

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Pastor

Hope



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OUR ADVENT GIVING

December 9th & 10th
Kalamazoo Together Volunteers for the Unhoused

Wish list:

Men's boxer briefs, women's underwear and sports bras (only new underwear accepted), men's deodorant, hairbrushes and picks, new or gently used winter wear (coats, hats, scarves, etc.), thermal underwear, hand warmers, women's leggings, new or gently used blankets & sleeping bags, protein or fiber bars, baking ingredients, laundry detergent. **Gift cars to Meijer, Walmart, Target, etc.**

Place your donations in the "totes" provided in the back of church

NUESTRAS OFRENDAS DE ADVIENTO

9 y 10 de diciembre
Kalamazoo juntos voluntarios para personas sin hogar

Lista de deseos:

Calzoncillos tipo bóxer para hombre, ropa interior y sujetadores deportivos para mujer (solo se acepta ropa interior nueva), desodorante para hombre, cepillos y picos para el cabello, ropa de invierno nueva o poco usada (abrigos, gorros, bufandas, etc.), ropa interior térmica, calentadores de manos, calzas para mujer, nuevos o mantas y sacos de dormir poco usados, barras de proteína o fibra, ingredientes para hornear, detergente para ropa.

Regalar autos a Meijer, Walmart, Target, etc.

Coloque sus donaciones en las "bolsas" proporcionadas
en la parte trasera de la iglesia.



From the desk of Fr. Leo



My greeting with all the love and joy of being able to share with each one this wonderful time of **Advent** (from the Latin adventus, "coming") is the first period of the Christian liturgical year, to prepare us for the celebration of the birth of Christ. Its duration is usually 28 days, since it necessarily includes the four Sundays closest to the solemnity of the Nativity.

The Advent that we will share is a time of prayer and reflection characterized by *vigilant waiting* - that is, a *time of hope and vigil* -, of repentance, forgiveness and joy.

With their own liturgical particularities, practically all historic Christian Churches celebrate this time: the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, the Orthodox Church, the Protestant churches (Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Moravian, etc.), the Coptic Church, among others.

During Advent, a wreath of pine branches, called an Advent wreath, is placed in churches and also in some homes, with four candles, one for each Sunday of Advent.

The Advent wreath constitutes a Christian tradition that symbolizes the four Sundays that make up Advent in the liturgical calendar of the Western Church. It is a practice of Lutheran origin, although due to its level of acceptance it spread to many other Christian confessions, including the Catholic Church.

It is a set of green branches, braided in a circle, to which are added four candles placed on the periphery, three purple and one pink. Often, a fifth white candle is placed in the center, which is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Fr. Leo

Please join us **Sunday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m.** in the gym or our "instant" St Joseph Family Christmas pageant! All ages, all people are invited to either participate in, or be our audience for the Christmas story. The Christmas play will be performed in both English, with an English-speaking cast, and Spanish with a Spanish-speaking cast. People who show up can sign up to be different characters in the Christmas story, and we will read our lines from a script.



The audience will sing the Christmas carols with us. It's a very relaxed, fun event. Hope you can make it!

¡Acompáñenos el domingo 9 de diciembre a las 5pm en el gimnasio para nuestra obra navideña "instantánea" de la familia St Joseph! Todas las edades y todas las personas están invitadas a participar o ser nuestra audiencia en esta presentación navideña.

La obra navideña se presentará tanto en inglés, con un elenco de habla inglesa, como en español con un elenco de habla hispana. Las personas que se presenten podrán apuntarse para ser personajes, y leeremos nuestras líneas de un guión. El público cantará con nosotros los villancicos. Es un evento muy relajado y divertido. ¡Espero que todos podáis hacerlo!

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 November 26, 2023

Side Altar Vigil candle intentions

Blessed Virgin Mary: Special Intentions of Kistka Family
St. Joseph: Special Intentions of the Kistka Family

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, December 2

4:30p.m. † Fr. Anthony Bitchapogu, req Sara Miller

Sunday, December 3

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

10:30a.m. † Don & † Diane Geipei, req Sara Miller

1:00p.m. † Ricardo Durán, req St. Joseph Parish

Monday, December 4

8:30 a.m. † Herbert & † Alma Miller, req Family

Tuesday, December 5

4-6:00 p.m. Adoración

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

Wednesday, December 6

8:30 a.m. † Ryan A. Dent (27th anniv.),
req Mom & Chrissy

Thursday, December 7

NO MASS

Friday, December 8—Feast of Immaculate Conception

8:30 a.m. † Rose Anne Weaver

11:00 a.m. Mass at Heritage Community

5:00 p.m. For the people of the parish (English)

6:30 p.m. Para la gente de la parroquia (Spanish)

Saturday, December 9

4:30p.m. † Wayne Grannan, req Jodi Musser

Sunday, December 10

8:30a.m. † Rita Oosting (birthday), req Donita Simmons

10:30a.m. † Marta Melero, req Myrna Phillips

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

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

Julianne's Family Restaurant

To view their full advertisement,
see the back page of the bulletin.

