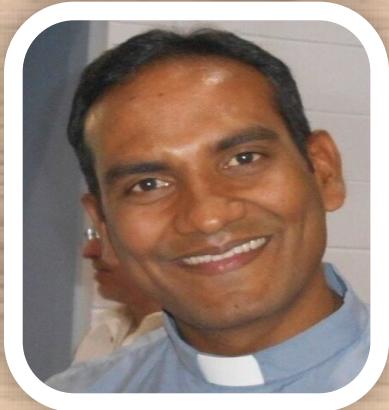


# St. Joseph Catholic Church,

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**Fr. Antony Rajesh, MSFS**  
Pastor



**Fr. Jeff Hanley**  
Parochial Vicar



**Farewell party and refreshments  
for Fr. Antony and Fr. Jeff  
in the Bennett Gym  
July 1 and 2**

**Fiesta de despedida y refrescos  
para el P. Antonio y el P. Jeff  
en el gimnasio Bennett  
1 y 2 de julio**

Come and wish our priests farewell and give them your best wishes on their new assignments after all Masses the on July 1-2.

Despídase de nuestros sacerdotes y bríndeles sus mejores deseos en sus nuevas asignaciones después de todas las Misas el fin de semana en el 1 y 2 de julio.

**Welcome next week / Bievenido la proximo semana**  
**Msgr. Leo Cartegena**



## Message from Fr. Antony

My dear parishioners,

Happy Independence Day! I still can't believe I've already served as your pastor for four years. It seems like only yesterday that I arrived here. It wasn't easy to fill Msgr. Mike's shoes, as he was greatly admired by you and had a personal impact on each of you. Moreover the pandemic also played its spoilsport part to not to get to know many of you.



As I look back on my four years serving as a pastor, my heart is filled with gratitude. It is through the support and assistance of numerous individuals that I was able to do what I could despite my failures at times. I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation to all those who have helped and supported me throughout this journey.

First and foremost, I am indebted to our benevolent Bishop for putting his faith in me despite my limited priestly experience. I will be eternally grateful for his spiritual guidance and confidence in me.

Secondly, I would like to acknowledge the services of the parish and finance councils, especially of Paul Okuniewski and Carl Deering, previous and current chairperson of the financial committee; Randy Dennis and Scott Morris, former and current chairperson of the Parish council, for their contributions to the Church's administration. I also extend my sincere appreciation to the staff, office volunteers, and all those who worked diligently behind the scenes. Your expertise and unwavering support have been instrumental in creating a nurturing and welcoming environment for worship and fellowship.

Behind every successful ministry, there are countless volunteers who selflessly contribute their time, talents, and resources. To the volunteers who tirelessly served in various capacities, organizing events, leading small groups, and lending a helping hand, I express my deepest gratitude. Your commitment and dedication have made a significant difference in the lives of many. I would not be able to mention all your names but you are all greatly appreciated.

Finally my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for accepting me as I am despite my shortcomings and failures. As a human I have at times failed to do my responsibility or overlooked some events or persons. I am very sorry if I have hurt anyone by my words or actions. I am truly humbled by your faith and commitment that you show towards the church. You are all an inspiration to me.

As I conclude this column, I am reminded that no ministry is accomplished in isolation. It is through the collective efforts and support of countless individuals that a pastor can fulfill their calling. To all those who have played a part in my journey as a pastor, whether big or small, I want to express my deepest gratitude. Your contributions have shaped my ministry, strengthened my faith, and enriched my life.

Please keep me in your prayers and I assure you all my humble prayers.

*Fr. Antony, msfs*

**Read Fr. Jeff's farewell note on page 4**

Week of July 2, 2023

### Side Altar Vigil candle intentions

**Blessed Virgin Mary:** Dan and Lynda Yenner

**St. Joseph:** Bryne Children & Grandchildren

If you would like to have a candle lit for your prayer intention. Please let the office know your name, which altar you request, and your prayer intention. The candle will remain lit for 7 days. Suggested donation \$5.

Si desea tener una vela encendida para su intención de oración. Informe a la oficina su nombre, qué altar solicita y su intención de oración. La vela permanecerá encendida durante 7 días. Donación sugerida \$5.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

**Saturday, July 1**

4:30p.m. For the people of the parish

**Sunday, July 2**

8:30a.m. † Nancy Saunders (2nd anniv.)

