

# St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish



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(Closed Noon - 1:00 p.m. daily)



## 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

May 23, 2010  
 Acts 2:1-11    1 Corinthians, 12:3b-7, 12-13  
 John 20:19-23

### *Congratulations to*

**Keegan Spencer Jackson** son of Carl and Teresa  
**Genevieve Konkle** daughter of Matthew and Jessica  
 who were baptized here at St. Tom's last weekend

**BAPTISM**—Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament. The next scheduled baptism class is Monday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. To register for the class or to schedule a baptism call the parish office at 381-8917.

### *Congratulations to*

*Scott Bradley Makohn and Elizabeth Ann Reece*  
 who were married here at St. Tom's last weekend.

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.



*Pray for Peace*



## MASS SCHEDULE

**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

**MONDAY, MAY 17**  
 5:15 p.m. Sick and shut-ins of our parish family

**TUESDAY, MAY 18** — *St. John I*  
 5:15 p.m. † Timothy Trivers  
 requested by Irene & Stephen Trivers

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19**  
 5:15 p.m. Vocations

**THURSDAY, MAY 20** — *St. Bernardine of Siena*  
 5:15 p.m. Communion Service

**FRIDAY, MAY 21** — *St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions*  
 2:00 p.m. Heartland Communion Service  
 5:15 p.m. Michael & Melissa Morozowich (living) on their  
 5th Anniversary requested by Morozowich family

**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)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

### MONDAY, MAY 17 — SATURDAY, MAY 22

Monday	Acts 19:1-18	John 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27	John 17:1-11
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38	John 17:11-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 34:6-11	John 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13-21	John 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31	John 21:20-25

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In the gospel Jesus prayed "that all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you." Unity is the goal of families, not uniformity. With uniformity everything is exactly alike. With unity, differences are accepted and reconciled. In a family we do not lose our individual personalities but create something greater, a family which is a sign of God's presence.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### 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

### MONDAY, MAY 17

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.	Men's Group
7:00-10:00 p.m.	A Cappella

### TUESDAY, MAY 18

12:00 p.m.	AA/Al Anon
6:30 p.m.	Finance/Development Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Student AA

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

10:00 a.m.	Sr. Marlene's Group
7:00 p.m.	More at Midweek

### THURSDAY, MAY 20

10:30 a.m.	Yoga
6:00 p.m.	Rosary for Peace
6:00-8:00 pm	Love and Logic Parent Workshop
7:00-10:00 p.m.	A Cappella
8:00 p.m.	Student AA

### FRIDAY, MAY 21

12:00 p.m.	AA/Al Anon
6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, MAY 22

8:00 a.m.	Women's AA
12:00 p.m.	AA
2:00 p.m.	Ritzer/Gast Wedding

### 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

## HERE AT ST. TOM'S

**Men's Group**—St. Tom's Men's Group will meet Monday, May 17 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!

## 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](mailto:marian@sttomskazoo.org)

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

## STUDENT NEWS

**Student Suppers will continue through June 6.** Join us at 6:15 this weekend for a **Super Salad Bowl!** FREE dinner for students and young adults. Don't miss the great conversation and 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.

## SISTER PARISH NEWS

So that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us..." It is a recurring theme in the gospels that we all are one and that includes our brothers and sisters of *Maria Madre de los Pobres*, our sister parish in El Salvador. We only need a few more sponsors for our high school and college students. It costs less than 0.66 cents per day to sponsor a high school student and only \$1.15 a day for a college student. Couldn't you skip that latte on occasion? Your sacrifice will enhance the life of another member of the Body of Christ. Thank you so much! There is more information about the sponsorship program in the narthex.

### Student Sponsor Update

**52 University Students — 43 have sponsors**

**34 High School Students — 26 have sponsors**

Also we are recruiting members for the delegation to *Madre* in November. Please contact Jerry Pahl at 372-7937 for more information.

## RCIA JOURNEY OF FAITH



Where does one start and end when writing about God calling? Is the story about all the crazy "Godincidences" which led up to our Easter Vigil's 2010 liturgy? Do I, a professional writer and wellness coordinator, write about how a variety of ecumenical church experiences taught me about Jesus Christ's love, social justice, and the healing power of prayer? Do I tell about my three-year search for a new church that

turned into a book, a book whose last chapter is my joining the Catholic Church? Do I mention how I once dated a Catholic man, who has now become a very dear friend, and how we started attending at St. Tom's? I will not, because that's not why I joined the Catholic Church.

