

Rosary for Peace

6:30 p.m.

Beacon Group

8:00 p.m.

Student AA

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

12:00 p.m.

AA/AI Anon

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

8:00 a.m.

Women's AA

12:00 p.m.

AA

3:30 p.m.

Wedding Ceremony Planning

SUNDAY, JUNE 13 — K College Graduation

11:30 a.m.

Nursery

Baptism after 11:30 Mass

KEN'S KALEIDOSCOPE

Please rejoice with me through these wonderful days of spring as so many people are celebrating – graduations and new beginnings; weddings and new unions; babies born and others on the way. Easter is unfolding in our midst. And pray with me for those who are suffering – illnesses; lost jobs; financial stresses; disappointments and loss of hope; despair and temptations to loss of faith – they need our prayers and support to sustain them in their pain of Good Friday and the darkness of Holy Saturday.

We'll be celebrating Marian's retirement after all of the Eucharistic liturgies next weekend – bring a card, enjoy some food, and say "thank you!" as she concludes her ministry on the Pastoral Team, and as she and her husband Tony conclude their leadership and service directing the RCIA. We have invited to these receptions all their "alumni" who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation, so you may notice some friends you haven't seen in a while!

A Healing Mass will be hosted here at St. Tom's on Tuesday, June 15. The homilist will be Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, a priest from Rwanda who has a special God-given gift of healing. Dozens of members of his family were killed during the civil war in Rwanda, and Fr. Ubald preaches a powerful message of forgiveness. Come prepared to allow God to draw closer to you, whether your suffering is spiritual, emotional, or physical.

The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with a showing of a half-hour DVD about Fr. Ubald and his ministry of reconciliation; followed by the Eucharist at 7:00 pm, and prayer for healing, and then a social gathering.

On Wednesday evening June 16 at 7 pm, there will be a separate presentation by Fr. Ubald about his history and the work of reconciliation undertaken by the Catholic Church in Rwanda, and the center for reconciliation they are establishing in his diocese, [In November, Sharon Froom and I will be teaching the Kalamazoo diocesan trauma program to Fr. Ubald's diocese at the invitation of the Bishop of Cyangugu.]

You're invited to an inaugural meeting of the parish hospitality committee, an effort to welcome newcomers and invite more participation in the life of the parish. The meeting is Tuesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m. at the parish office upstairs conference room.

STUDENT NEWS

Kalamazoo College Exam Week Support – K College students, be sure to pick up your care packages this weekend, to help you get through exams this week. You are welcome to come over to St. Tom's during the week to study or take a break in a cool, quiet place. The church is open daily from 9 am to 9 pm. Snacks will be provided.

BLESSINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE GRADUATING NEXT SUNDAY.

As Kalamazoo College's quarter draws to a close, so do our **Sunday Suppers**. College students and young adults, join us this Sunday, June 6, for our last Sunday Supper (until the fall). We'll enjoy Baked Potatoes and ice cream and lots of toppings for both. Supper will be served from 6:15 – 7:00 pm upstairs in the Social Hall. Thank you to all the permanent residents who have planned, cooked, served, cleaned up, and baked desserts – we couldn't provide the wonderful suppers without you!!

RCIA JOURNEY OF FAITH



I was born and raised in Kalamazoo, attended Comstock Public Schools, and graduated from Western Michigan University, having earned my Bachelor's of Art in Public History in 2005 and my Master's of Art in Public History in 2009. My academic interests include local history, architecture, pollution and environmental causes, and religious identity. In my spare time, I read, write, draw, garden, travel, and research my

family tree. I am looking forward to returning to school this summer to study biology and evolution and I am most excited about becoming an aunt for the first time this fall.

