



With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of
ours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant
that they may be able to teach that they themselves
derive from pondering your word and studying the church's
teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in honoring
and serving your name, We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Angie, Book of Blessings

Parents
are truly
the primary
catechists
of their
children.

They prepare the
soil and plant the
first seeds of
faith. On
Catechetical
Sunday, we not
only highlight the
work of catechists
in parishes and
schools, but we
also commend
parents and
guardians and
encourage them
to take seriously
their role of
making their
Catholic
households a
place where faith
is passed on to
the next
generation.



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Parish Mission Statement

To enrich and inspire the spiritual growth of our parish community through the Word, worship and service to all God's people.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil.....4:30 p.m.
Sunday.....8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays - Tuesday through Friday.....8:00 a.m.
Religious Education Classes are Sunday.....9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
School Mass—Wednesday.....10:30 a.m.

Confession

1st and 3rd Sundays of the of the Month after the 11AM Mass or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Friday of the Month after morning Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Every Tuesday morning after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Rosary

Thursday.....7:00 p.m.

Parish Office

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Hours

Monday8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.....8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(Closed for lunch.....12:00 to 1:00 p.m.)

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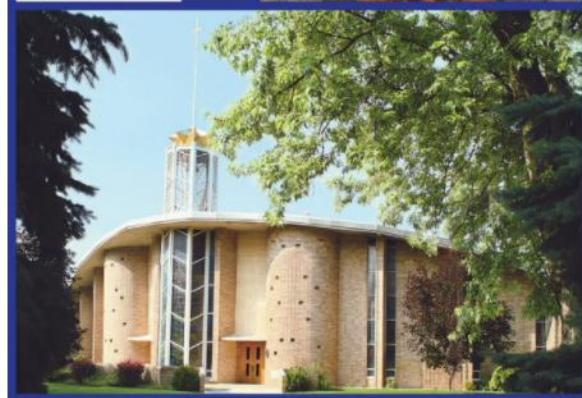
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Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings**Saturday September 18 • Vigil: 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

4:30 p.m. †George Ruzick, Sr.
req. Ruzick family**Sunday September 19 • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

8:00 a.m. †Wayne Wisniewski
req. Ernest & Mary Wisniewski11:00 a.m. †Robbie Oxley
req. Gigi & Papa**Monday September 20 • Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions**

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lc 8:16-18

8:00 a.m. **No Mass****Tuesday September 21 • St. Matthew**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

8:00 a.m. †Ted Felcyn
req. Connie Ashcraft**Wednesday September 22**

Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

8:00 a.m. †Delfino & My Wonderful Father
req. all our love and prayers Sweetie & family

10:30 a.m. †John Menzor req. Lonna & family

Thursday September 23 • St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9

8:00 a.m. †Dianne Walker
req. Cecilia Root

7:00 p.m. Rosary

Friday September 24

Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

8:00 a.m. †Gladys Vaughn
req. Karen & Vince Cabras**Saturday September 25 • Vigil: 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Zec 2: 5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

4:30 p.m. †Debra LaMange req. Ruzick family

†Edward Lee Altine (49th Anniversary)
req. family**Sunday September 26 • 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

8:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*11:00 a.m. †Lucas Schincariol
req. Wendy Schincariol & family**Lectors****September 25/26**

4:30 p.m. Jill Brien

8:00 a.m. Sue Bartell

11:00 a.m. Mary Beth Sons

Religious Education News**Religious Ed Registration:** Packets are available at the main entrance of the Church. Please take a packet home and return completed forms to the Religious Ed Office at your convenience or on the 1st Day of Classes on September 26th.**Share Your Faith:** Are you looking for a rewarding way to share your faith with others or seeking to serve our parish in an important ministry? St. Mary's Religious Ed Program is in need of faith filled Catechists for several grades this upcoming year. Please contact Jackie Marshall at 269-657-4459 ext.223**Prayer Requests**

Larry Field

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Barry

Anna Urquieta

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Sanja

Jim Thomas

Alexander Buiwitt

MAC

Don Kemp

Braelyn Boyer

Herman Clauto

Paula & Carl Leedy

Dorothy Dietz

David Marshall

Ryan

Chad

Theresa Andrie

Kenny

Brian Gottschall

Paul Juriga

Cade S.

