

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 20, 2010

Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1 Galatians 3:26-29

Luke 9:18-24

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

Jesse Andersen & Rachel Warren

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.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—In today's gospel reading, Jesus just sat down to eat and was confronted with a dilemma and a sobbing woman. Why do rough situations always pop up at meals? We need to learn a lesson from Jesus who used this situation for compassion, understanding, discussion and forgiveness. Meals can be more than self-absorbed eating.

MASS SCHEDULE**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

MONDAY, JUNE 14

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 155:15 p.m. † Doris Grimm, the 7th Anniversary of her death
requested by the Morozowich family**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16**

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Heartland

5:15 p.m. † Geraldine Kain mother of Marlene Pranskatis

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 — *St. Romuald*

6:00 p.m. † Elaine Durst requested by Maxine Zolen

SUNDAY, JUNE 20 — *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:30 a.m. † Dick Kelch requested by Jim & Ginny Bauhof

11:30 a.m. † Joseph Porto
requested by Dave & Mary Jo Reilly

7:30 pm. People of the parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK**MONDAY, JUNE 14 — SATURDAY, JUNE 19**

Monday	1 Kings 21:1-16	Matthew 5:38-42
Tuesday:	1 Kings 21:17-29	Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Kings 2:1, 6-14	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Sirach 48:1-14	Matthew 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20	Matthew 6:19-23
Saturday	2 Chronicles 24:17-25	Matthew 6:24-34

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

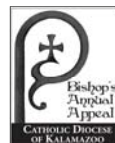
Reception for Marian & Tony Nelson after Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 13 — K College Graduation

Reception for Marian & Tony Nelson after each Mass

11:30 a.m. Nursery
Baptism after 11:30 Mass**MONDAY, JUNE 14**9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. TRA
6:00 p.m. Meditation & Centering Prayer
7:00 p.m. Men's Group
8:00 p.m. Rudi Siebert Class Visit
7:00-10:00 p.m. A Capella**TUESDAY, JUNE 15**12:00 p.m. AA/AI Anon
6:30 p.m. DVD about Fr. Ubald and
his ministry of reconciliation
7:00 p.m. Healing Mass - Fr. Ubald
Reception follows
8:00 p.m. Student AA**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16**10:00 a.m. Sr. Marlene
7:00 p.m. Presentation by Fr. Ubald**THURSDAY, JUNE 17**10:30 a.m. Yoga
8:00 p.m. Student AA**FRIDAY, JUNE 18**12:00 p.m. AA/AI Anon
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal**SATURDAY, JUNE 19**8:00 a.m. Women's AA
12:00 p.m. AA
2:00 p.m. Hoyle/MacVicar wedding
4:45 p.m. Shawl Ministry**SUNDAY, JUNE 20**

11:30 a.m. Nursery

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
GOAL UPDATE as of 6-7-2010****232 Pledges totaling \$73,796****75% of our goal of \$97,949****45% Participation to date**

KEN'S KALEIDOSCOPE

We are happy to welcome Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga to St. Tom's this coming week. Tuesday evening at 7 pm we will celebrate the mass together, which will end with a special time for healing prayer. At 6:30 we will play a DVD that describes Fr. Ubald and his work of reconciliation and peacemaking.

Fr. Ubald is a Catholic Tutsi priest in the Mushaka Parish in Rwanda. He was ordered out of his country and was spared from the 1994 genocide; however 80 members of his family were killed. He returned to Rwanda five months after the genocide to begin facilitate healing and reconciliation.

His gift for healing is profound and Fr. Ubald said, "I've preached for a long time that the only way to liberate man and heal him of his interior wounds is reconciliation and pardon. I had a vision to speak about peace, reconciliation and pardon, and to pray for healing." He is working to establish a Center for Forgiveness and Healing in his diocese.

One Wednesday evening at 7 pm, Fr. Ubald will speak about his history and the center for peace he plans to create. All are welcome.

We are very pleased to announce that Sr. Pam Owens, CSJ, will be joining our Pastoral Team at the end of the summer. Sr. Pam belongs to the same congregation as Sr. Sue, part of the new congregation that includes the sisters whose motherhouse was at Nazareth. Sr. Pam has a long career in teaching, has a Doctor of Ministry degree, and most recently has taught at the Rice School for Pastoral Ministry in Fort Myers, Florida. She also served for three years in El Salvador. Sr. Pam will be the Director of the Rite of Christian of Adults here at St. Tom's, and take on additional responsibilities as she and the rest of the Team discern a new division of role among them – something we do almost every year.

