

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Pastor



Respeto  
a la Vida.



*St. Francis*  
**OF ASSISI**  
*San Francisco*  
**DE ASÍS**

Pet Blessing Wednesday October 4 in the parking lot. You are invited to bring your pet for a blessing from Fr. Leo. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a cage,  
Bendición de mascotas miércoles 4 de octubre en el estacionamiento. Estás invitado a traer a tu mascota para recibir la bendición del Padre. León. Por favor traiga a su mascota con correa o en una jaula.

**BLESSING OF  
THE PETS  
LA BENDICIÓN  
DE LOS ANIMALES**



From the desk  
of Fr. Leo



Greetings to you who read this little note, I want to draw attention this week, following the spirit of the readings, to the following aspects, which surely provide us with some elements to continue that wonderful path of self-knowledge.

Firstly, accompanied by the prophet Ezekiel (18:25-28), let us note that the spirit of rebellion as creatures can often lead us to unconsciousness and the absurdity of questioning the actions of the creator, from whom everything comes.

Second, the Word in Saint Paul to the Philippians (2:1-11) gives us a clue to overcome that spirit of rebellion and unconsciousness that divides us; invites us to adopt the Spirit that unites us in the same way of thinking, in the same love, in the same aspirations and as a single soul, this Spirit feeds on detachment from the prerogatives that each one may have, it drinks from impersonality, that is, the discretion that moves us to do things not to be recognized, and finally, it is nourished by indifference to what is not essential, to what has nothing to do with unconditional love.

Third, the Gospel of Matthew (21:28-32) guides us with the parable of the two sons and shows us the polarity of "yes" and "no" and teaches us that the essence is not in either of these two expressions, but in what can unite or create a balance between both: Responsibility, that is, the capacity to respond that can be the expression of wanting to do my will or wanting to do the will of the Creator, the one who orders everything. Here it is worth asking yourself if I am aware of what or who is finally moving, directing my mind, my feelings, my actions. Remember, at the center of all the "YES and NO" that we pronounce at every moment, is the center of coherence that gives them meaning and significance: Love, which symbolizes the will of the Father, your will be done on earth as on heaven.

Fr. Leo

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 October 1, 2023**

**Side Altar Vigil candle intentions**

**Blessed Virgin Mary: Jorge Luis Munder-Tamayo**  
**St. Joseph: Emmanuel Munder-Lazaro**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, September 30-**

**4:30p.m.** † Elaine Cole, req Family

**Sunday, October 1**

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

**10:30a.m.** Grandchildren of Janet Germain,  
req Janet Germain

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

**Monday, October 2**

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

**Tuesday, October 3**

**4-6:00 p.m.** Adoración

**6:00 p.m.** Para los gente de la parroquia

**Wednesday, October 4**

**8:30 a.m.** Healing of all Family, req Liz S.

**Thursday, October 5**

**8:30 a.m.** No Mass

**Friday, October 6**

**8:30 a.m.** † Tom Minehart, req Tracy Buck

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

**Saturday, October 7-**

**4:30p.m.** † Helen Starnes, req Family

**Sunday, October 8**

**8:30a.m.** † Edward & † Natalie Stafinski,  
req Schrum Family

**10:30a.m.** † Morgan Jusick (8 yr anniv), req Mom,  
Dad, Kyle, & Grandma Char Manion

**1:00p.m.** † Fernande Murillo Martinez,  
req Juana A. Vasquez

Per Bishop Lohse's call for us to serve each other, the **Liturgy Commission** is eager to welcome any who would like to serve on the Commission to plan and coordinate the celebrations and decorating of the Church. Contact Randy Dennis at [randy.dennis1948@gmail.com](mailto:randy.dennis1948@gmail.com)

Según el llamando del obispo Lohse para que nos sirvamos unos a otros, la **Comisión de Liturgia** está ansiosa por dar la bienvenida a cualquiera que desee formar parte de la Comisión para planificar y coordinar las celebraciones y la decoración de la Iglesia. Comuniquen con Randy Dennis en [randy.dennis1948@gmail.com](mailto:randy.dennis1948@gmail.com)

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## Activities in our parish

### Sunday, October 1

9:35 - 10:25 a.m. Bible Study  
9:45-10:15 a.m. Preschool Music Play Group  
11:45-12:45 p.m. Religious Education classes  
Clases de educación religiosa  
Coro

12:00 p.m.