I've been interested in religion but never found something that complemented by philosophical interest in Taosim until I started working more closely with Catholicism through the Nazareth Association and the Sisters of St. Joseph's oral history project in 2007. I was intrigued by the Catholic Church and began attending Mass sporadically in Kalamazoo and South Haven. However, it wasn't until an academic friend told me about St. Tom's that I contemplated joining the church. I contacted Marian last June and began attending the RCIA right away. I am so happy that my journey has led me to this wonderful place

Ashley Emerson



WE WOULD LIKE TO
INTRODUCE & WELCOME
NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONER



Cheryl Rogers

TO OUR ST. TOM'S FAITH COMMUNITY

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

Would you like some spiritual nourishment this summer? All women, young and old, are invited to read and discuss Albert Nolan's book, Jesus Today, with members of St. Tom's Women's Group. We will meet on Wednesdays, June 9 and 30, July 21, and August 11, at St. Tom's from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Discussion questions will be provided to help focus your reading. See the web page for more details. Call Sister Sue with questions.

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 Ministry invites you to join the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at 4:45 in the Chapel of Mary, Mother of the Poor. Come and knit!



SISTER PARISH NEWS

"Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd." In these difficult economic times we often feel that we have so little for ourselves. Yet, compared to those in the "crowd," we have much. We too can perform miracles of multiplication. By sponsoring a high school or college student at *Maria Madre de los Pobres* your sharing of wealth will be multiplied many fold when our students give back to their own community. And we share much more than money, we share our thoughts and prayers, our lives and futures. Please consider being a multiplier. There is more information about the scholarship program in the Narthex.

Also, we are recruiting delegates to visit El Salvador in November. Anyone interested; we have to know by August. Please contact Jerry Pahl at 372-7937 for more information.

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 Haley, Religious Ed. Coordinator — 343-6256

Remember that Religious Education is a life-long process for all of us. Parents should be sure to sign their children up for next year's Religious Ed. classes or enroll in one of our Catholic schools. Registration forms for the next school year (2010-2011) are now available. The first class is scheduled for Sunday, September 19, 2010 Catechetical Sunday.

Also, registration forms for this year's Vacation Bible School will be available in church beginning next weekend. This year's theme is groovy, Finding peace and love with Jesus. Please consider helping us on Wednesday evenings, beginning June 23 and ending July 21. If you have called to volunteer and no one has called you back, please call again (343-6256)! We are looking for adults and teenagers to help us. This is a great opportunity for NEXT YEAR'S Confirmation students to earn service hours, as well as any other students looking for service hour credits.

24/7 ACCESS TO ST. TOM'S

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.**



*For the past fourteen years,
our parish life has been enriched by the ministry of
Marian and Tony Nelson.*

*Devoted to Christ and empowered by the Spirit,
they have capably guided the
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults,
with the generous assistance of many others.*

*As Marian prepares to "retire," we invite you to
come to celebrate and express your gratitude
with us.*

*There will be a reception following each Eucharist
on the weekend of June 12-13.*

Please join us.

Blood Drive

It's in you to give blood.

Wednesday, June 23, 2010
2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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our Pure Michigan Summer Sweepstakes!

Questions? Call
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Migrant Ministry

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). Children's and infant clothing should be washable play type clothes (**no dress clothing or dry cleanable clothes**). Food items needed are: rice, flour, sugar, cooking oil, and canned tomatoes. Kitchen items that are most useful are; glasses, dishes, and large pots & pans, (no microwaves please). Other items that can be used are: sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, infant and toddler car seats, strollers, and high-chairs.

Donated items may be brought to the parish office garage between the hours of 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00 Monday-Friday. If you would like to bring your items on the weekend when you come to Mass the back door of the garage will be unlocked.

