

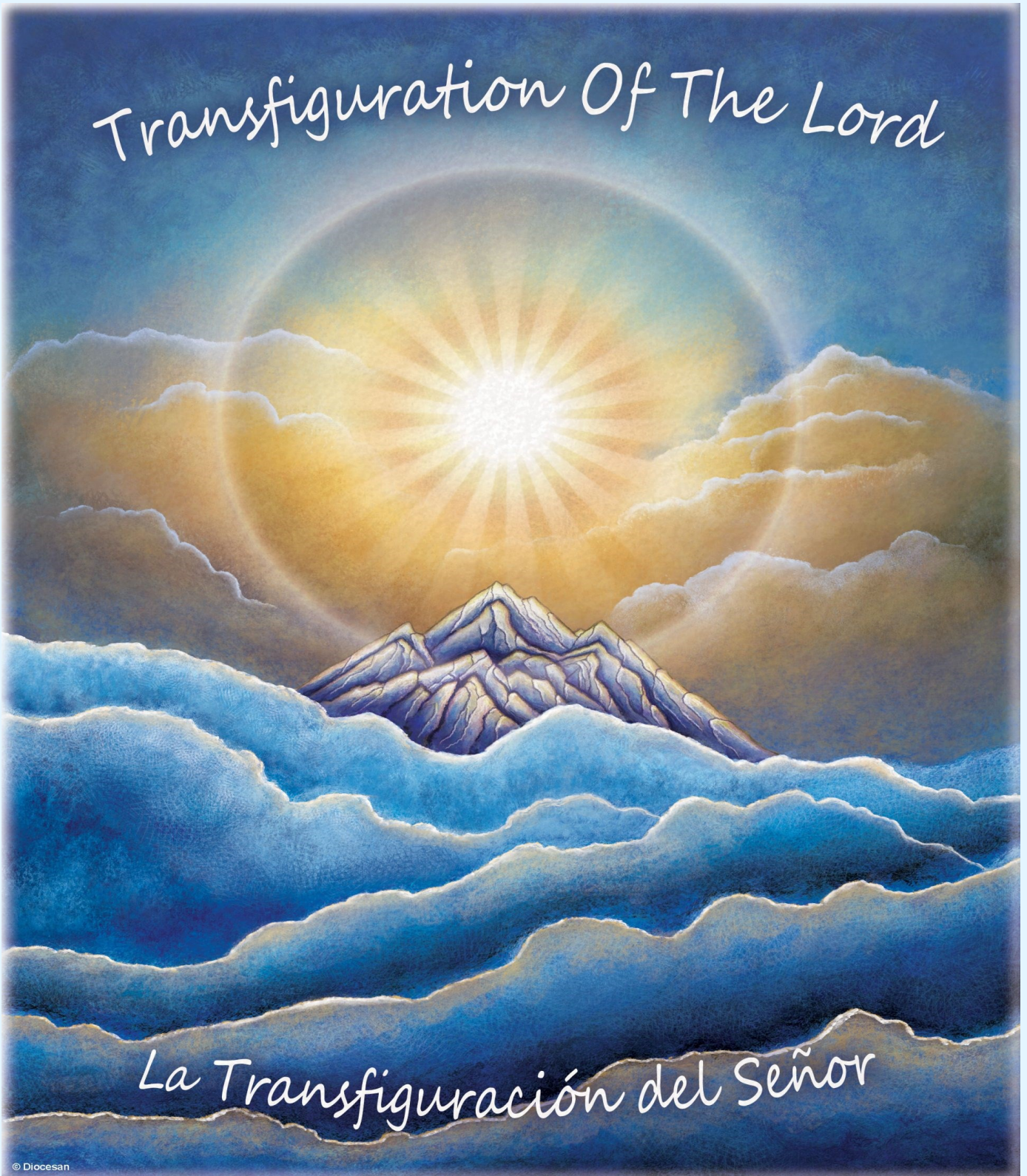
St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Rev. Msgr. Leonel Cartagena Franco

Pastor

Transfiguration Of The Lord





From the desk
of Fr. Leo



Beautiful day for you, for your family, for your work and for your connections with God and everything that HE has put in place for you to enjoy every moment of your life. Our connection through prayer and meditation with Jesus in silence provides us with the fascinating experience of wanting to remain in that state of stillness of the NOW, which does not remain anchored in the memory of the past, much less in anxiety for the future. In this sense, TRANSFIGURATION is an experience of connection with the PRESENT that has neither past nor future, it is always now: "Lord, how good it would be to stay here"! But even so, we ourselves want to ensure our attachment and that is why this revealing expression: "If you want, we will make three huts here, one for you, another for Moses and another for Elijah". Perhaps we do not even realize that we ourselves are not separated from the order that moves the universe, and that that order is already embodied in the NOW, IN THIS INSTANT and that as such you always carry it with you.

