



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**

May 30, 2010

Proverbs 8:22-31 Romans 5:1-15

John 16:12-15

BAPTISM—Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament. The next scheduled baptism class is Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00 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, 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

We know parents are given the gift of the Holy Spirit. Could it be you are the Advocate mentioned in today's gospel; the Advocate who will teach and remind your children of all I told you?" Christian parents are meant to be instruments of the Spirit to their children.

MASS SCHEDULE**SATURDAY, MAY 22** — *St. Rita of Cascia*

6:00 p.m. Peace in the world

SUNDAY, MAY 23 — *Pentecost Sunday*

9:30 a.m. † Kathy Mills requested by Carol Coomer

11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

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

MONDAY, MAY 24

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

7:00 p.m. For those being confirmed

TUESDAY, MAY 25 — *St. Bede, St. Gregory VII,**St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi*

5:15 p.m. † Peter Trivers

requested by Irene & Stephen Trivers

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 — *St. Philip Neri*

5:15 p.m. Vocations

THURSDAY, MAY 27 — *St. Augustine of Canterbury*

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

FRIDAY, MAY 28

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

5:15 p.m. Men and women serving in the military

SATURDAY, MAY 29

6:00 p.m. † Bernie Kolojeski

requested by The Weaver Family

SUNDAY, MAY 30 — *The Most Holy Trinity*

9:30 a.m. † Rose Romano mother of Tony Romano

11:30 a.m. † Mark Fraley brother of Jayne Fraley-Burgett

7:30 pm. High School Graduates

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK**MONDAY, MAY 24 — SATURDAY, MAY 29**

Monday	1 Peter 1:3-9	Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday:	1 Peter 1:10-16	Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday:	1 Peter 1:18-25	Mark 10:32-45
Thursday:	1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12	Mark 10:46-52
Friday:	1 Peter 4:7-13	Mark 11:11-26
Saturday	Jude 17, 20-25	Mark 11:27-33

**LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS,
AND MASS COORDINATORS**

The **summer schedule runs June through September.**

If you know your vacation plans, wish to make a change, **or you are a college student** and would like to be on the summer schedule, you may either fill out a form located on the liturgical minister sign-in table, call Marian Nelson 381-8917 ext 273 or email marian@sttomskazoo.org

Changes should be submitted no later than Sunday, May 23.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**SUNDAY, MAY 23**

9:30 a.m.

Children & Worship

11:30 a.m.

Children & Worship and Nursery

RCIA Mystagogy after 11:30 a.m. Mass

12:45 p.m.

Marriage Prep Meeting

6:15 p.m.

Sunday Supper

MONDAY, MAY 24

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

TRA

6:00 p.m.

Rosary for Vocations

6:00 p.m.

Meditation and Centering Prayer

7:00 p.m.

Confirmation

7:00-10:00 p.m.

A Cappella

TUESDAY, MAY 25

12:00 p.m.

AA/AI Anon

8:00 p.m.

Student AA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

6:30 p.m.

Women's Group — Cookout

7:00 p.m.

More at Midweek

THURSDAY, MAY 27

10:30 a.m.

Yoga

6:00 p.m.

Rosary for Peace

6:00 p.m.

O'Rourke/Fritz Rehearsal

7:00 p.m.

Rehearsal Dinner

7:00-10:00 p.m.

A Cappella

8:00 p.m.

Student AA

FRIDAY, MAY 28

12:00 p.m.

AA/AI Anon

2:00 p.m.

Ellis/Hughes Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

O'Rourke/Fritz Wedding

SATURDAY, MAY 29

8:00 a.m.

Women's AA

12:00 p.m.

AA

2:00 p.m.

Ellis/Hughes Wedding

SUNDAY, MAY 30

11:30 a.m.

Nursery

2:00 p.m.

Wedding Ceremony Planning

6:15 p.m.

Sunday Supper

KEN'S KALEIDOSCOPE

Bishop Bradley has invited the entire Diocese to unite in prayer for the renewal of the Church. We'll use the same text in our Sunday liturgies for the next few weeks.