I joined because I've learned over the years, that if God tells you to do something, you'd better do it. Perhaps my journey into the church started when a Rock-Ribbed Catholic friend in Grand Rapids prayed for me, then introduced me to Father Fitz who handed me Catechism tapes by Father Sirico. I played those beautiful tapes over and over thinking, hmmm, maybe the Catholic church. It took me another year to walk in the door. That month, June of 2009, God's answer to my prayers whispered, "Go, go to St. Tom's." One prayer lead to another and soon that still, quiet voice of God said, "Join the church." What a surprise, for I'd never envisioned myself Catholic. When I found groups, attitudes, teachings and people – much like I'd hoped to find during my search for a new church, that confirmed the call. Only God can work things out in that weird, winding, wonderful way. From the social justice bent of Rudy Siebert's classes, to the fact that my sponsor and I shared so many things in common, to the reverence I have for a Catholic Church with a trauma recovery program, to the way that the Centering Prayer Group has instilled in me a deep, reverent peace, all things seemed to lead to St. Tom's. Thus, I called and joined RCIA in November of 2009.

Soon I grew to love the Tuesday night meetings. We learned about the sacraments of the Catholic Church, and I realized that I had truly believed as Catholics believe, much of my faith life. Had I not have attended other churches, Bible Studies and faith-based groups, I don't think I would have appreciated the depth of the teachings. Yet now, after years of following Christ and his teachings, I saw them encapsulated in RCIA in a way that drew me closer to Christ, and the idea of Community that had begun to form in our meetings. Meanwhile, the RCIA team and sponsors showed me the most important teaching of Christ every time we met – love. They were patient, kind, caring, challenging and welcoming. They shared stories of their lives that mirrored my own stories and helped me walk beyond some challenges in my thinking. They shared stories of faith and healing, and I felt hope. They pieced together a whole retreat weekend, and finally, after all the talking, sharing, laughing and crying, I knew I'd found a church to call home. Although I do not have family in the area, I now feel I've got a church family through RCIA and the church.

RCIA did not help me to find faith in God and to love Jesus as my savior, for I'd already learned that, but what the process of RCIA did is teach me how to walk in that faith more deeply, love Jesus more reverently and recognize the way that Jesus walks about us all in the community of the church. For that, I am ever thankful.

**Bobbe Taber**

## Diocesan Prayer for Renewal, May 23 through June 13

Bishop Bradley has invited all parishioners throughout the diocese to join him in a Prayer for Renewal beginning on Pentecost, May 23 through the octave of the Solemnity of the great Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (ending June 13).

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.



## 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 care 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**

## 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 our parish young people who celebrated their First Reception of the Eucharist on May 1<sup>st</sup> here at St. Toms. Our friends at St. Joe's celebrate this weekend, and so, with the exception of those making special arrangements, our First Communion preparation classes have accomplished their goal for the year. Bishop Bradley will join us to celebrate Confirmation on Monday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

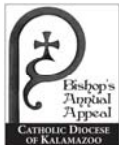
Please remember that Religious Education is a life-long process for all of us. Parents should be sure to sign their children up for next year's Religious Ed. classes or enroll in one of our Catholic schools. Registration forms for Fall 2010 are now available.

**YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

Thank you so much to all who pledged and donated to support our High Schoolers attend the Summer Service Trip in July. We are still running the numbers on the success of the fund drive, but apparently, our two parishes have underwritten almost a third of the total cost of the trip! It means so much to our Youth to have you all behind them.

**The High School Youth Group will meet this Sunday evening in the Youth Room at St. Joe's. Please join us for this second-to-last meeting before the Bike Trip!**

For questions please call Molly or Jerry at 381-8917 x 262 or email [godsyouth@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:godsyouth@sttomskazoo.org).



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

**154 Pledges totaling \$49,350**  
**50% of our goal of \$97,949**  
**30% Participation to date**

<i>MAY 2010</i>	Sunday Collection	Growing in the Spirit 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		
5/23		
5/30		
Electronic gifts	5,802.00	1,463.70
Total gifts to date for May 2010	21,252.30	3,378.70
Operating budget to date for May 2010	25,100.00	6,700.00
Difference in May 2010	(3,847.70)	(3,321.30)
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	3,009.76	(78,539.36)

**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.

**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.stcatherinesiena.org/html/job\\_openings.html](http://www.stcatherinesiena.org/html/job_openings.html). Resumes may be submitted by email to Angela Garcia [agarcia@stcatherinesiena.org](mailto: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.

"Father, they are your gift to me." Do you live your marriage / holy orders as a gift to Jesus? Come away and gift-wrap your sacrament. The remaining 2010 **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** Weekends are July 23-25 in Kalamazoo and October 15-17 in Grand Rapids. Reserve your spot now. For more information, contact Bob & JeanAnn McCann, 616-847-0582. Website: <http://west-michigan.wwme.org>.

**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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