



St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

— 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.

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Closed Noon - 1:00 p.m. daily)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 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 STAFF

Sharon Froom, MA, LLP, Pastoral Counselor
Deacon Pat Hall, Pastoral Team
Sr. Sue McCrery, CSJ, Pastoral Team
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Jerry & Molly Mechtenberg-Berrigan, Youth Faith Formation
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Patty Donovan Haley, Religious Education Coordinator, 343-6256
Marianne Lippi, Development Secretary
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SACRAMENTAL LIFE**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

June 6, 2010
 Genesis 14:18-20 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 Luke 9:11b-17

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.

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Congratulations to
Christopher Gast and Melissa Ritzer
 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 many organizations the truth is hard to find, but in family life we are told the truth whether we want to hear it or not. Truth must be tempered with sensitivity kindness. We are challenged to disagree agreeably, correct constructively and fight fairly.

MASS SCHEDULE**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

MONDAY, MAY 31 — The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No service — church closed

TUESDAY, JUNE 1 — St. Justin

5:15 p.m. † Libby Ewan requested by Jim & Ginny Bauhof

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 — Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

5:15 p.m. † Jean Zylman
 requested by Irene & Stephen Trivers

THURSDAY, JUNE 3 — St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

5:15 p.m. Vocations

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

2:00 p.m. Communion Service at Heartland
 5:15 p.m. Men and women serving in the military

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)

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK**MONDAY, MAY 31 — SATURDAY, JUNE 5**

Monday	Zephaniah 3:14-18	Luke 1:39-56
Tuesday:	2 Peter 3:12-15, 17-18	Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday:	2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12	Mark 12:18-27
Thursday:	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Mark 12:28-34
Friday:	2 Timothy 3:10-17	Mark 12:35-37
Saturday	2 Timothy 4:1-8	Mark 12:38-44



Congratulations
 to the following who celebrated
Confirmation
 at St. Tom's on
Monday, May 24

Mark Allwardt

Erin Powichroski

Matthew Fleck

Edward Roth

Spencer Henning

Jessica Rushlau

Brooke Maguire

Garret Seiler

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**SUNDAY, MAY 30**

11:30 a.m. Nursery
 2:00 p.m. Wedding Ceremony Planning
 6:15 p.m. Sunday Supper

MONDAY, MAY 31

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY
 Office & Church Closed

**TUESDAY, JUNE 1**

12:00 p.m. AA/AI Anon
 8:00 p.m. Student AA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

7:00 p.m. More at Midweek

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

10:30 a.m. Yoga
 6:00 p.m. Rosary for Peace
 8:00 p.m. Student AA

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 a.m. Women's AA
 12:00 p.m. AA
 2:00 p.m. Warren/Anderson Wedding
 7:00 p.m. RCIA Small Community Planning

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

11:30 a.m. Nursery
 6:15 p.m. Sunday Supper

KEN'S KALEIDOSCOPE

I am grateful for your positive response to the Parish Pastoral Council's proposal to request a Clergy renewal grant from the Lilly Endowment. Of 550 responses, 99% were affirmative. That's wonderfully overwhelming. Council members are now reading your comments and completing the proposal which will be submitted in June. The Endowment notifies congregations of their decisions at the end of November, so we have to wait a while.

A couple of comments deserve some clarification: I certainly do travel a lot; and those trips can be divided into three categories – 4 weeks of vacation each year (and I always try to get out of town, because when I stay in town, I just work at home); and travel for trauma workshops (which are always in the middle of the week; I have only missed one Saturday evening mass in the last 7 ½ years due to trauma recovery work; Africa in November will be a major exception). The third portion is devoted to the work assigned to me by the Bishop – which includes Tribunal work, and the Office of Priestly Life and Ministry (and membership in its regional and national groups). We have discussed possible changes in those assignments but nothing concrete has happened. I notice one other thing from comments, and that is people assume I am "gone" because I am not present at a weekend Mass. With Fr. James here as Associate Pastor, each of us shares the responsibility of presiding at Mass. Almost always we alternate Masses each weekend; so I might not see you on a particular weekend, but it doesn't mean I'm away from the parish – I'm usually at home working. It is nice to hear that I'm missed!