Gracious Heavenly Father,
 in solidarity with the whole Church,
 we have celebrated the Resurrection and
 Ascension of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
 As we celebrate the Solemnities of
 Pentecost, the Holy Trinity, and the
 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ,
 we dedicate these twenty-two days of prayer to you.
 We pray that we the people of the
 Diocese of Kalamazoo may be renewed in faith,
 strength and purpose. Grant us the gifts of
 unity and peace so that Christ might be more
 fully revealed and your will be more fully done.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son.
 Amen.

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

Women's Group — Join St. Tom's Women's Group for a cookout on Wednesday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Meat, beverage and table service will be provided.

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!

Mass Intention—If you wish to have a Mass offered for someone who has died or in celebration of someone's special day call Michele at the parish office, 381-8917. The intention appears under the Mass schedule in our bulletin. They can be set for weekday or weekend Masses. The usual donation is \$10.00.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

WE WILL HONOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
 DURING EACH MASS
 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



If you are graduating from an area public school please fill out one of the postcards available in the narthex about where you will be attending college.

RCIA JOURNEY OF FAITH



My name is Kristi Kelly (formerly Kaluzny). I was married to Matthew Kelly in September 2009. I have one brother and one-step brother and a husky named Timber. I grew up in the mid-Michigan area, in a town called Clio, between Flint and Saginaw. I have an undergraduate and Masters degree from WMU in Accounting and am an Accountant at Stryker.

I was never baptized as a child, and while growing up, I always desired to be baptized. After I met Matt, who was raised Catholic, we decided to join St. Tom's. I fell in love with the church community here and really felt I was being called to the Catholic faith. With loving encouragement from family and friends (and Marian!), I decided to check out the RCIA process. I began going to monthly meetings to find out more about the process last summer and began participating in the full RCIA process after our wedding. As the process went along, I became more and more sure that I was in the right place at the right time. I felt God was calling me to be one of his children and experienced many moments when I felt God's presence over the months I was participating in the process, particularly at the retreat, which took place in February.

Through the process I gained a closer relationship with God but also the St. Tom's community. Through my friends who I've gone through the RCIA process with, my sponsor, and the RCIA team, I have a deeper appreciation of the sense of community at St. Tom's. I am thankful for them and could not be happier that I decided to go through this process.

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.**



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 highchairs.

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 6, 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.

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

STUDENT NEWS

Student Suppers will continue through June 6. Join us at 6:15 this weekend — Breakfast for Dinner — Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage. FREE dinner for students and young adults. Don't miss the great conversation & fellowship shared during dinner.

More at Midweek Wednesday, May 19. 7:00 p.m. Quiet prayer; 7:30 Praise and Worship; 8:15 gather for pizza, pop and a fun activity to be determined.

RECYCLING HERE AT ST. TOM'S

NEWSPAPER TO INSULATION We at St. Tom's are participating in an innovative recycling venture: turning old newspapers into household insulation. The Waste & Recycling Transfer Station at 2606 Miller Rd. is accepting newsprint (none of the glossy advertisement inserts) and shipping it on to be converted into low cost household insulation. Bring your newspapers on the weekends when you come to Mass and place them in the back of the church's unlocked **white full size van** in the lower parking lot or in front on Sr. Sue's house on the corner of Stone & Lovell Sts. We will drop off the papers at the transfer station for you. **RECYCLE BATTERIES AND COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS** It's very inconvenient when batteries go dead to take them to a recycling center, yet they are toxic if dumped into the garbage; the same is true for the new compact fluorescent light bulbs. So we will collect them here at St. Tom's in a small box in the narthex. **Please wrap** your compact fluorescent light bulbs in old newspaper -- we don't want the mercury to escape or the glass to cut someone if they break. **ALSO BRING YOUR** Empty ink cartridges and deceased cell phones for recycling.

