

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 16, 2010

Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

BAPTISM—Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament. The next scheduled baptism class is Sunday, May 16 at 1:00 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, May 23, 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, MAY 10 — SATURDAY, MAY 15**

Monday	Acts 16:11-15	John 15:26—16:4
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34	John 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1	John 16:12;15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11	Luke 24:46-53
	Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23	
Friday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	John 15:9-17
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28	John 16:23-28

MASS SCHEDULE**SATURDAY, MAY 8 — Easter Weekday**

6:00 p.m. † Lloyd Bird requested by wife and family

SUNDAY, MAY 9 — Sixth Sunday of Easter9:30 a.m. † Grace Kenney & † Mary Ann Payonk
requested by Mary Kenney & Nadine Deak11:30 a.m. † Kay Sweeney requested by the Sullivan Family
7:30 pm. People of the parish**MONDAY, MAY 10 — St. Damien of Molokai**

5:15 p.m. Vocations

TUESDAY, MAY 11

5:15 p.m. Peace in the world

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 — Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, St. Pancras

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

THURSDAY, MAY 13

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

FRIDAY, MAY 14 — St. Matthias

2:00 p.m. Heartland Communion Service

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

SATURDAY, MAY 15 — St. Isidore

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

SUNDAY, MAY 16 — The Ascension of the Lord

9:30 a.m. † Grace Kenney requested by Rae Kenney

11:30 a.m. Bishop Paul J. Bradley (living)

7:30 pm. † Glenn Miller father of Gary Miller

Congratulations

to the following children who celebrated
their First Eucharist last weekend

CalliBea Bowers	Haleigh Nower
Justin Gyls	Jeremiah Parnell
Anders Johansson	Rebecca Rice
Keyleigh Kostrzewa	Megan Rushlau
Delaney Lambrix	Sydney Semear
Alex Leonard	Autumn Stevens
Carly Loken	Jordan Smith
Grace Maguire	Christopher Turk
Katelyn Mounce	Taliesen Utz

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE—Today's gospel Jesus told his disciples "If you loved me, you would rejoice I am going ..." When an adult child leaves home, we are happy for their maturity but there is a emptiness in a parent's heart. Our loss is their gain.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**SUNDAY, MAY 9 - Mother's Day**11:30 a.m. Nursery
RCIA Mystagogy after 11:30 a.m. Mass
6:15 p.m. Sunday Supper—Taco Bar**MONDAY, MAY 10**9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. TRA
1:45-2:45 p.m. Isaac Housing
6:00 p.m. Rosary for Vocations
6:00 p.m. Meditation and Centering Prayer
7:00-10:00 p.m. A Cappella**TUESDAY, MAY 11**12:00 p.m. AA/AI Anon
8:00 p.m. Student AA**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12**6:30 p.m. Women's Group—Movie Night
7:00 p.m. More at Midweek**THURSDAY, MAY 13**10:30 a.m. Yoga
6:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace
6:00-8:00 pm Love and Logic Parent Workshop
8:00 p.m. Student AA**FRIDAY, MAY 14**8 a.m.-5 p.m. TRA Workshop
12:00 p.m. AA/AI Anon**SATURDAY, MAY 15**8:00 a.m. Women's AA
12:00 p.m. AA
4:45 p.m. Shawl Ministry**SUNDAY, MAY 16**9:30 a.m. Children & Worship
11:30 a.m. Children & Worship and Nursery
RCIA Mystagogy after 11:30 a.m. Mass
1:00 p.m. Baptism Class
6:15 p.m. Sunday Supper

KEN'S KALEIDOSCOPE

Sharon Froom and I have been invited by the Bishop of Cyangu, Rwanda, to come there and help their clergy (and others) learn how to respond more effectively to people who have suffered trauma. The country's people were deeply scarred following a horrific civil war. Some of you may be aware of a book about forgiveness written by Immaculée Ilibagiza, who also recently spoke here in Kalamazoo. A compatriot, Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, works extensively with forgiveness and healing in his country. He also has a healing ministry of prayer and has visited the US, where he heard Sharon speak at a national gathering of therapists. We have invited Fr. Ubald to visit us this summer, but there has not been a confirmation of his schedule in that regard. Our trip to Rwanda is scheduled for the beginning of November; we may also do some training in Kenya. (More to come as we know it.)

After thirteen years, Marian Nelson has decided to retire from the Pastoral Team and directing the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. She and her husband Tony are going to spend more time with their families, but they are not moving away from the parish. There will be a reception after all the masses one of the weekends in June. The Team is actively engaged in the process of interviews.

I am happy to report that the Sisters of the Precious Blood in Dayton, Ohio, awarded another generous grant of \$20,000 to our sister parish, to help the establishment of their Open School (Latch-key program). Over the years the Sisters' Maria Brunner Fund has made grants to various projects supported by our parish totally over \$150,000!! Please pray for them in gratitude for their generosity.

Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week. Let's all take a moment to stop and be grateful for our teachers, those we have now or those who touched our lives long ago. They spent hours with us and are some of the people who makes us who we are today. Thank you, teachers!

As part of our process for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we'd like to finish the campaign by make phone contacts with parishioners who haven't responded. We're looking for some volunteers to make brief (1-minute) phone calls from the parish offices during an evening. If you're willing to do so, please give your name and phone number to Michele at the parish office 381-8917.



STUDENT NEWS

Student Suppers will continue through June 6. Join us at 6:15 this weekend for a Taco Bar FREE dinner for students and young adults. Don't miss the great conversation and fellowship shared during dinner.

More at Midweek Wednesday, May 12. 7:00 p.m. Quiet prayer; 7:30 Praise and Worship; 8:15 gather for pizza, pop and a fun activity to be determined.

RCIA JOURNEY OF FAITH



Hello. My name is Mike Miller and I am a junior at Western Michigan University studying Vocal Performance, Music Education, and Organ Performance. I'm originally from East Lansing, MI. I went to Haslett High School and was lucky enough to travel the country with my high school choir.

When I first came to St Tom's I didn't really think I'd be joining any type of religion even though I'd always felt a pull of some sort to church. I came to my first service because Evan Snyder asked me to come and listen to the music. The next week I somehow found myself singing with Evan and Sr. Sue. During that service I felt something inside me that felt like I needed to be going to St Tom's. I eventually started to sing every week and felt a stronger pull to the St Tom's community. I told Evan what I'd felt and that I wanted to be baptized and he put me into contact with Marian Nelson. I talked with Marian and I went to my first RCIA meeting and ever since then I've been growing closer with God and St Tom's. I enjoy singing and helping others pray through music.

I would like to thank the St Tom's community for keeping me and the other members of RCIA in their thoughts and prayers and I look forward to getting to know you over the next few years.

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.

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

Women's Group will meet Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for Movie Night. Always good conversation and friendship.

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!

Migrant Ministry—We will begin collecting items for the Aleman Center next weekend. Collection is at the parish office garage—the back door will be unlocked. Watch for more information about Migrant Ministry in next week's bulletin.

SISTER PARISH NEWS

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." For many years El Salvador was not a country at peace due to the inequity between the rich and the poor. And while there still is a huge gap between these two groups, there is a growing middle class and peace has returned to the land of "The Savior." You can continue to build that middle class by sponsoring a high school or college student of *Maria Madre de los Pobres* our sister parish in San Salvador. With education peace can spread and you can help make it happen. We really need your help as we have not yet sponsored all of our students. There is more information in the narthex.

Student Sponsor Update

52 University Students — 43 have sponsors
34 High School Students — 26 have sponsors

Also, we are looking for delegates to visit our brothers and sisters in El Salvador in November. We only have until the beginning of August to form a delegation as there are three to four orientation sessions to prepare them for a journey that is both physical and spiritual. Please call Jerry Pahl at 372-7937 for more information.

ELECTRONIC GIVING - SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

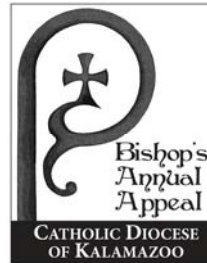
St. Tom's now offers secure online contributions to special collections via our website, www.sttomskazoo.org. If you would like to make a special gift, please use the space provided next to the amount to indicate the designation of the donation (i.e. Bishop's Annual Appeal, donation not a pledge).

For more information please feel free to call me at
381-8917 x266.

Thank you for being such a wonderful, generous parish.

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.**



In past years, the Kalamazoo Diocesan Services Appeal (KDSA) supported several organizations/collections rather than each parish taking a special collection during the year. In addition, our parish supported some through the amount that we tithe from our budget, rather than taking additional collections; people seemed to appreciate that. In the new Appeal plan, there are eight collections designated for the parish level. Our parish in prior years has made contributions to three of them rather than takes special collections. Next year we have not yet decided which ones we will actually collect, and which will come from the budget in the name of the parish. That will be addressed by the Finance Council in the next budget cycle.

1. The Church in Africa, Latin America, and Eastern Europe
 2. Catholic Campaign for Human Development
 3. Catholic Relief Services (parish already contributes)
 4. Holy Land
 5. Peter's Pence (Vatican and its charitable works)
 6. World Mission Sunday (parish already contributes)
 7. Home Heating Assistance
 8. Retirement Fund for religious (parish already contributes)

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

133 Pledges totaling \$45,955
47% of our goal of \$97,949
26% Participation to date

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.