10:30a.m. Intentions of Rev. Pangiraj Nathan, MSFS

1:00p.m. † Faustino Mendiola, req Maximno Mendiola

**Monday, July 3**

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Jeff Hanley & Fr. Antony Rajesh

**Tuesday, July 4—Independence Day**

9:00 a.m. For Peace in America

**Wednesday, July 5**

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Elaine Boersma, req Mary Mero

**Thursday, July 6**

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Rev. Maximillian Nightingale

**Friday, July 7**

8:30 a.m. † Virginia Simmons, req. Dennis Simmons

11:00 a.m. Mass at Heritage Nursing Home

**Saturday, July 8**

4:30p.m. † Helen Starnes, req Family

**Sunday, July 9**

8:30a.m. † Bill & † Sally Barns, req Bill Barnes Jr.

10:30a.m. † Tim Dent (5th anniv.),

req. Pat, Chrissy & Maddie

1:00p.m. Para la gente de la parroquia

### **Bulletin Sponsor of the Week**

**Langeland Funeral Homes**

To view their full advertisement, see the back page of the bulletin. And please, remember to patronize

**Langeland Funeral Homes**

## Activities in our parish

Sunday, July 2	Bible Study
9:35 - 10:25 a.m.	
Monday, July 3	<b>Parish office closed</b> <b>Oficina está cerrado</b>
3:00 p.m.	Praying the Rosary Rezando el Rosario (Ing)
7:00 p.m.	Praying with Scripture
Tuesday, July 4	<b>Parish office closed</b> <b>Oficina está cerrado</b>
9:00 a.m.	Independence Day Mass
4-6:00 p.m.	NO Adoración o Misa
Wednesday, July 5	Senior Exercise Class RCIA-Deacon John
10:00 a.m.	
7:00 p.m.	
Thursday, July 6	Narcotics Anonymous Adult Choir practice
6:00 p.m.	
6:30 p.m.	
Friday, July 7	RCIA Spanish
6:00 p.m.	
Saturday, July 8	Men's Fellowship Sacramental Prep class (Sp)
7:30 a.m.	
8:00 a.m.	
Sunday, July 9	Bible Study
9:35 - 10:25 a.m.	



Parish office is closed July 3-4. Have a safe and happy holiday.



La oficina parroquial está cerrada del 3 al 4 de julio. Ten unas seguras y felices días festivos.

## Scripture Readings For Week of July 2, 2023

Sunday, July 2:	2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16a; Ps 89:2-3,1-19; Rom 6:3-4,8-11
Monday, July 3:	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1b-2; Jn 20:24-29
Tues., July 4:	Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3,9-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wed., July 5:	Gn 21:5,8-20a; Ps 34:7-8,10-13; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday, July 6:	Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6,-9; Mt 9:1-8
Friday, July 7:	Gn 23:1-4,19, 24:1-8,62-67; Ps 106:1-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sat., July 8:	Gn 27:1-5,15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

## Mensaje del p. antonio

Mis queridos feligreses,

¡Feliz día de la independencia! Todavía no puedo creer que ya haya servido como su pastor durante cuatro años. Parece que fue ayer que llegué aquí. No fue fácil llenar a Mons. Los zapatos de Mike, ya que fue muy admirado por ustedes y tuvo un impacto personal en cada uno de ustedes. Además, la pandemia también jugó su papel de aguafiestas para no conocer a muchos de ustedes.

Al recordar mis cuatro años de servicio como pastor, mi corazón se llena de gratitud. Es a través del apoyo y la asistencia de numerosas personas que pude hacer lo que pude a pesar de mis fracasos a veces. Me gustaría tomarme un momento para expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a todos aquellos que me han ayudado y apoyado a lo largo de este viaje.

Ante todo, estoy en deuda con nuestro benévolos obispo por depositar su fe en mí a pesar de mi limitada experiencia sacerdotal. Le estaré eternamente agradecida por su guía espiritual y confianza en mí.

En segundo lugar, me gustaría reconocer los servicios de los consejos parroquiales y financieros, especialmente de Paul Okuniewski y Carl Deering, presidente anterior y actual del comité financiero; Randy Dennis y Scott Morris, presidente anterior y actual del consejo parroquial, por sus contribuciones a la administración de la Iglesia. También extiendo mi sincero agradecimiento al personal, los voluntarios de la oficina y todos aquellos que trabajaron diligentemente entre bastidores. Su experiencia y apoyo inquebrantable han sido fundamentales para crear un entorno enriquecedor y acogedor para la adoración y el compañerismo.