SISTER PARISH NEWS

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God..." YOU have many gifts that you have been able to develop because you have had access to great teachers and mentors. We all are also called to service. Our brothers and sisters in El Salvador need that access to education also so that they too can develop their gifts and serve their community. Won't you give a little to help them? It only costs you a little more than \$8/week to sponsor a college student and \$4.60/week for a high school student—less than Big Mac combo! If you cannot sponsor a student, please consider a one time contribution to Plan B. Thank you very much! More information is in the Narthex.

Student Sponsor Update

52 University Students — 44 have sponsors

34 High School Students — 26 have sponsors

Also, we are looking for delegates to go to El Salvador in November and share their lives with our brothers and sisters of *Maria Madre de los Pobres*. Please contact Jerry Pahl at 372-7937 for more information.



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BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT ST. TOM'S

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Not all heroes wear capes. Visit Miblood.org



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLASSES MEET ON SUNDAYS

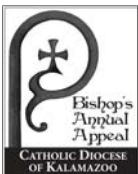
10:10-11:10 (English) or 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (bilingual)
at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Lake Street
Patty Haley, Religious Ed. Coordinator — 343-6256

Congratulations to all of the Confirmation Candidates from our Religious Ed. classes, CSGK and adult study groups who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday at St. Joseph and Monday at St. Thomas More. We are pleased that Bishop Bradley is available to us for this wonderful ceremony. Please pray for the newly Confirmed as they move into the next phase of their Catholic Faith and take on more responsibilities within our churches.

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.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
GOAL UPDATE as of 5-18-2010**



186 Pledges totaling \$59,030
60% of our goal of \$97,949
36% Participation to date

MAY 2010	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	7,689.95	1,645.00
5/23		
5/30		
Electronic gifts	12,480.50	2,408.05
Total gifts to date for May 2010	35,620.75	5,968.05
Operating budget to date for May 2010	37,650.00	10,050.00
Difference in May 2010	(2,029.25)	(4,081.95)
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	4,828.21	(79,300.01)

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

High School:

Sunday, May 23, 6—8 pm, St. Joe's Youth Room

Join us for our final regular gathering of the year. We will be talking about our upcoming bike trip and honoring our seniors who will be graduating. We've had a great year, so let's evaluate our successes and plan ahead for the future. As always, there will be good food and fun. All are welcome!

Middle School:

Monday, May 24, 6—9 pm, St. Joe's Youth Room

End of the Year Celebration!

Don't miss this fun evening to celebrate the end of the year. We will have games, prizes, make-your-own pizza, a movie, and free time in the gym. Come for the whole time or join us as you can.

For questions please call Molly or Jerry at 381-8917 x 262 or email godsyouth@sttomskazoo.org.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Memorial Day Mass at Mt Olivet Cemetery—One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. Please join us on Monday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. at the Mausoleum at Mt. Olivet Cemetery (rain or shine) for Mass to remember and honor our loved ones. Bring a lawn chair in case of overflow. Fr. John Fleckenstein of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Portage will be the presider with music provided by JC Boyd.

St. Monica's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration program has been going on for over 7 years at our chapel located in the N.E. part of our church building. Typically there are 5 to 10 open hours each week where we need adorers to signup to cover them. Parishioners from all parishes are vitally needed. Our beloved Lord Jesus invites you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week to keep Him company and help keep this program going. For more info, or to volunteer, go to www.stmonicaadoration.org or call Tom Walt, 344-4736 or Anne Cooper, 342-6586.

The Salvation Army and Kalamazoo have been given the opportunity to accomplish the impossible: packing one million meals for the Haiti Relief Effort in 2 days. In order to make this event possible, we need 3,500 volunteers to commit to 2 hours of packaging meals for Haiti on Saturday & Sunday, June 19 & 20. This even will take place at the former Sam's Club building at 665 Mall Drive, Portage. It's a family affair: volunteers as young as 3 and as old as 625 are welcome to participate. Volunteers will package simple nutritious meals to be directly shipped to the people in Haiti affected by the earthquake disaster. So how can you help? Volunteer to package meals! Sign up for a 2-hour shift at our website, www.tsakalamazoo.org. Bring your whole family and tell your friends!

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