### Monday, October 2

3:00 p.m. Praying the Rosary  
Rezando el Rosario (Ing)  
Parent Religion Class (Ing)

7-8:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 3

4-6:00 p.m. Adoración y Misa

### Wednesday, October 4

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

### Thursday, October 5

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous  
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice

### Friday, October 6

6:00 p.m. RICA Spanish  
7:00 p.m. Rosario (Sp)  
7:00 p.m. Sacred Music Concert

### Saturday, October 7

7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship

### Sunday, October 8

9:30-10:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts  
9:35 - 10:25 a.m. Bible Study  
11:45-12:45 p.m. Religious Education classes  
Clases de educación religiosa  
Coro

## Wanted...People who love to garden and who delight in the beauty of nature that God has given to us.

For the last ten years, a few parishioners and I have been caring for the plantings on the church grounds. The last few years, I have been the one to this work.

I can no longer keep up with all that needs to be done. I will continue to care for the gardens in the courtyard and the rose garden, which was a special project that I helped Father Andrew create.

If this volunteer opportunity interests you, contact me, Pat Schrum, by email, [pasgogreen@yahoo.com](mailto:pasgogreen@yahoo.com), or call the rectory at 343-6256. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

## Se busca...Personas que amen la jardinería y que se deleiten con la belleza de la naturaleza que Dios nos ha dado.

Durante los últimos diez años, algunos feligreses y yo hemos estado cuidando las plantaciones en los terrenos de la iglesia. Los últimos años he sido yo quien ha hecho este trabajo.

Ya no puedo seguir el ritmo de todo lo que hay que hacer. Seguiré cuidando los jardines del patio y el jardín de rosas rosaleda, que fue un proyecto especial que ayudé a crear al padre Andrew.

Si esta desea ser voluntario le interesa, puede comunicarse conmigo, Pat Schrum, por correo electrónico, [pasgogreen@yahoo.com](mailto:pasgogreen@yahoo.com), o llamar a la rectoría al 343-6256. Gracias por considerar esta oportunidad.



## Del escritorio del P. Leó



Saludos para ti que lees esta nota, quiero llamar la atención en esta semana, siguiendo el espíritu de las lecturas, sobre los siguientes aspectos, que seguramente nos brindan unos elementos para continuar en ese camino maravilloso del autoco-nocimiento.

Primeramente, acompañados por el profeta Ezequiel (18:25-28), notemos que el espíritu de rebeldía como criaturas nos puede llevar muchas veces a la inconsciencia y al absurdo de cuestionar el proceder del creador, de quien todo procede.

Segundo, la Palabra en San Pablo a los Filipenses (2:1-11) nos da una pista para superar ese espíritu de rebeldía y de inconsciencia que nos divide; nos invita a adoptar el Espíritu que nos une en una misma manera de pensar, en un mismo amor, en las mismas aspiraciones y como una sola alma, este Espíritu se alimenta del desapego a prerrogativas que cada uno pueda tener, bebe de la impersonalidad, es decir de la discrecionalidad que nos mueve a hacer las cosas no para ser reconocidos, y finalmente, se nutre de la indiferencia a lo que no es esencial, a lo que no tiene que ver con el amor incondicional.

Tercero, el Evangelio de Mateo (21:28-32) nos guía con la parábola de los dos hijos, y nos muestra la polaridad del "sí" y el "no" y nos enseña que la esencia no está en ninguna de estas dos expresiones, sino en lo que puede unir o crear un balance entre ambas: La responsabilidad, es decir, la capacidad de respuesta que puede ser la expresión del querer hacer mi voluntad o querer hacer la voluntad del Creador, del que ordena todo. Aquí vale la pena preguntarme a mí mismo si tengo consciencia de que o quien finalmente está moviendo, dirigiendo mi mente, mis sentimientos, mis acciones. Recuerda, en el centro de todos los "SÍ y los NO" que nosotros pronunciamos a cada instante, está el centro de coherencia que les da sentido y significación: Amor, que simboliza la voluntad del Padre, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.

*Fr. Leó*

## Scripture Readings For Week of October 1, 2023

**Sunday, Oct. 1:** Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32

**Mon., Oct. 2:** Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:2,1623 Mt 18:1-5,10

**Tues., Oct.3:** Zec 8:20-223 Ps 878:1-7 Lk 9:51-56

**Wed., Oct. 4:** Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Lk 9:57-62

**Thurs., Oct. 5:** Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12 Ps 19:8-11 Lk 10:1-12

**Friday, Oct. 6:** Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:10-5,8-9 Lk 10:13-16

**Sat., Oct. 7:** Bar 4:5-12,27-29 Ps 69:33-37 Lk 10:17-24

**Sun., Oct. 8:** Ezls 5:1-7 Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20 Phil 4:6-9  
Mt 21:33-43

### LECTORS & SERVERS SCHEDULE

Mass/Date	Server	Lector
Sept 30, 4:30	Anne Fish	George Daleiden
Oct 1, 8:30	Tony & Jayden Thomas	MT Courtade
Oct 1, 10:30	Ed Solis	Janice Kistka
Oct 7, 4:30	Darlene Smith	Jan Collins
Oct 8, 8:30	Katie Jones	Matt Luckas
Oct 8, 10:30	Stephanie Thompson	Sharon Anderson-Western