Fr. Leo

Please SAVE THE DATE for Sept. 28 as Hackett Catholic Prep celebrates the **Athletic Hall of Fame** and **CSGK Award Recognition Night**.

This year's honorees include: Fr. John Fleckenstein, Tim and Sarah Harding, Celeste Eckrich Crowell, David Butkovich, The Hackett 1968-69 Basketball Team and the Hackett 2002 Women's Soccer Team.

For more information contact: CSGK.org or Tylina at TZimmerman@csgek.org. Thank you!



Contact information for our departing priests:
Información de contacto de nuestros sacerdotes salientes:

Fr. Antony Rajesh, antonyrajeshmsfs@gmail.com,
269 201-8003 (Phone good until he goes to Africa)

Fr. Jeff Hanley, pastorstrose2015@gmail.com



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.

Week of August 6, 2023

Side Altar Vigil candle intentions

Blessed Virgin Mary: Intentions of Bishop Edward Lohse

St. Joseph: Intentions of Msgr. Leo Cartagena

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, August 5

4:30p.m. † Bernie Steffler,
req Jerry & Celeste Fredericksen

Sunday, August 6

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

10:30a.m. † John B. Wayne, req Kevin Jannsen

1:00p.m. † Deceased members of the Castro Family,
req María Elena Castro

Monday, August 7

8:30 a.m. † Bernie Steffler, req Tootie Horn

Tuesday, August 8

6:00 p.m. † Faustino Mendiola Hernández, req Familia

Wednesday, August 9

8:30 a.m. † Eugene Comiskey, req Joe Comiskey

Thursday, August 3

8:30 a.m. No Mass

Friday, August 4

8:30 a.m. † Tony Baldwin, req. Mary Mero

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

Saturday, August 5

4:30p.m. † Jackie Nemedi, req Family

Sunday, August 6

8:30a.m. † Eugene Comiskey, req Joe Comiskey

10:30a.m. For the Vorva Family, req Mom

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

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

Martin & Associates

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

Martin & Associates

Activities in our parish

Sunday, August 6

9:35 - 10:25 a.m. Bible Study

Monday, August 7

3:00 p.m. Praying the Rosary
Rezando el Rosario (Ing)
7:00 p.m. Praying with Scripture

Tuesday, August 8

4-6:00 p.m. Adoración y Misa

Wednesday, August 9

10:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class
7:00 p.m. RCIA-Deacon John

Thursday, August 10

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 p.m. No **Adult Choir practice**

Friday, August 11

6:00 p.m. RCIA Spanish

Saturday, August 12

7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship
8:00 a.m. Sacramental Prep class (Sp)

Sunday, August 13

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Welcome for Fr. Leo
9:35 - 10:25 a.m. Bible Study
11:30-noon Welcome for Fr. Leo

Online Giving: If you would like to set up an account for online giving, visit our website and select online giving from the drop down menu on top of the page, or call 1-800-348-2886 ex 2 for help, or with questions.



Scripture Readings For Week of August 6, 2023

Sunday, August 6: Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 97:P1-2,5-6,9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

Mon., August 7: Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17 Mt 14:3-21

Tues., August 8: Nm 13:1-13 Ps 51:3-7,12-13 Mt 14:22-36

Wed., August 9: Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a,34-35
Ps 106:6-7,13-14,21-23 Mt 15:21-28

Thurs., August 10: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2,5-9 Jn 12:24-26

Friday, August 11: Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16,21 Mt 16:24-28

Sat., Aug. 12: Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-4,47-51 Mt 187:1-20

Sun., August 13: 1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33



Del escritorio
del P. Leó



Hermoso día para ti, para tu familia, para tu trabajo y para tus conexiones con Dios y todo lo que ÉL ha puesto para que disfrutes cada momento de tu vida. Nuestra conexión desde la oración y la meditación con Jesús en el silencio nos proporciona la fascinante experiencia de querer permanecer en ese estado de quietud del AHORA, que no se queda anclado ni en la memoria del pasado, ni mucho menos en la ansiedad por el futuro. En este sentido la TRANSFIGURACIÓN es una experiencia de conexión con el PRESENTE que no tiene ni pasado ni futuro, es siempre ahora: "Señor, ¡qué bueno sería quedarnos aquí"! Pero, aun así, nosotros mismos queremos asegurarnos en el apego y por eso esta expresión reveladora: "Si quieres, haremos aquí tres chozas, una para ti, otra para Moisés y otra para Elías". Quizás no nos damos cuenta aun que nosotros mismos no estamos separados del orden que mueve el universo, y que ese orden está ya plasmado en el AHORA, EN ESTE INSTANTE y que como tal tú lo llevas contigo a toda hora.