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

Men's Group—St. Tom's Men's Group will meet Monday, June 14 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.

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!

RCIA JOURNEY OF FAITH



I am Andy Polishak, a 34 year old permanent resident who is a mechanical engineer. I have lived in the Kalamazoo area since September 2005 when I married fellow St. Tom's member and cradle Catholic Michelle Polishak. I was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. As a child and youth my faith was fairly strong, but over the years it has been slowly declining in my priorities. Being married to Michelle has meant a subtle push

to attend church regularly. At first I came to St. Tom's out of respect for my wife and out of guilt. But over the last four years, the Holy Spirit has been working on my heart. I slowly started enjoying the relaxed and inviting atmosphere of our Catholic parish and even looked forward to coming to Church. This was quite remarkable for me since we live 20 minutes away. About this time last year I started contemplating about going through the RCIA process. I initially thought that I should "go through the motions" since I was coming solely to St. Tom's and have not attended a Lutheran Service without my family in years. I also knew I should strengthen my faith. So the real question was what year to go through the process. So like any good want to be Catholic I Googled when Easter was and determined it was early this year; therefore, the process probably would not affect the start of fishing season. As you probably guessed my heart was not completely into it at the start. I was raised Lutheran; I know God loves me; I know of Jesus and the bible stories; heck, every once in a while I would pray (sometimes for the right reasons). I believed that this process was just changing faiths and it was no big deal.

BOY WAS I WRONG. Yes, I learned of the Catholic faith and my overall spiritual life grew also. Well, I expected that. However, as I started letting the conversion process work in me I did not expect that it would change so many aspects of my life. I started praying more and for the right reasons. I found myself growing and becoming a better husband, sibling, son, and friend. I started realizing that life was not just about me and I realized that God has always been with me and my successes are his blessings. I had prayers answered that I did not even ask for. But most importantly my faith went from what I believed in my head to what I believed in my heart. I know now that this is just the start of my conversion process. This process did not stop at the Easter Vigil. I know now I need to do more. I need, or I should say I want, to volunteer more and share the blessings God has given me.

Upon reflection of this process I learned that it was difficult for me to increase my faith without a community of people who also wanted to increase their faith. I tried for many years to increase my faith through the guidance of my wife and only attending church once a week. The other eleven "Chosen" people in my RCIA group are not just my support but my friends. I pray that if you have even the slightest desire to become more spiritual and understand what the Catholic Church is about, join RCIA or another religious group.

RECYCLING HERE AT ST. TOM'S

BRING YOUR BATTERIES, COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS,
INK CARTRIDGES, OLD CELL PHONES AND NON GLOSSY NEWSPAPERS
AND WE WILL RECYCLE THEM FOR YOU.



Blood Drive

It's in you to give blood.

You may schedule a time online at miblood.org

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

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Come and See Vocation Weekend: Exploring Religious Life

DATES: June 26 – 27, 2010

ARRIVAL: Saturday, 8:00 am (8:00 registration; 9:00 program begins)

DEPARTURE: Sunday, 1:00 pm (after Sunday Mass and lunch)

DESCRIPTION: We invite single Catholic women to experience the life of the Sisters of Bon Secours and to learn more about religious life. You will have the opportunity to be with sisters as you learn about our life. You'll also meet and share with other women who are exploring religious life as a life option. This weekend offers time for discussions, reflection, liturgy, relaxation, and one-on-one conferences with a sister.

PLACE: Sisters of Bon Secours Provincial House, Marriottsville, Maryland.

CHARGE: NONE

REGISTRATION: Deadline: June 18, 2010

CONTACT: Sr. Pat Dowling, CBS, Vocation Director.

To register or for more information, call toll free 1-877-742-0277 or for more details visit: <http://bonsecoursvocations.org>.

The next scheduled weekend is October 23 & 24, 2010.