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PRESENTS



**THEN SINGS  
MY SOUL**

**SARA EMERSON MCGARVEY**  
soprano

**GUNTA LAUKMANE**, piano

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 6  
7:00 PM**

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
936 Lake St. Kalamazoo

*Free & open to  
the public!*

### Our Gifts for God

Week of September 24, 2023

Sunday Collection .....	\$3,496.00
Online Collection .....	\$2,470.00
Loose Cash.....	\$1,192.84
Visitors.....	\$30.00
<b>Total Offertory .....</b>	<b>\$7,188.84</b>
Needed Weekly .....	\$9,231.00
<b>Shortage.....</b>	<b>\$2,042.16</b>
<b>Income not included in weekly needs:</b>	
Candles .....	\$78.90
Food Pantry .....	\$10.00
Rent .....	\$150.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$55.00
Operation Rice Bowl.....	\$28.08

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

**God Bless You!**

### Prayers For The Sick

Douglas Bailey  
Bradford M. Baldwin  
Karen Barnes  
Naïve Boyce  
Bill & Jane  
Jaciel Castro Gonzalez  
Luz Elena Chavez E.  
Manuel Cordoba  
Harold Cronk  
Angela Cronk  
Marlene Estrada  
Regina Sanchez Franco  
Carmen Frybarger  
María Guadalupe  
Josie Gutiérrez  
Amy Harrington  
Mary Hiscock  
Marianne Houston  
Shaïd 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  
Ricky Sanchez  
Victor Sanchez Montes  
Lun Schreppe  
Howard Simmons  
Michael VanArkel  
Yareli Velázquez Mtnz.  
Melanie Wiedmayer  
Terry Wycoff  
Francisca Zepeda

We are looking for a volunteer to work in our parish library, to prepare books for people to browse on Sundays. If you can give a few hours each week, please call the parish office at 343-6256.

Thank you for considering this opportunity.

**Happy Birthday!!!  
¡Feliz Cumpleaños!**



Malinda Frybarger  
Arelí Martínez  
Michael Noteboom  
Alejandro Vagas  
Ángel Vargas  
Graciela Valdez  
Karen Garrison  
Matthew Garza  
Ruby Haney  
Nancy McNee  
Jisela Albarrán-Trujillo  
Neiba Álvarez  
Carrie Bippley  
Susan Diffenderfer  
Graciela Flores  
Roberto García-Vero  
Teresa Nochebuena  
Veronika Thompson  
James Mezo

Gary Jamaica  
Melissa Locke  
Bryant López  
Evelyn López  
María López  
Abigail Morris  
Audrey Soltes  
John GaiKWad  
Homero Nonato  
Humberto Nonato  
Teresa Reyes  
Daniel Thompkins  
German Villabos  
Larry Elliott  
Lorie Kelly  
Garret Laabs  
Olivia Santiago

## APPEAL for ST. JOSEPH BAZAAR

Our St. Joseph bazaar is on November 4 and 5. We still need a few more of the following for our basket raffle (which has become a good money-maker for our parish in the past 3 years):



- ◆ New or unique/antique items to fill themed baskets (we have baskets and a parishioner who puts together baskets if you want to donate items, but do not want to put your own basket together.)
- ◆ Gift certificates/gift cards from your business, a friend's business or a business you love to go to (favorite restaurant, coffee shop, beauty shop, spa, car care shop, sporting goods store, theater, etc.)
- ◆ Cash donations to help us buy items to fill themed baskets

If you or your family are already working on a themed basket or intend to donate gift certificates or cash, please let **Judy Smith (269-267-7057)** know. (We need your donations as soon as possible, but no later than October 6, so we can take pictures and advertise our baskets on our Facebook page and area churches.)

**Also Needed for our Bazaar:** 4 foot or longer boards, 1/2 to 3/4 inch thick, 6 to 8 inches wide. Can be painted or unpainted. Call Barb Ogrin, 269-870-5369.

The support of St. Joseph parishioners helps to make our bazaar a success. All proceeds go for church programs/needs.

### THANK YOU!

**Apple Cider too!**

Donuts served after 8:30 Mass  
**Oct 8th & 22nd**  
**Donuts will also be available**  
**Nov 4th & 5th St Joe's Bazaar**

**Migrant Ministry** season is almost over. Aleman Center thanks all who generously donated items this summer. We were able to provide a week's worth of food, linens, kitchen items, and clothes to over 258 families (over 1500 people).

La temporada del **Ministerio Migrante** casi ha terminado. El Centro Alemán agradece a todos los que generosamente donaron artículos este verano. Pudimos proporcionar alimentos, ropa de cama, artículos de cocina y ropa para una semana a más de 258 familias (más de 1500 personas).



