



**Due to the Executive Order to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life:**

- The Church is closed, the Parish Office is closed, all events are canceled until May 27.
- Masses will be celebrated privately by our parish priests and all Mass intentions will be honored.

**Mass Schedule**

**All Masses are Celebrated privately by our priests**  
**On Sundays there are 3 Masses live-streamed:**  
**8 am in English, 10 am in Spanish, 12 pm Burmese**  
**The 8 am Mass is live-streamed every day.**

**Saturday, May 23 – Vigil: Ascension of the Lord**

In Honor of Mothers and Fathers Living and Deceased by the  
 Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry

*This Intention will be honored at a Mass celebrated privately by  
 one of our priests. The 5 pm Mass is not being held.*

**Sunday, May 24 – Ascension of the Lord**

8:00 am † Spicy Keller by 8:00 am Ushers  
 10:00 am † Marcia Bracy by Family  
 12:00 pm † Norma Naas by Helen Rettenmaier

**Monday, May 25**

8:00 am † Joy Willette by St. Joseph Church

**Tuesday, May 26**

8:00 am † Pat Maliszewski by Phil & Mary Pat Harter

**Wednesday, May 27**

8:00 am † Rev. Richard Basso by Family

**Thursday, May 28**

8:00 am † Mary Smith Stokes by Suzanne & Mike Smith  
 (9:00 am) † Catherine & John Hyland by Hannon Family

*This Intention will be honored at a Mass celebrated privately by  
 one of our priests. The 9 am Mass is not being held.*

**Friday, May 29**

8:00 am Intentions of Owen Ankley by Fr. Chris Ankley  
 8:30 am Adoration  
 4:45 pm Benediction

**Saturday, May 30**

8:00 am † Mike O'Neill by St. Joseph Parish  
 3:30 pm Confessions

**Saturday, May 30 – Vigil: Pentecost Sunday**

5:00 am † Robert Hecksel by Frank & Jonny Skeltis

**Sunday, May 31 – Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 am † Shirley Hibbard by Belland Family  
 10:00 am † Ronald Carl by St. Joseph Parish  
 12:00 pm † Norma Naas by Nancy & Tom Allis  
 2:00 pm † The People of St. Joseph & St. Jerome **Burmese**  
 5:00 pm † Holy Souls in Purgatory **Spanish**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has  
 returned to St. Joseph Catholic Church on  
 Fridays beginning at 9:00 am with  
 Benediction at 4:45 pm.



**From The Diocese  
 of Kalamazoo:**

**Public Masses may resume  
 beginning May 27, 2020.**

Guidelines and FAQs for returning to public  
 Mass may be found at [diokzoo.org/public-  
 return-to-mass](https://diokzoo.org/public-return-to-mass). The dispensation from the  
 Sunday obligation to attend Mass is granted to  
 all the faithful through September 6, 2020.

Many Masses will continue to be live streamed,  
 you may find a list of local live stream Mass  
 times at [diokzoo.org/live](https://diokzoo.org/live).

**Readings For  
 Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2: 1-11, 1 Cor 12: 3b-7,12-13,  
 Jn 20:19-23

**Connecting with Mercy**

"If one suffers, we all suffer, and if one is uplifted we all rejoice." (1 Corinthians 12:26)  
 For all who are suffering, and for those who are working to relieve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Rescuer of Sinners, Pray for Us*

**From Fr. Christopher Ankley****From a sermon by Saint Augustine****No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven**

Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.* For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?* and when he said: *I was hungry and you gave me food.*

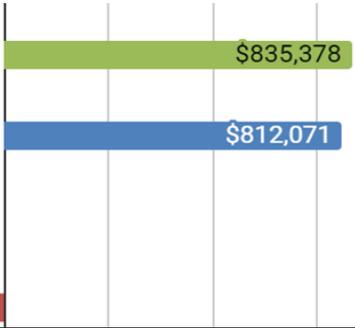
Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.*

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: *Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ.* He too has many members, but one body.

Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.