Detrás de cada ministerio exitoso, hay innumerables voluntarios que contribuyen desinteresadamente con su tiempo, talentos y recursos. A los voluntarios que sirvieron incansablemente en diversas capacidades, organizando eventos, dirigiendo grupos pequeños y brindando una mano amiga, les expreso mi más profunda gratitud. Su compromiso y dedicación han marcado una diferencia significativa en la vida de muchos. No podría mencionar todos sus nombres, pero todos son muy apreciados.

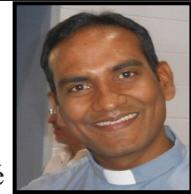
Finalmente mi más sincero agradecimiento a todos y cada uno de ustedes por aceptarme tal como soy a pesar de mis carencias y fracasos. Como ser humano, a veces he fallado en cumplir con mi responsabilidad o he pasado por alto algunos eventos o personas. Lo siento mucho si he lastimado a alguien con mis palabras o acciones. Estoy realmente honrado por su fe y compromiso que muestran hacia la iglesia. Todos ustedes son una inspiración para mí.

Al concluir esta columna, recuerdo que ningún ministerio se lleva a cabo de forma aislada. Es a través de los esfuerzos colectivos y el apoyo de innumerables personas que un pastor puede cumplir con su llamado. A todos aquellos que han jugado un papel en mi viaje como pastor, ya sea grande o pequeño, quiero expresar mi más profunda gratitud. Sus contribuciones han dado forma a mi ministerio, fortalecido mi fe y enriquecido mi vida.

Por favor, ténganme en sus oraciones y les aseguro todas mis humildes oraciones.

**Padre Antony Rajest, msf**

**Leer p. Nota de Jeff en la página 4**



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

As both Fr. Antony and I are departing St. Joseph Parish at the same time, it seems fitting that we both write to you in this week's bulletin. I want to thank each of you for welcoming me with open arms into our parish family. Although I have only been with you for ten months, you have always made me feel welcomed. It has been a joy to get to know you and to share this time together. As a young priest--but not the youngest in the Diocese anymore!--I am humbled and encouraged by your faith, your hope, and your charity. Thank you for your patience with me, especially in my learning of the Spanish language, and for showing me your forgiveness and understanding when I came up short. I take all of this with me as I look forward to being a pastor for the first time. Don't be a stranger! You are always welcome to come visit me in Hastings & Nashville. In the meantime, please keep me in your prayers, and know that you all are in mine.

Thanks for reading!

Fr. Jeff



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Como tanto el p. Antony y yo partimos de la parroquia de St. Joseph al mismo tiempo, parece apropiado que ambos les escribamos en el boletín de esta semana. Quiero agradecer a cada uno de ustedes por recibirmee con los brazos abiertos en nuestra familia parroquial. Aunque solo llevo diez meses contigo, siempre me has hecho sentir bienvenido. Ha sido un placer conocerlos y compartir este tiempo juntos. Como joven sacerdote, ¡pero ya no el más joven de la diócesis!, me siento humilde y alentado por su fe, su esperanza y su caridad. Gracias por su paciencia conmigo, especialmente en mi aprendizaje del idioma español, y por mostrarme su perdón y comprensión cuando me quedé corto. Llevo todo esto conmigo mientras espero ser pastor por primera vez. ¡No seas un extraño! Siempre es bienvenido a visitarme en Hastings y Nashville. Mientras tanto, por favor manténganme en sus oraciones y sepan que todos ustedes están en las mías.

¡Gracias por leer!

Fr. Jeff

## Our Gifts for God

Week of July 25, 2023

Sunday Collection .....	\$5,310.65
Online Collection .....	\$2,116.00
Loose Cash.....	\$831.53
Visitors.....	\$15.00
<b>Total Offertory .....</b>	<b>\$8,273.18</b>
Weekly Need .....	\$9,231.00
<b>Shortage.....</b>	<b>(\$956.82)</b>

### Income not included in weekly needs:

Miscellaneous.....	\$74.12
Other (memorials, coffee & donuts) .....	\$130.00
Food Pantry .....	\$35.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$75.00
Peter's Pence .....	\$1,376.89

Thank you for your continued support to our parish.

God Bless You!