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

SISTER PARISH NEWS

"But Christ lives in me: insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me." Christ lives in us and we live in Christ...just as last Sunday we heard again that we are all part of one body, the body of Christ. We live in Him, we die in Him and we are resurrected in Him. Our brothers and sisters in El Salvador are part of that body too...and all parts are important. We need to help that part; we need to sponsor our students so through education they can be full, healthy parts of our body. Please consider sponsoring one or more high school or college student. After all, we are all one body. There is more information in the narthex.

Also, we are in need of delegates to go to *Maria Madre de los Pobres* in November. Please contact Jerry Pahl at 372-7937 for more information.

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.**

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

Registration forms for this year's Vacation Bible School at St. Joe's are available in church or from the office. This year's theme is groovy, **Finding peace and love with God**. Please consider helping us on Wednesday evenings, beginning June 23 and ending July 21. We need 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. Call right away to help with making and setting up decorations! VBS hours are 6 – 8:00 p.m. JUNE 23 IS TIE-DYE PROJECT DAY – PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD WITH A T-SHIRT TO TIE-DYE. . **RSVP so we know how many campers to plan for. If you have called to volunteer and no one has called you back, please call again (343-6256)!**

Parents should sign their children up for next year's Religious Ed. classes or enroll 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 school office. The first class is scheduled for **Sunday, September 12, 2010.**

ELECTRONIC GIVING

We have an established process for electronic giving here at St. Tom's.

This is available for all types of donations - Capital Campaign, Salvadoran Scholarship, Mission Endowment Fund, regular Sunday donations, and special collections.

The process helps to eliminate the need for envelopes and reminder notices.

Your donations can be automatically transferred semi-monthly, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. This can be limited to a specific timeframe - or continue until you wish to change.

If you would like to have your donations or pledges filed automatically call Martha Reid at the parish office, 381-8917, ext. 266 or email her at martha.reid@sttomskazoo.org

<i>JUNE 2010</i>	Growing in the Spirit	
	Sunday Collection	Mortgage Fund
Weekly Target	\$ 12,550.00	\$ 3,350.00
6/6	8,650.26	695.00
6/13		
6/20		
6/27		
Electronic gifts	7,002.00	1,468.70
Total gifts to date for June 2010	15,652.26	2,163.70
Operating budget to date for June 2010	12,550.00	3,350.00
Difference in June 2010	3,102.26	(1,186.30)
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	239.86	(85,211.96)

AREA HAPPENINGS

WILL PREPARATION AND ESTATE PLANNING—The Diocese of Kalamazoo will be hosting a **free** seminar on estate planning and will preparation on Wednesday, June 23 at the St. Augustine Crowley Center gymnasium from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Attorney Dan DeMent will cover such topics as "do-it-yourself" wills, what Catholic-Christian stewardship means in terms of a will, and charitable gifting through your estate. Refreshments will be served. Please contact the St. Augustine parish office at 345-5147 to RSVP or for more information.

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.

Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan is seeking volunteers to provide companionship and respite care to individuals and families who are coping with terminal illness, with dying and with loss. Training will take place this summer beginning July 17 through August 4. Training consists of three live sessions, two Saturday's 8:30 am—1:30 pm and one Wednesday evening 6:00-9:00 p.m. For more information on how you can make a difference, please contact Donna Rook at 269-488-3935 or email donna.rook@hospiceswmi.org.

The St. Joseph Parish Golf Tournament (The Monsignor Hazard Golf Classic), a four-person (male, female, and juniors) golf scramble intended as a fundraiser for our parish, will be held on August 14 at Ridgeview Golf Course on West Main. Cost is \$60 per person (includes golf, cart, lunch, and many prizes including a new set of irons). Registration begins at 8:00am. Golf begins at 9:00 a.m. Please send entry fee (made out to St. Joseph Parish) to Chuck Woroniecki, 5682 Susan, Kalamazoo, MI 49048. Phone 269-343-6979. If you don't have a team, we can place you on one! (Deadline August 9, 2010. Non-golfers send \$10 for lunch only.

Making a Report of Sexual Misconduct—report of sexual misconduct may be initiated at the Diocese of Kalamazoo's Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line: (877) 802-0115. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding sexual misconduct will be returned, usually within one hour. This toll-free telephone number has been established as a part of the Diocese's effort to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within Diocesan institutions and ministries only. If you have some other concern about Diocesan schools, parishes, or ministries, please contact the appropriate Diocesan school, parish, or office directly.

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