**Financial Information**

<p><b>Collection</b> May 17: <b>\$16,253.40</b></p> <p><b>YTD Needed \$835,378</b></p> <p><b>YTD Collected \$812,071</b> (includes Holy Days &amp; Feasts)</p> <p><b>Shortage -\$23,307</b></p>	 <p><i>Thank you to those who have mailed their contributions to the parish, dropped off envelopes through the mail slot at the parish office, or continue to give through Online Giving.</i></p> <p><b>Special Envelopes</b> MAY 24: Ascension</p>
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You may give online to St. Joseph Parish, using Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, our envelope company. The Online Giving Website for St. Joseph Church is [osvonlinegiving.com/3010](http://osvonlinegiving.com/3010). You need to create an account and link it to a bank account or credit card. You can make a one time donation or set up regular weekly or monthly donations. All the special envelopes are also available to make a donation, including for a Mass. Online Giving Technical support can be reached by calling 800-348-2886 (option 2, then option 1). You can also reach support via email at [onlinegiving@osv.com](mailto:onlinegiving@osv.com).



The Diocese of Kalamazoo is delaying the launch of this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal and turning our focus to securing financial support for our Parishes. To that end we are pleased to announce the launch of an online giving initiative, **“Forward in Faith: The Parish Support Fund.”**

This fund has been created in collaboration with Our Sunday Visitor. Parishioners, as well as any interested donor, will be able to visit our diocesan website ([www.diokzoo.org/parish-fund](http://www.diokzoo.org/parish-fund)) and make a contribution to a specific Parish. Donations to the fund will be deposited to a Diocesan account and then directly distributed to the donor’s specified Parish.

The **“Forward in Faith: Parish Support Fund”** has been established to give an immediate, easy and accessible way for Parishioners to donate and will include all of our 59 Parishes. This is especially helpful for smaller parishes where having their own online giving isn’t financially feasible.

Our Diocese will also be promoting the **“Forward in Faith: the Parish Support Fund”** to a broader audience of donors through social media marketing.

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**myParish App:** To get the App  
Text App to 88202

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**St. Joseph Parish Website** [stjosephbc.org](http://stjosephbc.org).

**Liturgy of the Hours, eBreviary**

The Liturgy of the Hours prayer for the current hour is offered using the QR code pictured, courtesy of [ebreviary.com](http://ebreviary.com).

Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer are available for every day.



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## Pentecost Sunday is also Red Geranium Sunday!

It is a long standing tradition at St. Joseph Church for parishioners to bring one red geranium to Mass on Pentecost Sunday and place it before the altar. Then they will be planted in front of the church. Please help us continue this tradition, by bringing a geranium with you to Mass next weekend. If you wish to bring it earlier, you may bring it as early as May 27.

**From our Council of Catholic Women** We are selling tickets for our annual Mayflower raffle differently this year. You may purchase by mail, tickets are still \$3 each. Drawing will be on July 7 at 7:30 pm. You will be notified if you are a winner. Please mail a check (made payable to St. Joseph CCW) to either of these members. They will put your name & phone number on tickets and add to the "intake box."

- Kathy Lucas, 554 E Minges Rd, Battle Creek, MI 49015, 269-963-2685
- Alicia McCullough, 140 Terry Ct, Battle Creek, MI 49015, 269-965-1595

**PLEASE NOTE - Drawing date has been moved to July 7. Get your tickets now!**



### Prayers for the Sick/Those in Need

*Gerri Bateman, Chris Bradley, Chuck Brown, Peggy Crane, Bernadette Emmons, Bradley Gagnon, Sharon Harris, Sr. Cyrilla, Carolyn Kewley, Pat Kukla, Nathan & Robert Lindstrom, Jakob Livingston, Victor Lupina, Scott Marko, Doug Marshall, Curtis Mason, Lori Ann McAdam, Katie Miller, Laurie Morris, Karen Partin, Cheryl Scales, Kathy Scott, Gerald Smith, Margaret Smith, David Tipton, Cristian Reyes Torres, Michael Wells, Elizabeth Wells, Sara Wixson, Dee Wygant, Christine Ybarra, Marion Zull*

To be included on this list for those in need of prayers, email Ellen at [etipton@bcacs.org](mailto:etipton@bcacs.org). If you are requesting prayers for someone else, please make sure they approve of being listed in the bulletin. If you are no longer in need of prayers, please let us know that the name may be removed. Thank you.

