

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diocese seeks Chief Financial Officer

The Diocese of Kalamazoo seeks a seasoned finance professional for its Chief Financial Officer (CFO) position. The CFO holds a canonically required position and under the direction of the bishop and in consultation with the Diocesan Finance Council, directs all financial affairs of the diocese. The ideal candidate will have more than 10 years experience with supervisory and decision-making positions. As required by Canon Law the CFO must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Visit diokzoo.org/employment for the full job description. Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to Tammi Wachterhauser, HR Director, twachterhauser@diokzoo.org.

Return of the Precious Blood this June

The regular distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass will return to Parishes across the diocese on June 23rd. Parishes will participate in three Sundays (June 9, 16, 23) of catechesis prior to the return. More information will be available on the diocesan website.

Young Adult pilgrimage to Eucharistic Congress

The Diocese of Kalamazoo is opening up 28 spots to take a young adult group to the congress from Friday July 19 - Sunday July 21. The price per person is still pending, but will include:

- Ticket to the National Eucharist Congress for July 19-21, Friday - Sunday
- Transportation to and at the Congress
- Overnight stay

If you would like to reserve your spot or have any questions regarding the event, contact Santiago Banda, Young Adult Coordinator, sbanda@diokzoo.org

Previously Announced (with updates)

Diocese offers new Synod on Synodality sessions in March

The Synod of Bishops, which met last fall in Rome, has asked for an additional small round of consultations with two new questions. The Diocese of Kalamazoo will host **four public Conversations in the Spirit** following a process very similar to the listening sessions held in 2022; two will be in English and two in Spanish. All are welcome to participate.

El Sínodo de los Obispos, que se reunió en Roma en el otoño, ha pedido unas consultas adicionales para discutir dos nuevas preguntas. La Diócesis de Kalamazoo va a ofrecer al público cuatro oportunidades para Dialogar en el Espíritu, según el proceso seguido en los encuentros de escucha que hubo en 2022 – habrá dos en español y dos en inglés. Todos son bienvenidos a participar.

Spanish sessions:

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martes, 19 de marzo, 7 - 8:30 pm en San José, Kalamazoo [gimnasio]

English sessions:

Sunday, March 17, 1 - 3 pm at St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph [Rose Center, 301 Wayne St.]

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 – 8 pm at St. Thomas More Student Parish

This Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024, Bishop Lohse is inviting all the Faithful to participate in an age-old custom of prayer and adoration. The custom is commonly called, The Seven Churches Visitation; however, the goal is to mediate on the seven movements of Jesus.. For more information visit: <https://diokzoo.org/holy-thursday-seven-churches-pilgrimage>

Volunteers needed! The diocese is seeking volunteers to assist with various office tasks at its Diocesan Pastoral Center located in downtown Kalamazoo. Volunteers should be available during diocesan office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (various partial, half and full day shifts available); should be knowledgeable about the Catholic Church; and proficient in standard office procedures (mailing, answering phones, etc.). Various shifts may be available. Please complete the volunteer submission form at diokzoo.org/volunteer for consideration.

Chrism Mass set for March 26th at 2 p.m. at Cathedral

The annual Diocesan Chrism Mass with Bishop Edward M. Lohse will be held on Tuesday, March 26, at 2 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo. All are invited to attend.

Staying in touch with graduating seniors

Serving as a bridge between high school and campus ministers, Newman Connection contacts every CYM, DRE, and High School in the Diocese to collect names and contact information for graduating seniors. The most important piece of information collected is where these seniors are going to college, allowing Newman Connection to provide the senior's contact information to the appropriate college campus minister. These campus ministers are encouraged to reach out to the young adults who will be coming to their college in order to maintain a Catholic connection from the get-go of their college careers. For more information on how to implement this process, visit newmanconnection.com or contact Cassie Campton at ccampton@newmanconnection.com.

ORDINATIONS

Please pray for all the men who will be ordained in the coming weeks:

April 13th – Please pray for the 13 men preparing to be ordained by Bishop Lohse as permanent deacons. The Ordination Mass will take place at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo.

May 18 – Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, 10 a.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo

June 1 – Ordination to the Priesthood, 10 a.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo
Ordinations will be live streamed on the diocesan Facebook and YouTube channels

Vocations office will host Quo Vadis Days retreat June 10-13, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

The diocesan Office of Vocations will offer a three-day camp experience for young men ages 15-19 at the Bethany House, St Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, Mich. The days will include talks by local priests, seminarians and others on the vocations to the priesthood and to marriage. Its goal is to challenge young men to begin asking themselves, "Quo Vadis – Where are you going?" for discernment regarding their life vocation.