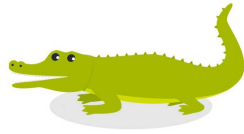
Fr. Leo



If you shop at Harding's, you can sign up to have St. Joseph Church benefit from your purchases. Stop at the customer service desk and sign up for a percentage of your purchases to be donated to 'St. Joseph's. I've been doing this for years. It isn't a lot, but each month the parish gets a few dollars from Harding's for my shopping there. Think of 100 households did this, or 200! What an easy way to increase your offering to the parish!

We now have a PaperGator

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Gen 1:27-28)



Just because God gave us the earth doesn't mean we should treat it as a garbage dump. It's our job to take care of it. You can help care for our planet by REDUCING, REUSING, and RECYCLING.

We can earn a penny a pound for the following products we collect:

- ♦ Newspaper, catalogs and magazines
- ♦ Phone books, hard & soft cover books
- ♦ School/office paper & shredded paper
- ♦ Paperboard (cereal box types)
- ♦ Corrugated cardboard 12"x12" or **smaller**

Unacceptable: plastic, metal, garbage, frozen food boxes, cardboard larger than 12"x12"



**If we each do a little,
together we can do a LOT!**

Our Gifts for God

Week of July 30, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$4,186.96
Online Collection	\$1,120.00
Loose Cash	\$1,257.97
Total Offertory	\$6,634.93
Needed Weekly	\$9,231.00
Shortage.....	\$2,596.07

Income not included in weekly needs:

Miscellaneous (candles)...	\$46.80
Food Pantry	\$140.00
Peter's Pence	\$10.00

Thank you for your continued support to our parish.
God Bless You!

Prayers For The Sick

Douglas Bailey
Bradford M. Baldwin
Karen Barnes
Naïve Boyce
Bill & Jane
Jaciell Castro Gonzalez
Luz Elena Chavez E.
Manuel Cordoba
Harold Cronk
Marlene Estrada
Laurie Fitzpatrick
Regina Sanchez Franco
Carmen Frybarger
María Guadalupe
Josie Gutiérrez
Amy Harrington
Mary Hiscock
Shaïd Juarico
Gerald Kistka
Annie Lang

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

Happy Birthday!!!

¡Feliz Cumpleaños!



Irasema Álvarez
Thomas Andrie
Scott Collins
Ma. Lorena Larez-López
Robert Penny
Lauren Vine
Mackenzie La Ponsie
Teresa Redmond
Jessica Retzer
Bryan Vera-Montoya
Kathryn Dallavalle
Sabdiel Escobedo
Margaret Hendriksen
Floriberto Molina
Jasper Sherfinski
Omar Vera-Montoya
Maritza Borrell
Regan Braun
Marilyn Hasfurther
Alexander Margol
Jacob Morales
Ssan Trombley
Abraham Bello

Harold Cronk
José Escobedo
Laysha Garay-Martínez
Candelar Hernández
Román Ortiz
Henry Ramírez Quintero
Yessenia Vargas-Montoya
Antonio Aguilera
Jennifer Garretón
Carlos Herrera
Tomas Herrera
Juan Mejía-Cabrera
Susana Pérez
Jesús Rodríguez
Donald Stermer
Jodi Stermer
Luz Vera-Montoya
Richard Wheeler
Arnulfo Álvarez
Anneliese Kaiser
Leonardo Pérez
Adán Ramos
James Stokes



Welcome Fr. Leo!
We're having a special coffee & donuts
to welcome Fr. Leo, Sunday August 13
after the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses.
Please join us.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

The 2023 Bishop's Annual goal is \$87.150.00. As of 7/24/23, \$68,319.00 has been pledged by 151 families. If you could please make your pledge soon, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are unable to pledge this year, please return your pledge card marked zero. This will save the parish postage on follow up letters. Thank you.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL PAYMENT INFORMATION: To ensure that your Bishop's Annual Appeal payments get credited to your account in a timely and accurate manner, please send ALL PAYMENTS directly to the Diocese of Kalamazoo, 215 N. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Kalamazoo with St. Joseph-Kalamazoo in the memo line. Online payments can also be made on the Diocesan website at <https://diokzoo.org/give>. Payments that are dropped in the offertory basket are no longer processed weekly.

Thank you. Any questions, please call Pat in the rectory office at 343-6256.

La meta anual del obispo para 2023 es de \$87.150,00. A partir del 24/7/23, 151 familias han prometido \$68.319,00. Si pudiera hacer su compromiso pronto, sería muy apreciado.