### Honor thy Mother and Father

Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry invites you to join us in honoring mothers and fathers for giving us life. During May and June, Masses are scheduled at all 3 parishes to remember and pray for both our living and deceased parents. If you would like your loved ones remembered at these special Masses, please email us at: [prolifeministrybc@yahoo.com](mailto:prolifeministrybc@yahoo.com) with your name(s), the parish you attend, and the names of your loved ones. These names will be included in a special insert in the bulletins on Father's Day.

Donations would be very much appreciated and can be dropped in the collection baskets when Masses resume in an envelope marked "Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry". Checks can be made out to "Tri-Parish Pro-Life Ministry".

#### Remaining Masses will be said:

- St. Jerome** June 21 at 10:00 am
- St. Joseph** June 7 at 10 am; June 21 at 8 am
- St. Philip** June 21 at 9 am, June 28 at 11:30 am



### Tri-Parish Pro-Life Spiritual Adoption Program

#### MONTH 2 – Developing Baby

Keep praying for me!

I am two months old now and about 2 inches long.

Look! You can see my eyes, nose and mouth.

I will use them to experience God's world after I am born.

The developing baby is now called a "fetus", which is Latin for "little one". She is making rapid progress developing all her external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth form, and fingers and toes are developing. Her ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. The central nervous system is now functioning, and so forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. By 8 weeks all body systems are present. This little one is now jumping, flipping and turning - her first dance steps!

## From Our Diocese



**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**.

**The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

**Bible Studies** Learn more and register at [diokzoo.org/diocesanofferings](http://diokzoo.org/diocesanofferings).

**Teens:** Mondays, 7:00 pm. Every Monday a weekly high school teen Bible study will be hosted via Zoom. The Bible Study will discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel readings and will be led by a local high school student.

**Adults:** Tuesdays, 7:00 pm. Every Tuesday a weekly Bible study via Zoom. The study will be led by a Diocesan staff member and will discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel reading.

**Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection** which provides funds for six Catholic agencies who provide services for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! To make a donation before public Masses begin again, mail a check made out to your parish with "The Catholic Relief Services Collection" in the memo line.

**Building a Eucharistic Marriage** Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm

Building a Eucharistic Marriage, a seven weeks series open to all engaged and married couples designed to help couples make the Eucharist the center and source of their marriage. The series will be Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., May 19-June 30. Email Greg at [gscutte@elizabethnewlife.org](mailto:gscutte@elizabethnewlife.org) to register. All sessions are recorded so you do not have to attend each session live. You may learn more at [diokzoo.org/events/building-a-eucharistic-marriage/20200519](http://diokzoo.org/events/building-a-eucharistic-marriage/20200519).

**Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service**

In times such as these, pregnant and parenting mothers in poverty or who are facing other challenging circumstances need our help. To participate in *Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service* contact your pastor to volunteer to be part of the parish team or, if your parish does not have a team, simply reach out to mothers and pro-life pregnancy care centers that serve them to ask them what support they need and/or pledge to pray for moms in need in your community. Learn more about *Walking With Moms in Need: A Year of Service* at [walkingwithmoms.com](http://walkingwithmoms.com). A Diocesan *Walking With Moms in Need* initiative will kick off on Mother's Day, May 10, 2020 and continue through March 2021. To get involved with the diocesan initiative contact your local parish or Lisa Irwin at [lirwin@diokzoo.org](mailto:lirwin@diokzoo.org).

**Immigration Assistance Program Remote Services Available**

Although our office is closed due to the stay-at-home order, the Immigration Assistance Program continues to offer the following services remotely:

- DACA renewals
- Green Card renewals
- Work Permit renewals
- Consultations (limited)

For more information, please email Miguel Rosas at [mrosas@diokzoo.org](mailto:mrosas@diokzoo.org) or Samantha Lindberg at [slindberg@diokzoo.org](mailto:slindberg@diokzoo.org)

**Programa de Asistencia de Inmigración Servicios Remotos Disponibles**

Aunque la oficina está cerrado por el orden de queda-en-casa, el Programa de Asistencia de Inmigración continua de ofrecer los siguientes servicios por remoto:

- Renovaciones de DACA
- Renovaciones de tarjetas de residencia
- Renovaciones de permisos de trabajo
- Consultas (limitadas)