Mike Johnston

Willie

Betty

Janet Wartman

Jerry & Jane

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Mark Kovach

Ryan Yaran

Larry Carpenter

Shannon

Gayle Wiggins

Dale & Dorothy

Kemp

Dr. Greg

Dennis & Grace

Marie Wyszynski

Janet Hamay

Todd Sikkema

William Rios

Mary Nash

David Koppers

Tammy Hawes

Ellie D.

Nicole Middaugh

Chris Nash

Theron Mosey

And residents of
Bronson Commons
and White Oaks.Call the parish
office if you are in
need of prayer
help.

40 Days for Life•SEPTEMBER 22 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

Join your fellow parishioners in peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and a respect for all life. Sign up to pray in front of Planned Parenthood, 4201 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, on the public sidewalk. Several members of our parish have committed to praying from 5pm – 8pm on Monday evenings, but you can sign up for any time that works for you. Register online at www.40days.com/Kalamazoo, by email at 40daysKalamazoo@gmail.com, or by contacting Terri Starbuck at 269-657-0878.

RCIA• Sessions Begin: Wed, October 6th, 2021 7:00 pm. The St. Mary RCIA program welcomes adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and guides them towards the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. RCIA is more than a course of instruction; it encourages a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church He founded. The RCIA program also offers participants an opportunity to experience our parish community life as Catholics. We will explore, how to integrate prayer, the teachings of the Gospels, as well as the doctrines and catechism of the Catholic Church. Join us in the school library to discover what the Catholic Faith has to offer! To Register for or for more information, contact Jackie Marshall 269-657-4459 ext. 223 or drestmarypawpaw@bloomingdalecom.net

Caring Network Parish Playpen

St. Mary's Parish is sponsoring Caring Network's Parish Playpen again during the month of September! Caring Network provides pro-life services for pregnant and parenting women in the nine-county Diocese of Kalamazoo. Please consider bringing items and placing them in the playpen in the Narthex.

The Caring Closet is currently running low on the following items for the women and children we serve: Girls' newborn-6 months tops, bottoms, outfits. Girls, 18 month-2T tops and bottoms. Girls' sleepers, sizes 18-24 months. -Detergent and cleaning supplies. Please consider donating fall and winter coats too – all sizes newborn to 5T appreciated. Thank you for being so generous! Visit www.ccdok.org for more information on programs and services or to donate.

Parish Support–September 12, 2021

Envelopes (114)	\$5,180
Loose	\$ 712
Online Giving (17)	\$ 935
Total	\$6,827
Weekly Target	\$6,800
Amount over (under) Target	\$ 27
Collection YTD	\$69,946
Budgeted YTD	\$74,038
Amount over (under) YTD	(\$4,092)

The 2021 boxed envelope sets are available in the parish office during regular business hours. Please call 269-657-4459 to make arrangements for pickup.

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Bishop's Annual Appeal 2021

Parish Goal: \$60,302
Pledges: \$37,452
Needed: \$22,850
% of Goal: 62.1%
of Donors: 114



The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: (844) 324-3374.

Help needed at Weekend Masses. Ushers and altar servers are needed to serve at all weekend Masses, especially for the Sunday 11AM Mass. To volunteer, contact the parish office at 657-4459 or email: stmarypawpaw@bloomingdalecom.net. Thank you!

Knightly News

Knights of Columbus 11th Annual Scrap Metal Drive continues—Dumpsters are located behind the KC Hall on Red Arrow Hwy. Questions: Call Dan at 269-423-8545.

Octoberfest—Sunday, October 17th from 12:00 to 3:00PM for St. Mary, Holy Family and St. Jude Parishes sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary Church & School. More information to follow.

It's that time of year again if you would like to help with **Coats for Kids**. Contribution envelopes for donations are at all entrances. Thank you for your past generosity and continued support.
GK Bill Van Ooy (269) 330-5126.

Sponsor of the Week

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Celebrating Workers of Mercy

All those involved in doing the Works of Mercy in any of our parishes, agencies or other institutions are invited to an evening of celebration, thanks and reflection on Monday, September 27, 2021 at St. Augustine Cathedral. Bishop Bradley will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m. followed by a reflection from Dcn. Don Bouchard and a simple dinner from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Crowley Center. RSVP by Sept. 20 to Lisa Irwin, lisa@irwin.ccdok.org or info@ccdok.org.

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As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, my God.
Psalm 42

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