Si no puede contribuir este año, devuelva su tarjeta de compromiso con cero indicado. Esto ahorrará el franqueo de la parroquia en las cartas de seguimiento. Gracias.

INFORMACIÓN DE PAGO DE LA APELACIÓN ANUAL DEL OBISPO: Para asegurarse de que los pagos de la Campaña Anual del Obispo se acrediten en su cuenta de manera oportuna y precisa, envíe el directorio TODOS LOS PAGOS a la Diócesis de Kalamazoo, 215 N. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Los cheques deben hacerse a nombre de la Diócesis de Kalamazoo con St. Joseph-Kalamazoo en la línea de notas. Las contribuciones en línea también se pueden realizar en el sitio web diocesano en <https://diokzoo.org/give>. Las contribuciones que se depositan en la canasta de ofrendas ya no se procesan semanalmente.

Gracias. Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a Pat a la oficina de la rectoría al 343-6256.

MASS TIME PRESCHOOL BOOKS

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.



LIBROS PARA PREESCOLAR TIEMPO DE MISA

Ahora tenemos dos canastas en la parte trasera de la iglesia para familias con niños en edad preescolar. Cuando las familias vienen a misa, los libros preescolares se pueden elegir de la canasta en español o en inglés.

Devuelva los libros a las canastas cuando salga de la iglesia para el próximo grupo de niños.

LECTORS & SERVERS SCHEDULE

Mass/Date	Server	Lector
Aug 5, 4:30	Darlene Smith	Jan Collins
Aug 6, 8:30	Anne Fish	Matt Luckas
Aug 6, 10:30	Darlene Smith	Anne Fish
Aug 12, 4:30	Anne Fish	Mary Lou Fleckenstein
Aug 13, 8:30	Tony & Jayden Thomas	Pat Curtis
Aug 6, 10:30	Stephanie Thompson	Mary Kay Allbee Mickey Sykes

Edison Elementary School Committee of St. Joe's

Thank you for all of your thoughtful donations throughout 2022-23 for Edison Elementary School. Since Edison teachers do not have enough of the necessary materials for all their subjects, they appreciate every donation throughout the year. In our next message, we will list last year's needs, and will update that list with Edison teachers as we draw closer to the start of school.

Many stores are already offering great sales on school supplies. If you spot useful classroom items at a good price, and you would like to help, teachers will be happy to start the year with them. The donation basket remains in the back of the church year-round.

Thank you, again, for your thoughtful generosity. May the rest of your summer be filled with love and fun. If you have any questions, contact Katherine O'Bryan at 269-352-2590.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society at our parish comes together regularly to pray together and to sharpen our ability to see as God sees, love as God loves, hear what God hears. This year we have been called to deeper trust in God, and to remember with humility that what

we are engaged in is God's work; thus God will provide.

Our small group has struggled to respond to the hundreds of people who have called with needs this year. We have done it faithfully because of our deep commitment to this outreach of the Holy Spirit and to those who have given money to be used specifically to help our neighbors. We have been blessed by being witnesses to amazing things.

Our responsibility to those who engage in this ministry by donations is something we attend to diligently. Every penny is accounted for. Now we are at a place where every penny has been given away! Like the woman in the Temple, we know that this gives God pleasure.

Now we pause and wait on God. Please, join us in prayer.

Editor's comment: Are you able to help with this work? (Checks should be made out to St. Vincent de Paul and left at the rectory or put in collection basket.)

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Apply Now! Job Openings at St. Monica School

- Middle School English Language Arts Teacher (Full-time salaried)
- Full Time 4th Grade Aide (40 hrs/week)
- Early Childhood Classroom Aide, Wed-Fri (25 hrs/wk)
- Traffic Monitors (10 hrs/week) (morning & afternoon)
- Lunch Room Monitor (12 hrs/week)
- After-School Care Worker (12 hrs/week)
- Substitute Teachers
- Office Staff Substitutes

For questions or to apply, please email Principal Jordon Beery: jbeery@stmonicaakzoo.org or call the school office at 269-345-2444 for more info. Come join our team!

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.

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**

Grieving the death of spouse?

Or do you know someone who is? Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem very hard to bear. Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar sponsored by Catherine of Siena Parish. This 2-hour seminar will be held on Thurs. August 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Catherine's. There is a \$10 cost, which includes the workbook available during the session. For more info or to register:



1. go to www.griefshare.org
2. Phone Paula White at 269-330-362
3. Email Paula White a pwhitenc@mac.com

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, 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 Leo.

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Altar Servers Deacon Tim
Ushers Francie Mills
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RCIA Deacon John

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Baptismal Classes (S)

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