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Registration and more information: diozkoo.org/quo-vadis-days; contact Sarah Catherine Jeffries, sjeffri2@nd.edu

Looking to bring Building Eucharistic Marriages to your Parish? The diocese is currently offering to cover the Parish Licence fee for any interested Parish. Contact Socorro Truchan, struchan@diokzoo.org [FLYER AVAILABLE]

Creative Connections: The focus is to build fellowship, have fun, reflect on the Sunday Gospel and pray together. To learn more or to register go to [Connections Registration | Catholic Charities \(ccdok.org\)](https://connectionsregistration.org) or contact Lisa Irwin at 269-381-9800 x 227 or lisairwin@ccdok.org. Zoom link will be sent to those who register. 2024 remaining dates are: May 19, July 21, September 15, November 17

Circle of Friends This gathering for adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities is a time of fellowship, activities and reflection on the Sunday readings and a simple dinner. We will gather on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:00 – 7:30p.m in the Fellowship Room in the Stanley Centre at St. Catherine of Siena, 1150 W. Centre St., Portage. All are welcome! Upcoming gatherings are Mar. 27, and Apr. 24. Contact Lisa Irwin, lisairwin@ccdok.org or 381-9800 x227 to RSVP or for more information.

Caregiver Connection is monthly zoom gathering for those caring for a loved one with a disability. Experience community, support and faith sharing. Caregiver Connection meets on the first Sunday of the month (except on holiday weekends when it moves to the second Sunday) from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. To learn more or to register go to <https://ccdok.org/connections-registration/> or contact Lisa Irwin at the Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-381-9800 x227 or by email at lisairwin@ccdok.org. Remaining 2024 dates: April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, December 1

Catholic Gift Annuity [flyer available]

A charitable gift annuity to benefit your parish is a generous expression of your support for God's work on this earth. The Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Michigan Catholic Gift Annuities are now available through a program offered by the Catholic Church Extension Society, one of the largest, oldest, and strongest managers of annuities in the U.S. By taking out a Catholic Gift Annuity you may be eligible for a charitable tax deduction, receive fixed payments for life and leave a legacy to your parish. To learn how you can join thousands of Catholics who invest in the future of the Catholic Church, please email Keith Tharp at ktharp@diokzoo.org or call 269-349-8714 ext. 1351 and tell him you want to establish an annuity to support your parish.

Joy-Filled Marriage 2024 Dates

The Joy-Filled Marriage retreat for engaged couples is hosted by the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family. This weekend provides time for couples to dialogue and enter into a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage. The schedule for each weekend is typically as follows: Saturday - 8:30 am - 5 pm; Sunday = 9 am to 3:30 pm. Remaining dates for 2024 are: May 25-26, June 22-23 (SPANISH), September 21-22. Visit www.diokzoo.org/marriage-preparation for more information and registration form.

Retiros Diocesanos para Quinceañeras Año 2024 [flyer available]

Este retiro de formación es para las jovencitas quienes van a celebrar sus quince años y sus papás. Padrinos, damas y chambelanes son bienvenidos a participar en el retiro. / This formation retreat is for the young ladies who will celebrate their fifteenth birthday and their parents. Godparents, "damas" and "chamberlains" are welcome to participate in the

retreat. **Inscripción/ Registration:** To fill out the form in English: www.diokzoo.org/quinceaera-retreats Para llenar el formulario en Español: www.diokzoo.org/retiros-de-quinceaera/ O envíe un correo electrónico con la información a/ or send an email with the information toveronicarodriguez@ccdok.org

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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.

Immigration Assistance Program Services

The Immigration Assistance Program is currently open and offering walk-in consultations and renewals on Mondays from 9-4 at our new office located at 1819 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49048. Please call 269-381-9800 or email marielramirez@ccdok.org with any questions.

Servicios del Programa de Asistencia de Inmigración

El Programa de Asistencia de Inmigración actualmente esta abierto y ofrece consultas y renovaciones sin cita los lunes 9-4 en nuestra nueva ubicación en 1819 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49048. Por favor, llama al 269-381-9800 o enviar un correo electrónico a marielramirez@ccdok.org con cualquier pregunta.

The National Association of Catholic Nurses

The National Association of Catholic Nurses is pleased to announce the start of a local council in our diocese. The main goals of the council are to provide spiritual nourishment, ethical support, networking and friendship with fellow Catholic Nurses. Join <https://NACN-USA.org> and as a member of the national association you will be automatically enrolled as a member in our local council and will receive updates on council formation. Questions? Contact Janet C. Munday, BSN, RN, Regional Director, at JanetMunday@gmail.com

Aquinas College Scholarship

Aquinas Colleges and The Diocese of Kalamazoo offer three opportunities for post traditional learners to access 50% tuition reduction in any course of study. Learn more at diokzoo.org/bulletin-announcements.