## Prayers For The Sick

Douglas Bailey  
Bradford M. Baldwin  
Tony Baldwin  
Karen Barnes  
Naïve Boyce  
Bill & Jane  
Jaciela Castro Gonzalez  
Luz Elena Chavez E.  
Manuel Cordoba  
Harold Cronk  
Pat De Anda  
Marlene Estrada  
Regina Sanchez Franco  
Carmen Frybarger  
Maria Guadalupe  
Kathy Grantham  
Josie Gutierrez  
Amy Harrington  
Tim Harrington  
Mary Hiscock  
Shaid Juarico  
Gerald Kistka

Annie Lang  
Kevin Luckas  
Michelle Luckas  
Rosa Hilda Maldonado  
Mara & Kevin McHugh  
Juana Mendiola Hernández  
Trina  
Andrew J. Pineda  
Jeannette Pushell  
Maria Ramsey  
Roxann Reisterer  
Liz S.  
Ricky Sanchez  
Victor Sanchez Montes  
Lun Schrepper  
Howard Simmons  
Michael VanArkel  
Yareli Velázquez Mtnez.  
Melanie Wiedmayer  
Gwen Woroniecki  
Terry Wycoff  
Francisca Zepeda

Happy Birthday!!!

iFeliz Cumpleaños!



Juana Ibarra  
Alycia Marín  
Estreberto Marín  
Juanita Mata  
Angely Morales-Amates  
Darlene Smith  
Luke Appelgren  
Dominic Fotis  
Heather Frakes-Williams  
Lara Martin  
Astrid Molina  
Magdalena Pérez  
Norma Sánchez  
Meredith Weaver  
Darío Castanedo  
Mary Ann Comiskey  
Lorraine Ernst  
Krystal Frohriep  
Paula Kirklin  
Char Manion  
Joshua McCarthy

# Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

Our goal is \$87,150.00 and we are hoping to wrap the campaign up by July 4, **before our new pastor arrives!**

To date 145 families have pledged nearly \$59,144.09.

No pledge is too SMALL or too LARGE. For a list of the many ministries at St. Joseph and the Diocese of Kalamazoo supported by the campaign, visit [www.diokzoo.org](http://www.diokzoo.org).

Please prayerfully consider how you may help St. Joseph meet its goal. Thank you for your generosity.

Nuestra meta es \$87,150.00 y esperamos terminar la campaña para el 4 de julio, **antes de que llegue nuestro nuevo pastor!**

Hasta la fecha, 145 familias han prometido casi \$59,144.09.

Ningún compromiso es demasiado PEQUEÑO o demasiado GRANDE. Para obtener una lista de los muchos ministerios en St. Joseph y la Diócesis de Kalamazoo apoyados por la campaña, visite [www.diokzoo.org](http://www.diokzoo.org).

Considere en oración cómo puede ayudar a St. Joseph a cumplir su objetivo. Gracias por tu generosidad.

## PLEASE NOTE

**St. Joseph Food Pantry** is only open Wednesday this week, from 11:30-1:30 pm.

We are so thankful for your ongoing support! Now that summer is here, we especially need mustard, catsup, relish, pickles and other picnic items. Cake and brownie mixes are always welcome.

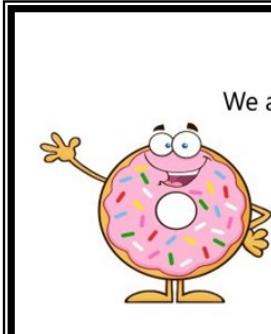
Thank you to all who regularly donate items, and those who can only do this once in a while.

**May God bless you always!**  
**Have a safe and happy 4th of July.**

We need jeans, shirts, tennis shoes, sheets, blankets, towels, cookware, dishes and glasses. **NO T-shirts please.**

Please leave items in the large grey bin at the back of the church. All items will be given out, free of charge, at the Aleman Center in Hartford.

Remember, without the migrants, we would have no fresh fruits and vegetables. Many thanks for your



## Donuts Return!!!

We are planning Donut's return after the 8:30 mass beginning in September. We need volunteers to make it happen.

Can you help once a month for 2-3 hours?

Contact Maribeth 269-250-0935

or Diane 269-544-9599 for more info.

## Hispanic Diocesan Fiesta Sunday, August 6, 12:30 Mass San Felipe de Jesus, Fennville

We are asking for donations of punch/juice mixes. Please clearly mark "FIESTA" and bring to the rectory or church.

## Fiesta Diocesana Hispana Domingo, 6 de agosto, 12:30 Misa San Felipe de Jesús, Fennville

Estamos pidiendo donaciones de mezclas de ponche/jugo. Por favor marque claramente "FIESTA" y tráigalo a la rectoría o iglesia.