OTHER WAYS TO BE INVOLVED IN MIGRANT MINISTRY

Help staff the Aleman Center in Hartford

Sort clothing at St. Tom's Office Garage

Questions? Call the parish office, 381-8917

MIGRANT MINISTRY MEETING - For **all** the volunteers in Migrant Ministry, there is a meeting on **Wednesday, June 9, 2010 from 6:30-8:30p.m.** at the Crowley Center of St. Augustine, 542 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo. There will be resource material available and we will answer questions. There will be a presentation by Melissa Arreguin, Michigan/Ohio Regional Coordinator for Children in the Fields Project—a campaign by The Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP) that strives to improve the quality of life of migrant and seasonal farmworker children.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL UPDATE as of 5-24-2010



224 Pledges totaling \$67,466
69% of our goal of \$97,949
43% Participation to date

<i>MAY 2010</i>	Growing in the Spirit	
	Sunday Collection	Mortgage Fund
Weekly Target	\$ 12,550.00	\$ 3,350.00
5/2	9,105.67	835.00
5/9	6,344.63	1,080.00
5/16	7,489.95	1,845.00
5/23	9,345.05	785.00
5/30	6,902.84	695.00
Electronic gifts	13,842.00	2,702.40
Total gifts to date for May 2010	53,030.14	7,942.40
Operating budget to date for May 2010	62,750.00	16,750.00
Difference in May 2010	(9,719.86)	(8,807.60)
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	(2,862.40)	(84,025.66)

AREA HAPPENINGS

FREE LUNCH! Visiting the imprisoned is one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. Greg Szczotka, the Jail and Prison Ministry Coordinator for our Diocese is offering a free lunch to anyone who might be interested in becoming a volunteer or pen pal. The Jail and Prison Ministry team needs help at the Kalamazoo County Jail and the Kalamazoo Youth Home. There are also volunteer opportunities available in the Battle Creek and Paw Paw areas. If you would like to learn more about this ministry please contact Greg at 269-983-6838 or email him at gbszcz@sbcglobal.net. Please note that all lunch costs are being paid through an anonymous donation.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion is for any woman or man wounded by a past abortion. **Retreats** are being offered in the Grand Rapids Diocese, **June 25-27**. Call **1-800-800-8284** or email projrach@iserv.net for information.

St. Augustine Cathedral School Golf Outing—Please join us Friday, June 25 at The Lynx Golf Course in Otsego for the annual St. Augustine Cathedral School Golf Outing. Continental breakfast, 8:00 am shot gun start, games, raffles, beverages and lunch! \$100 per person, tee sign and other sponsorships available! Advertise within your faith community! All proceeds benefit St. Augustine Cathedral School PTO. Please contact the school at 349-1945 or Drew Uryga at drew-zat@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Presents THE BRIGHTER SIDE "Life is a gift...but some days feel more like left over wrinkled wrapping." Sheri Wolfert, Motivational Humorist. Diocesan Connection - Everything You Didn't Know about What the Diocese Can Do for You: Christian Services, Marriage and Family, Disabilities, Safe Environment and Trauma Recovery. Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral, 8:45 am followed by Cathedral by Msgr. Thomas Martin, Celebrant of the Liturgy and Tour Guide. Newman Catholic Bookstore will be on site, also. Thursday., June 17, 8:00-8:30 Registration (Late registration 10:00 am following Mass and/or tour) \$15.00 Includes Lunch and Morning Refreshments (Scholarships Available) Crowley Center and St. Augustine Cathedral 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo Registration: Carolyn Morrison, (517) 278-4372 carolynmorrison@hotmail.com

Sixth Annual K of C Southwest Michigan Golf Challenge, Saturday, June 19, Ridgeview Golf Course. Registration - 7:30 am; Shotgun Start - 8:30 am. Four Person Scramble—Two Flights—Cost is \$65 per person. Sign up as a team or as an individual, we will gladly assign you to a team. All Proceeds will benefit Father Peter Gregor's Mission in Honduras, St. Monica Elementary & Middle School, Residential Opportunities Unlimited, INC. and Kairos Dwelling for the Terminally Ill. Mike McGuigen, 1050 Pleasant St, Kalamazoo, MI, 49008, (269) 345-4369. Please include your personal check with this form payable to "K of C Council 1616"

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