



# St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish

421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006

## THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR MASS

Daily

Monday — Friday 5:15 p.m.

Weekend

Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Seating is limited for proper social distancing at weekend masses. Please sign-up on our website or call the office to ensure seating is arranged accordingly. We want all to attend and feel safe.

## Reconciliation

Saturday & Sunday 5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

## Holy Hour

Friday 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

## Student Holy Hour

Thursday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## THE BUILDING IS NOT OPEN FOR ANY OTHER MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES

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**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

6:00 p.m. † Carl Hizer by Hizer family

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29** — First Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. † Mitch Paul by Pat Paul

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30** — Saint Andrew

5:15 p.m. † Walter Bazali by Bazali-Walters family

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1** — Advent Weekday

5:15 p.m. † Maureen Sullivan by Thomas J. Sullivan family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2** — Advent Weekday

5:15 p.m. People of Maria Madre de los Pobres

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3** — Saint Francis Xavier

5:15 p.m. For all those affected by Covid-19

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4** — Saint John Damascene

No Mass

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5** — Advent Weekday

6:00 p.m. deacon joe schmitt by parish family &amp; staff

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6** — Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. † Charles Unger, Sr. by Cartmill family

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE****BAPTISM** — Parents and godparents are expected to participate in a class before the celebration of this sacrament.**MARRIAGE PREPARATION** — Couples planning to marry within the next year need to attend a marriage preparation meeting.

For more information call the parish office at 269-381-8917 or email sttoms@sttomskazoo.org

**SCRIPTURE READINGS****SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 — SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6****Sunday** Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37**Monday** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22**Tuesday** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24**Wednesday** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37**Thursday** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27**Friday** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31**Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8**Sunday** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Daily 5:15 p.m.

**Saturday - 6:00 p.m.****Sunday****10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

Seating is substantially reduced to accommodate social distancing guidelines due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Everyone is welcome - signing up is recommended. Sign-up at our website [www.sttomskazoo.org](http://www.sttomskazoo.org) and

Click on sign-up for in person weekend mass

You may also call 269-381-8917 (leave message) or email [sttoms@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:sttoms@sttomskazoo.org)**ALL MASSES STREAM LIVE ON FACEBOOK**

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday - 5:15 p.m.

Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. &amp; 6:00 p.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/sttomskazoo/>

If you don't have a Facebook page go to St. Tom's website and click the box on the homepage that says live stream mass at St. Tom's.

**Email birthdays, anniversaries and good news to** [sttoms@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:sttoms@sttomskazoo.org)**TOILET PAPER MINISTRY**

toilet paper donation for those in need.

The back door of the office

garage is open 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday for toilet paper drop-off.

Call the parish office or email [sttoms@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:sttoms@sttomskazoo.org) for more information about how to donate.**St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store**

is currently closed because of the coronavirus, but the volunteers are still helping people in need with utility bills, relocations, evictions, water bills and funeral expenses. They also provide clothing to clients of Ministry with Community.

**PLEASE HELP BY BRINGING IN****DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

Men's and women's winter jackets, snow pants, boots, sneakers, long johns, gloves, hats, blankets &amp; sleeping bags.

**Please drop off donations at the Thrift Store, 513 Eleanor St. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

**DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT RACISM, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN?**St. Tom's Social Justice Ministry will offer JustFaith Ministries' **Faith & Racial Equity: Exploring Power & Privilege**, a 10-week module that awakens groups to the economic systems, public policies, cultural norms, and hidden biases that empower some and oppress others. Participants will read three books, *40 Days of Prayer*, *I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown, and *White Fragility* by Robin D'Angelo. Cost of the books and materials is approximately \$50. Scholarships are available. The program will be offered virtually on Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, via Zoom, beginning January 14, 2021. Participants will need internet access. Space is limited.**To register or ask for more information, contact: [sttomssim@gmail.com](mailto:sttomssim@gmail.com) by December 15, 2020.**

*a post from Fr. Paul*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
I had the extreme privilege of volunteering at the Manna Meal Soup kitchen in Detroit for about 5 years. I volunteered on Saturday mornings to work as kitchen staff.



**MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE**  
PRAY AND WORK TO END THE SIN OF RACISM  
(CCC 1935)

Because I was there for so many years, I had the chance to meet so many people, volunteers and patrons alike. One of the patrons/workers I became familiar with was Sandusky. He was a very kind man who had a hard life. He was always helping and really good helping me get set up in the morning. He was a slender African-American of short stature. He was also diagnosed with HIV/Aids. This was in the mid-1990's. That was basically a death sentence for many, especially of those with limited means. The last 6-months that I remember seeing him were marred by intense seizures and a wasting away of his already skeletal frame. One day when I came in on my usual Saturday, I was informed that Sandusky committed suicide. He apparently threw himself into the Detroit River. This was a very sad ending to a good person on who had a difficult and challenging life.



Sandusky's death gave me pause to reflect. Why are the majority of the patrons at Manna Meal men of color, especially if they make up a minority of the population? Is there anything that can be done to address this issue? Is there anything I can do as an individual to change this situation?

Are there tacit society norms that do make it more difficult for people of color to get an even break? Are these norms so ingrained that it is difficult to see?

We have hope. Hope that only Christ can give. It takes a personal commitment from us to fight all sins. As we end our celebration of Black Catholic History Month, and start the New Church Year, it should give us time to reflect that we are all called in some way to be a light of Christ to the world. Our Catholic Bishops have a good suggestions for combatting the sin of racism. The website is: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/ad-hoc-committee-against-racism/combating-racism-videos>. I hope you take some time to look at some of these videos.

We do have true hope. I am encouraged by the latest selection of Cardinal appointments made by Pope Francis last month. They include Archbishop Wilton Gregory. He is the first African American from the United States to be elevated to Cardinal. That is very exciting and encouraging for all Catholics.

Please say a prayer for Sandusky and for all our brothers and sisters who are feeling the effects of racism in their lives. Please pray on how God is calling us to combat this sin.

Peace,  
*FR. Paul*

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Or sign up for our weekly email or GroupMe for updates on all the activities we offer for students.

**Kalamazoo Catholic**

**COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY**  
at St. Thomas More  
Catholic Student Parish

**More at Midweek has concluded for the semester. Watch for updates in January for next semester.**



**Now that the weather has started to turn colder, do you find yourself in need of a warmer jacket or winter coat?** We have generous parishioners with coats and jackets to give you, we just need to know your size. If you find yourself in need this semester, please email [Lisa@sttomskazoo.org](mailto:Lisa@sttomskazoo.org) so she can get you in something warm.

**Reminder texts:** Text @sttomsr to 81010 to sign up for reminders for our weekly campus ministry events. We will continue to use our St. Tom's Students GroupMe to let you know about our one-off events, for you to set up social events, make prayer requests, ask for a ride to an event or invites to local or online Catholic events.

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**First Sunday of Advent**

*Jesus said to his disciples "Be watchful! Be alert!"*  
Mark 13:33

Topic: Going Forward & Combatting Racism  
Go to [www.diokzoo.org/racism](http://www.diokzoo.org/racism)

USCCB Combatting Racism, Parish & Educational Resources; Videos, Practical Steps for Eradicating Racism; How Can Catholics Help Lead the Fight Against Racism?

Reflection/Discussion:  
How has your understanding of racism changed during Black Catholic History Month? Name 3 things you learned about yourself regarding racism. What are 2 steps you can take to combat racism in your life? As we move into the new Church year, how can you help raise awareness of racism in your parish & begin to make a difference? As *Jesus said: "Be Watchful! Be alert!"*

*Lord Jesus, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to love all, especially our brothers and sisters we used to ignore or disregard. Open wide our hearts.*  
*Amen*



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