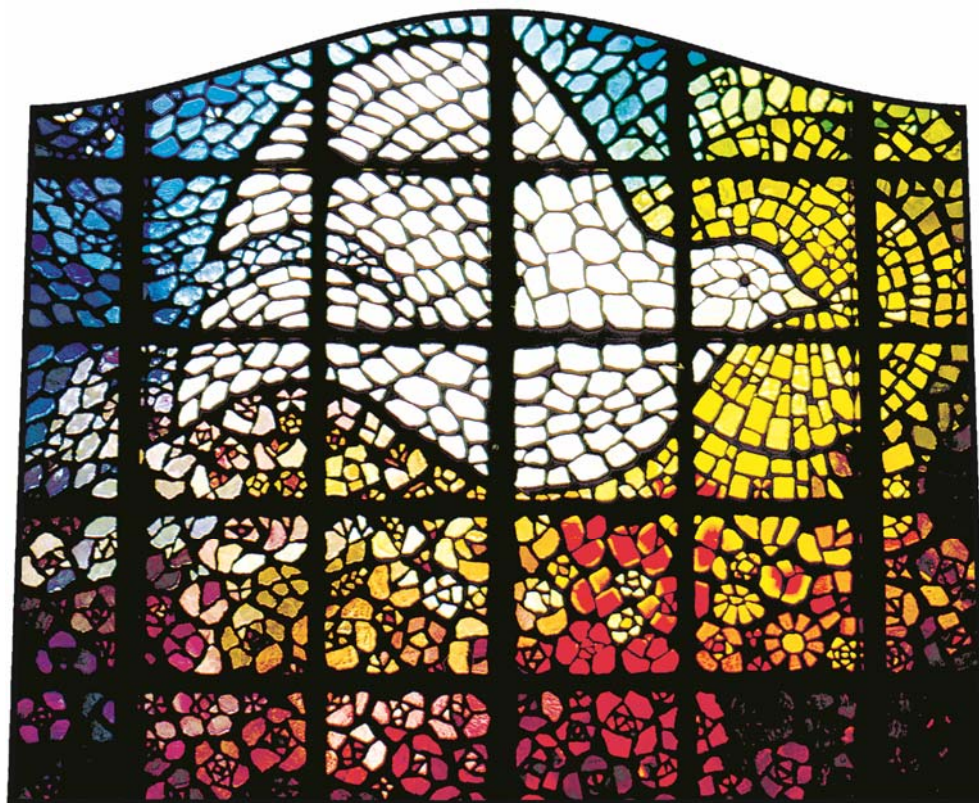


St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish



Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY ~ 6:00 p.m.; SUNDAY ~ 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Mass Monday, January 1 ~ 5:15 pm

421 Monroe Street Kalamazoo, MI 49006

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. and Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closed daily 12:00-1:00 for lunch

Pete Chadderdon - Maintenance ext. 234

Michele Cretsinger - Office Manager, Bulletin Editor ext. 273

Fr. Dan Hyman - Pastor ext. 264

Lisa LeVasseur - Campus Minister ext. 272

Martha Reid - Bookkeeper ext. 266

Deacon Joe Schmitt - Pastoral Associate, Marriage and Baptismal Preparation, ext. 274

Narcia Schultz-Acker - Parish Secretary, ext. 261

Deacon Frank Sila - Pastoral Associate, Hospital, Homebound, Jail Ministries ext. 278

Bret Sunnerville - Director of Religious Education & RCIA bsunnerville@stakazoo.org

Michael Zutis - Director of Music Ministry zututriot@gmail.com

PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

Staff members are available for appointments.

Please call the parish office at 381-8917 or call Catholic Charities at 381-9800

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

RECONCILIATION

Every Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m. or by appointment
(No reconciliation Wednesday, January 3)

HOLY HOUR

Monday through Wednesday & Friday 8:00-9:00 a.m.
(No Holy Hour Wed., January 3 or Fri., January 5)

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

Call the parish office for more information.

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.

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

BAPTISM

Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament. The next scheduled class is Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples planning to marry within the next year need to attend a marriage preparation meeting. The next class will be offered Sunday, January 7, following 11:30 am Mass.

Call the parish office at 269-381-8917 to register.

Registration required for Baptism Class & Marriage Prep.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:22-40

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 — SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Monday	Numbers 6:22-27 Luke 2:16-21	Galatians 4:4-7
Tuesday	1 John 2:22-28	John 1:19-28
Wednesday	1 John 2:29—3:6	John 1:29-34
Thursday	1 John 3:7-10	John 1:35-42
Friday	1 John 3:11-21	John 1:43-51
Saturday	1 John 5:5-13	Mark 1:7-11

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

3:30-5:00 a.m. FA

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 — Happy New Year

Parish Office Closed

8:00-9:00 a.m. Exposition Holy Hour

5:15 p.m. Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00-9:00 a.m. Exposition Holy Hour

9:30 a.m. Yoga

12:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

11:00 a.m. Reach, Stretch, Relax

12:00 p.m. AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

9:30 a.m. Yoga

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

12:00 p.m. AA/Al Anon

8:00 p.m. Student AA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

8:00 a.m. Women's AA

8:30-10:30 a.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous

11:00 a.m. AA

4:45 p.m. St. Lucy Ministry

8:00 p.m. Student AA

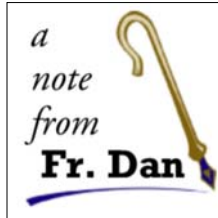
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

9:30 a.m. Children & Worship

12:45 p.m. Marriage Prep

3:30-5:00 a.m. FA

4:30-5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus



I pray that your New Year is blessed by God and that you may grow in the gifts of faith, hope, and love that you received in baptism. As a prayerful way to start your new year we will be having Holy Hour on Monday and Tuesday morning this week from 8:00-9:00 a.m.