Christian faith in action.

Buscamos jeans, playeras, tenis, sábanas, frazadas, toallas, utensilios de cocina, platos y vasos. **NO camisetas por favor.**

Coloque estos artículos en el contenedor gris grande en la parte posterior de la iglesia. Todos los artículos se entregarán, sin cargo, en el Aleman Center en Hartford.

Recuerde, sin los migrantes, no tendríamos frutas y verduras frescas. Muchas gracias por su fe cristiana en acción.

## LECTORS & SERVERS SCHEDULE

Mass/Date	Server	Lector
July 1, 4:30	Anne Fish	George Daleiden
July 2, 8:30	Tony Thomas	Matt Luckas
July 2, 10:30	Stephanie Thompson	Bryan Thompson
July 8, 4:30	Darlene Smith	Jan Collins
July 9, 8:30	Katie Jones	MT Courtade
July 9, 10:30	Ed Solis	Sharon Anderson-Western

## The Kalamazoo Regional Catholic Schools Foundation announces

These students have been recognized for their hard work and talents, and receive scholarships to Hackett Catholic Prep.

**Adam Pulling Memorial Scholarship** – Jason Babb and Alexander Dugas

**Brother Jerry Wunderly, S.M. Scholarship** – Sean Pierucci

**Dr. and Mrs. James B. Kilway Scholarship** – Abigail Ulbrich

**Mary K. Carr Memorial Scholarship** – Gretchen Yanik, Noah Matson, Elizabeth Kling and Lillian Arechiga

**Neil Redmond Latin Memorial Scholarship** – Thea Husovska

**Stanley Rubleski Memorial Scholarship** – Elizabeth Christian and James Reasoner

We now have two baskets in the back of church for families with preschoolers. When families come to Mass preschool books may be picked from either the Spanish or the English basket.

**Please return the books to the baskets as you leave church for the next group of children.**

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MASS TIME  
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Planning to marry in 2023? The Joy-Filled Marriage, a marriage formation weekend for engaged couples, is a comprehensive marriage preparation program rooted in virtues as well as Theology of the Body. It incorporates rich Catholic theology with sound psychology. LAST 2023 Date: SEPT. 16-17.

To register, visit [diokzoo.org/marriage-preparation](http://diokzoo.org/marriage-preparation).

### Needed at Hackett Catholic Prep:

1. **Theology Teacher** If interested, check out the job posting at [www.csqk.org](http://www.csqk.org). Interested applicants email Trevor Scoles at [tscoles@hackettcp.org](mailto:tscoles@hackettcp.org)"
2. **JOIN OUR TEAM, Serving Up Happiness**

Now Hiring Food Service Staff

for 2023-24 School year

Flexible schedule – No Nights or Weekends

Summers off – Paid Holidays – Tuition Break

Email: [rclark@hackettcp.org](mailto:rclark@hackettcp.org) for more info

### **LANGUAGE FOR REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:**

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**

### **Would you like to join Our Parish?**

If you would like to enroll, change your address, or simply have questions about our parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection

basket or mail it to the Church office:

936 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to enroll as an active member.  
 Please change my address to the one shown above.  
 I would like to learn more about school/parish activities.  
 I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.  
 I would like to offer the name of a homebound or ill Catholic who is not currently being visited: \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I would like to speak with a priest about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

## **Mass and Contact Information**

**Mass times: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Sunday 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. in English— Tuesday 6:00 p.m. (Spanish)**

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 4:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. every Tuesday and at 7:30 p.m. Fridays

**Sacrament of Penance:** 3:30- 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:00—8:25 on Sundays or by request.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office 269-343-6256

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.

**Anointing of the sick:** Please contact the office at 269-343-6256 or call Fr Antony 269-201-8003

### **COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS**

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**LITURGY COMMISSION** RANDY DENNIS, 269-312-7165

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Deacon John

**Baptismal Classes (S)**

Juan Garcia

**Donuts**

Diane Stanke

**Funeral Luncheon**

Teresa Krajewski

**Knights of Columbus**

Dan Barrett

**Church Decoration**

Liturgy Commission

### **MINISTRIES OF THE PARISH**

**Lectors** Matt Luckas

**Altar Servers** Deacon Tim

**Ushers** Francie Mills

**Homebound** Deacon Tim

**RCIA** Deacon John

### **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

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