We are continuing the hiring process for a new Director of the RCIA and member of the Pastoral Team. We have interviewed several candidates and must also check on references. Like many of you we are anxious to complete the process and welcome a new member to the staff, and we hope to do so by the middle of June. Marian will be finishing, and there will be farewell receptions after all the masses on one of the June weekends. We'll announce the date as soon as some other matters are settled.

SISTER PARISH NEWS

"Hope, and hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit..." Our brothers and sisters in El Salvador have the hope that the love of God has filled our hearts to the point where we want to share in what we have with those amongst the most needy. We still need sponsors for our high school and college students. Think of the impact YOU could have in responding to their hope with YOUR love! There is more information in the Narthex.

Also, we are looking for delegates to go to *Maria Madre de los Pobres* in November. It can be a life changing experience and is a wonderful expression of your love. More information can be obtained by calling Jerry Pahl at 372-7937.

STUDENT NEWS

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

More at Midweek Wednesday, June 2. 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



My name is Trevor Dahl, and I am 23 years old. I have a wonderful fiancée Abbie, and I am a WMU graduate. I have been a Christian all my life, and I was baptized in the Presbyterian church. My family has never been very involved in church, where as Abbie's family has always had a strong faith. As I spent more time with them, I began to see how close they were and how much love they had for one another. I not only want this solid love and faith in my current family, but I want it in my future family as well. I feel the lessons I've learned along the way to joining the Catholic church have made my relationship with my future wife stronger, and I hope they can improve all the relationships I create throughout life.

HERE AT ST. TOM'S

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!



BLOOD DRIVE HERE AT ST. TOM'S
 Wednesday, June 23, 2010
 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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.

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



216 Pledges totaling \$65,296
67% of our goal of \$97,949
42% Participation to date

MAY 2010

	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	7,489.95	1,845.00
5/23	9,345.05	785.00
5/30		
Electronic gifts	13,842.00	2,702.40
Total gifts to date for May 2010	46,127.30	7,247.40
Operating budget to date for May 2010	50,200.00	13,400.00
Difference in May 2010	(4,072.70)	(6,152.60)
Fiscal year to date (+/-)	2,784.76	(81,370.66)

Congratulations to the following St. Tom's parishioners who have completed the JustFaith program at St. Catherine's Parish:

Barbara Atwood	Kevin Ruddy
Chase Atwood	Bob Servoss
Nancy Ray	Nancy Servoss

JustFaith Ministries provides a program that transforms people and expands their commitment to social ministry. Through life-changing opportunities, these parishioners studied, explored and experienced Christ's call to care for the poor and vulnerable in a lively, challenging, multifaceted process in the context of a small faith community.

If you are interested in finding out more about the JustFaith program offered by St. Catherine's there are fliers in the narthex.

College students, St. Tom's is possibly going to be offering JustFaith program for you in the fall. Stay tuned.

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.

FREE LUNCH! Visiting the imprisoned is one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy. Greg Szczołka, 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@sbccglobal.net. Please note that all lunch costs are being paid through an anonymous donation.

BE NOT AFRAID

Men's Regional Discernment Weekend June 25-27, 2010 Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit

Is God calling you to the Roman Catholic Priesthood? Do you find yourself longing to serve the Lord as a priest of Jesus Christ? Be Not Afraid! The Region VI Vocation Directors invite you to consider your calling to the Catholic Priesthood by attending a Regional Discernment Weekend.

Open to men between the ages of 18 and 45, the weekend provides a unique opportunity to become more familiar with the priesthood and discernment process.

There is no cost for the weekend and registration is due **June 17, 2010**. If you would like to attend or would like more information, contact your vocation director: Fr. John D. Fleckenstein, jfleckenstein@dioceseofkalamazoo.org or Fr. Christopher Derda, frderda@comcast.net.

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