I would like to thank all of you for helping to make this Christmas season so wonderful by your kind words, cards, gifts and goodies. Also thank you to all those volunteers who help with so many events and ministries throughout the year, which includes decorating, watering flowers, collecting items for the less fortunate, cooking and organizing suppers, student care packages, men's and women's groups, donating blood, serving on committees, money counting, office assistance, just to name a few things. St. Tom's would not be the wonderful place that it is if it were not for you and your generous spirit. THANK YOU!

Lisa LaVasseur and I will be attending a Focus conference in Chicago this week, January 2-6. Keep us in your prayers as we join our Focus missionaries to become "Deeper in Christ, Deeper in Mission."



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 — Sixth Day with the Octave of Christmas

6:00 p.m. † Nancy Otten

requested by Becky & dcn. joe schmitt

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 — The Holy Family

9:30 a.m. † Gordon Selkirk requested by Yvonne Selkirk

11:30 a.m. † Marilyn Singh mother of Phillip Singh

6:00 p.m.. † Ken Schlaack requested by Sue Schlaack

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 — Mary, the Mother of God

5:15 p.m. Refugee families

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2 — Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 — The Most Holy Name of Jesus

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 — St. Elizabeth of Ann Seton

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 — St. John Neumann

5:15 p.m. Communion Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 — St. Andre Bessette

6:00 p.m. † James Schmitt brother of dcn. joe schmitt

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 — The Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 a.m. † Deceased members of

Amara, Sheldon, and Griffiths family requested by Benjamin & Josephine (Amara) Sheldon

11:30 a.m. People of the parish

6:00 p.m.. † Edmund Gibes father of Frank Gibes

HERE AT ST. TOM'S



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WE WILL BE READING TWO BOOKS DURING THE WINTER SESSION.

Our first book is *My Sisters the Saints*

by Colleen Carroll Campbell. This study will be from January 11 - February 22 at 6:00 p.m.

The second book is *Walk in Her Sandals* by Kelly Wahlquist. Which will meet March 1 - April 12. The books are \$12.50 each. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table by the sacristy.



DONUT PICK-UP

If you attend 9:30 am Mass and would like to help with picking up donuts from Sweetwater on Stadium Drive you may sign-up in the narthex. We appreciate your help.

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Will not meet on Monday, January 1. Please join us Monday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m.

"ISSUES" GROUP

Issues will take on January 1. We will resume on Monday, January 8 at 1:00 pm in the Cougar Room.

EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS OF YOGA

Reduce stress, improve awareness, posture, strength, balance and flexibility. Uniting body, mind and spirit with instructor Gena Pezzoli, every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am. Bring a yoga mat if you have one. Suggested donation of \$5-\$10.

REACH, STRETCH, RELAX

is a group chair exercise class that targets balance, flexibility, range of movement and breathing. The class meets every Wednesday 11:00 am - Noon in the Cougar Room. This class is appropriate for "every body". Contact Matt Barretta at 343-7857 or 548-6837 for more information.

ST. LUCY MINISTRY

meets on the first and third Saturday, 4:45 to 5:45 for sharing, crafting and prayer. Join us Saturday, January 6 in the Chapel Mary Mother of the Poor. This ministry provides items of comfort or warmth for those in need in our community and beyond.



INTERESTED IN HOSTING A SUNDAY SUPPER?

Sign-up for the next semester. The book is in the narthex.



Mark your Calendar:

A JustFaith class, "Hunger for Change"

will begin on Wednesday evenings, beginning January 17.

This 8-week ecumenical class will help us understand and respond to those who endure hunger and food insecurity.

Stay tuned for additional details.

For more information call

Nancy Servoss 269 598-0936

JustFaith
MINISTRIES

College Student News

SUNDAY SUPPER, SUNDAY SHUTTLE, and MORE AT MIDWEEK will resume after January 8th when all of our college students are back in session.



TOILET PAPER MINISTRY CONTINUES

for those in need. Bring it in anytime and put it in the alcove in the narthex hallway. Thank you everyone for your donations to this much needed ministry



WE INVITE YOU TO HELP SERVE MEALS MONTHLY GOSPEL MISSION

St. Tom's is scheduled to help serve dinner at the Gospel Mission on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Arrive by 4:30 p.m. and we are finished at 7:00 p.m. Our January date is Tuesday the 16th.

MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY

St. Tom's has committed to serving lunch at Ministry with Community on the 4th Sunday of each month from 12:45 - 2:45 p.m. We need at least 12 volunteers to carry this off. The next Ministry with Community lunch we are scheduled is Sunday, January 28. Please email deacon joe at jhschmitt@charter.net or if you prefer phone call (269)327-1822 and leave him a message if you plan to serve at either location.

MICHIGAN BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, January 18, 11:00-5:00

In 2017, St. Tom's donated 103 units of blood!

LET'S START THE YEAR STRONG,
SO WE CAN EXCEED THIS NUMBER IN 2018.



MAKE A CONNECTION THAT COULD SAVE LIVES

GIVE BLOOD, GET PIZZA

THURSDAY, JANUARY

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11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sign-up to give blood in the narthex or online at MIBLOOD.ORG