Para más información, por favor enviar un correo electrónico a Miguel Rosas: [mrosas@diokzoo.org](mailto:mrosas@diokzoo.org) o Samantha Lindberg [slindberg@diokzoo.org](mailto:slindberg@diokzoo.org)

## Parish Directory

**Pastor** ..... Fr. Christopher Ankley  
[frchris@bcacs.org](mailto:frchris@bcacs.org)  
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 ..... Fr. Max Nightingale  
[frmax@bcacs.org](mailto:frmax@bcacs.org)

**Deacons**..... David Krajewski, James Nelson

### Emergency Assistance

St. Vincent de Paul Society      969-5606

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

If you are homebound, contact Linda Kellogg    965-2074

### Sacrament of Baptism

Parishioners should call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of Eucharist

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

Contact our Schools or our Director of Faith Formation.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners must contact one of the parish priests at least six months before setting a wedding date.

### Sacrament of Holy Orders

If you or someone you know has a vocation, contact a parish priest for assistance.

### Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

In case of an accident, surgery or other emergency, call 962-0165.

### Parish Staff

**Parish Office Manager** ..... Shirley Springer  
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**Communications, Music** ..... Ellen Tipton  
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**Faith Formation**..... Barbara Kincaid  
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**Liturgy and Music**..... James Zalewski  
 ▪ [music@bcacs.org](mailto:music@bcacs.org)      962-2133

**Pastoral Ministry**..... Sr. Cyrilla Jegla, RSM  
 965-1990

**Youth Ministry** ..... Andrea Perry  
 ▪ [aperry@bcacs.org](mailto:aperry@bcacs.org)      788-7000

### Parish Ministries

**All Saints Superfest** ..... Ed Bauman  
 ▪ [edbauman@hotmail.com](mailto:edbauman@hotmail.com)      962-1328

**Boy Scouts Troop 325** ..... Bob Johnson  
 ▪ [scoutmaster325@gmail.com](mailto:scoutmaster325@gmail.com)      965-7365

**Catholic Men's Fellowship** ..... John Duyck  
 ▪ [jrdaddio@outlook.com](mailto:jrdaddio@outlook.com)      965-8954

**Connecting with Mercy** ..... Mary Sine  
 ▪ [sine74@msn.com](mailto:sine74@msn.com)

**Council of Catholic Women** ..... Colleen Vitale  
 ▪ [cvitale@mail.com](mailto:cvitale@mail.com)      989-723-1842

**Echo Apprentice** ..... Ruby Briones  
 ▪ [rbriones@bcacs.org](mailto:rbriones@bcacs.org)      962-0165

**Evangelization Commission** .. Suzanne Nielsen  
 & Nancy Haack

**Family Activity Night**..... Loretta Mahley  
 ▪ [Lmahley30@icloud.com](mailto:Lmahley30@icloud.com)

**Finance Council** ..... Ed Bauman  
 ▪ [edbauman@hotmail.com](mailto:edbauman@hotmail.com)      962-1328

**Formed Access Code** ..... **PTRKXD**

**Hispanic Community**..... Fr. Maxi Nightingale  
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**Jail Ministry** ..... Rita Wahmhoff  
 ▪ [ritawahmhoff@yahoo.com](mailto:ritawahmhoff@yahoo.com)      968-3067

**Knights of Columbus** ..... Andrew Kincaid  
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**Lakeview Food Pantry**..... Janet Borders  
 ▪ [jdbdvm@comcast.net](mailto:jdbdvm@comcast.net)      965-2632

**Legion of Mary** ..... Linda Kellogg  
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**Newcomers** ..... Phil & Mary Sue Avery  
 ▪ [marysue\\_a@yahoo.com](mailto:marysue_a@yahoo.com)      979-9105

**Perpetual Adoration St. Philip** ..... Betty  
 ▪ [bdillard7@gmail.com](mailto:bdillard7@gmail.com)      962-8255

**Prayerline**..... Linda Opack  
 962-7339

**Small Christian Communities**..... Judy Buch  
**(Scripture Study)**      425-9395

**Spanish Choir** ..... Teresa Bello  
 269-274-7409

**Spanish Prayer Group** Sarah & Francisco Sanchez  
 419-5786

**Spiritual Library**..... Rita Wahmhoff  
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**Tri-Parish Pro-Life** ..... Pat Hirzel  
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