St. Joseph Church in Kalamazoo is seeking applicants for a permanent full-time position of Maintenance / Groundskeeper.

This position is much more than providing janitorial services for the parish campus. We need someone who can assess the condition and maintenance needs of facilities and grounds, research and implement solutions, track spending, order supplies, and be the liaison to work with/coordinate outside contractors and vendors for the parish community.

We are seeking a person with high school diploma or equivalent; college or trade school/journeyman apprenticeship plus. They should have at least 5 years of proven experience in minor building repairs (carpentry, machining, electric, and HVAC), have a working knowledge of computers to track maintenance scheduling and costs; basic familiarity with video surveillance equipment, and an ability to troubleshoot basic audio equipment.

The physical requirements of the position are the ability to lift up to 50 pounds, work with light machinery and hand power tools. Individuals must be able to stand, sit, kneel, crouch, bend, twist and otherwise be physically flexible to climb stairs, ladders, and work in sometimes small spaces.

The work is mostly days, but person is expected to be available for emergencies and special needs.

**Position offers competitive wages, health insurance, retirement, and vacation.**

Please mail or drop off resumes to:

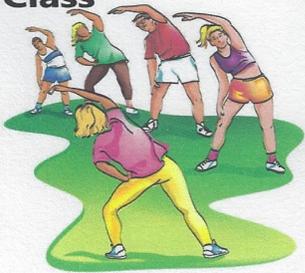
St. Joseph Catholic Church.  
 936 Lake St. Kalamazoo  
 MI 49001.  
 Attn: Myrna Phillips.

Or by email at:  
[myrna.stjoekal@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.stjoekal@gmail.com)



## Senior Exercise Class

Each Wednesday  
Bennett Gym  
10-11am. \$5 a week.  
We have fun, staying  
healthy!  
Join us & check it out.  
More info?  
Call Maribeth  
269-250-0935



## 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.



# RESPECT

**LIFE** Sunday  
October 1



October 1 is Life Chain 2023. The peaceful and prayerful line of local believers will publicly witness to the sanctity of life from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the same place as previous years (the northeast corner of West-nedge and Milham next to Walgreen's). Parking behind Walgreens on Colonia St. Please arrive and be in place by 2:30pm. **For more info, call Dave Barry at 269-599-7821.**

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Our 76th Annual Bazaar is coming November 4-5. The Bazaar Committee hopes you are finding things for the White Elephant tables, making crafts, and planning to bake delicious things for it. We need many people to make this memorable!

**Are you interested in creating a gift basket for our raffle?** You can make a basket and buy things on a theme (cat, dog, child, chocolate lover, Christmas, etc.) If you don't have a basket to contain items, we can get that for you. **All basket items need to be turned in to the rectory by Oct. 6.**

Nuestro 76° Bazar Anual se realizará del 4 al 5 de noviembre. El Comité del Bazar espera que entre sus cosas, encuentre regalos que nunca usó, cosas únicas, manualidades o esté planeando hornear cosas deliciosas para el bazar. ¡Necesitamos mucha gente para que esto sea memorable!

¿Estás interesado en crear una canasta de regalo para nuestro sorteo? Puede hacer una canasta y comprar cosas sobre un tema (gato, perro, niño, amante del chocolate, Navidad, etc.). Si no tiene una canasta para contener artículos, podemos conseguirla para usted. **Todos los artículos de la canasta deben entregarse a la rectoría antes del 6 de octubre.**



Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invite you to a fall retreat to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday, Oct. 13, 11:30am-8:30pm at St. Joseph Church, Watervliet.

Registration: \$25 full day/\$15 evening only. Register today with Ann Vrablic at 517-812-3727 or email [kdccw.reg@gmail.com](mailto:kdccw.reg@gmail.com).



All are invited to a Day of Reflection Sat., Oct 14, St. Augustine Cathedral. Guest Speaker Steve Ray. Beginning with Mass in Cathedral at 8:45am. Ends 1pm. Free will offering.

RSVP: [parishoffice@stakalamazoo.org](mailto:parishoffice@stakalamazoo.org)



*Sisters of St. Joseph Annual Service Day at Nazareth  
Parking lot on Saturday, October 7, 10am-1p*

You're invited to help them reach out to their neighbors in need.

They are collecting:

- monetary donations for **Kalamazoo Valley Gleaners**
- Non-perishable food items for **Loaves and Fishes**
- Socks, underwear, and travel size toiletries for men and women at **Ministry with Community**

**LANGUAGE FOR REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:**

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigations 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, 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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**Ushers** Francie Mills  
**Homebound** Deacon Tim Kistka  
**RCIA** Deacon John Ryder

**Baptismal Classes (E)**

**Baptismal Classes (S)**

**Donuts**

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