EARTH STEWARD WEEKLY WORD 2010

Lights Off: Whenever possible, keep lights off during the day. Consider installing a skylight if more light is needed. Encourage family members to get in the habit of turning off lights when they leave a room.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

The Middle School Youth Group will meet Monday, May 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Youth Room at St. Joe's.



The High School Youth Group will not meet this evening as we are spending time fundraising for the Summer Service Trip.

To all Parishoners: In July, 20 students from St. Tom's and St. Joe's will spend most of a week in prayer and service as part of Service Week 2010, sponsored by St. Robert of Newminster Parish in Ada, MI. To help with the cost (\$170 per student), we will travel by bicycle to South Haven later this Spring. If you pledge 50 cents per mile, that amounts to a donation of \$16. If you pledge 25 cents per mile, your donation is \$8; if you pledge \$1.00 per mile you will help us to the tune of \$32. Please support our Youth as you are able. There are pledge forms and a display in the Narthex, or you can send donations to Jerry Berrigan at the St. Tom's office, 1333 W. Lovell St., Kalamazoo MI 49006.

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

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

Vacation Bible School planning is underway. This year we are attempting something new. Our VBS program will run ONCE A WEEK for five (5) weeks beginning on Wednesday June 23. If you have the time to help with one night or on all five nights, call Patty Haley at 343-6256. Registration information will be available in May. This is a perfect opportunity for students to earn community service credits for the following school year.

**Peace House Needs Volunteers!
Spring Clean-up — Saturday, May 15, 9—5**

We will be building garden beds and a compost bin, clearing brush, hauling woodchips and making a fence for the retaining wall. Come for an hour or all day. Families welcome. Food and companionship provided. RSVP: 492-1206; peacehouse@tds.net



MAY 2010	Growing in the Spirit	
	Sunday Collection	Mortgage Fund
Weekly Target	\$ 12,550.00	\$ 3,350.00
5/2	9,305.67	835.00
5/9		
5/16		
5/23		
5/30		
Electronic gifts	4,535.50	1,269.35
Total gifts to date for May	13,841.17	2,104.35
Operating budget to date for May 2010	12,550.00	3,350.00
Difference in May 2010	1,291.17	(1,245.65)
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	8,148.63	(76,463.71)

AREA HAPPENINGS

Honoring the finest! Mrs. Joan Carey and Mrs. Aaron Riker, two very special educators who have touched the lives of many families in our community, will be retiring at the end of this school year. St. Augustine Cathedral School is hosting a day in their honor, May 20. Join us for school Mass at 8:45am in the Cathedral, followed by a short presentation in the Faith Garden. May 20 will also be an Open House day. Come in any time during the day to visit your alma mater and to congratulate Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Riker.

Big Band Standards Concert—The St. Augustine School 5th grade Destination Imagination team invites you to a concert featuring singer Matt Walch on **Saturday May 15 at 7:30pm in the St. Augustine Crowley Center Gym**. Matt has performed live with The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra and opened for the Glenn Miller Orchestra. He is donating his time and talent to help the team raise money to fund their trip to the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Tennessee. The concert will be free with donations accepted to support the team. Desserts and coffee will be provided.

2nd Annual Hackett Jazz Night — A night of Jazz in support of the Hackett Catholic Central Band Program—Saturday, May 15 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Hackett Catholic Central Cafeteria, 1000 West Kilgore Road. Cost: \$15 per person. Includes dessert bar and beverages. Cash Bar available! All proceeds will benefit Hackett Band Camp this summer. For tickets contact Colleen Takacs, 388-7424 or e-mail gctakacs@charter.net. You can also contact the Hackett High school office at: 381-2646 and ask for Mr. Scottie Walker, CSGK Band Director

Job opportunity- St. Catherine of Siena Parish seeks an organized, faith-filled individual with excellent communication skills for coordinating and implementing all liturgical experiences of the parish. Candidate should have knowledge of Church documents with regard to the liturgy, ability to learn and implement the proposed changes to the New Roman Missal. Responsibilities include: Working collaboratively with staff and pastor on liturgies throughout the year; serving as coordinator of sacramental celebrations, as well as special liturgical celebrations; facilitating/supervising the roles of the various liturgical ministries. Week-ends and holidays are required. Competitive salary commensurate with education and experience. Go to www.stcatherine.siena.org/html/job_openings.html. Resumes may be submitted by email to Angela Garcia agarcia@stcatherinesiena.org) by May 24.

The Bishop Alfred J. Markiewicz Knights of Columbus, Council 1616, 219 W. Cedar St. in Kalamazoo will host a **spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 21**. This Will be the last spaghetti dinner until Sept. 17, 2010. Dinners are served from 5PM to 7PM. Cost remains at \$8.00 for adults. For additional information call the Council at 345-4685.

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