And please, remember to patronize

Julianne's Family Restaurant

Activities in our parish

Sunday, December 3

- 9:35 - 10:25 a.m. Bible Study
9:45- 10:15 a.m. Preschool Music Group
11:45-12:45 p.m. Religious Education classes
12:00 p.m. Clases de educación religiosa
Coro

Monday, December 4

- 3:00 p.m. Praying the Rosary
7:00 p.m. Praying with Scripture
7-8:30 p.m. Parent Religion Class (Eng)

Tuesday, December 5

- 4-6:00 p.m. Adoración y Misa
5:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

- 6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Friday, December 8

- 7:00 p.m. Rosario (Sp)

Saturday, December 9

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship
6:30 p.m. Novenario Virgen de Guadalupe

Sunday, December 10

- 9:30-11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
9:35 - 10:25 a.m. Bible Study
9:45- 10:15 a.m. Preschool Music Group
11:45-12:45 p.m. Religious Education classes
12:00 p.m. Clases de educación religiosa
Coro
5:00 p.m. Christmas Story (in Gym)



Del escritorio
del P. Leó



Mi saludo con todo el amor y la alegría de poder compartir con cada uno este tiempo maravilloso de el **Adviento** (del latín *adventus*, «venida») es el primer período del año litúrgico cristiano, para prepararnos para la celebración del nacimiento de Cristo. Su duración suele ser de 28 días, dado que lo integran necesariamente los cuatro domingos más próximos a la solemnidad de la Natividad.

El adviento que compartiremos es un tiempo de oración y de reflexión caracterizado por la *espera vigilante* —es decir, *tiempo de esperanza y de vigilia*—, de arrepentimiento, de perdón y de alegría.

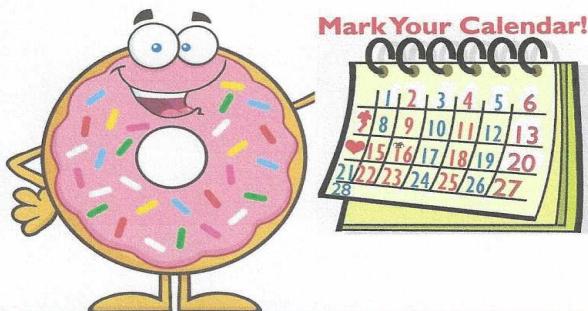
Con particularidades litúrgicas propias, prácticamente todas las Iglesias cristianas históricas celebran este tiempo: la Iglesia católica, la comunión anglicana, la iglesia ortodoxa, las iglesias protestantes (luterana, presbiteriana metodista, morava, etc), la iglesia copta, entre otras.

Durante el Adviento, se coloca en las iglesias y también en algunos hogares una corona de ramas de pino, llamada corona de adviento, con cuatro velas, una por cada domingo de Adviento.

La corona de Adviento constituye una tradición cristiana que simboliza los cuatro domingos que integran el Adviento en el calendario litúrgico de la Iglesia de Occidente. Es una práctica de origen luterano, aunque por su nivel de aceptación se extendió a muchas otras confesiones cristianas, incluyendo la Iglesia católica.

Se trata de un conjunto de ramas verdes, trenzadas en círculo, a las que se suman cuatro cirios colocados en la periferia, tres de color morado y uno de color rosa. A menudo, se coloca en el centro un quinto cirio de color blanco, que se enciende en nochebuena en Navidad.

Fr. Leo



Next Coffee & Donuts

December 10th

After 8:30 Mass

Limited Gluten-Free treats, too

Scripture Readings for Week of December 3, 2023

Sun., Dec. 3: Is 63:16b-17,19b,64:2:7 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

Mon., Dec 4: Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11

Tues., Dec 5: Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

Wed., Dec 6: Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

Thurs., Dec. 7: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27

Fri, Dec. 1: Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Sat., Dec. 2: Is 30:19-21,23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

Sun., Dec. 3: Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

LECTORS & SERVERS SCHEDULE

Mass/Date	Server	Lector
Dec 2, 4:30	Anne Fish	George Daleiden
Dec 3, 8:30	Katie Jones	MT Courtade
Dec 3, 10:30	Stephanie Thompson	Sharon Anderson-Western
Dec 9, 4:30	Darlene Smith	Jan Collins
Dec 10, 8:30	Tony & Jayden Thomas	Matt Luckas
Dec 10, 10:30	Ed Solis	Anne Fish

Farmer's Winter Market will be in our gym every Saturday through April, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

El mercado de invierno de agricultores estará en nuestro gimnasio todos los sábados hasta abril, de 8:00 a. m. a 1:00 p. m.



Our Gifts for God

Week of November 19 and 26, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$19,076.00
Online Collection	\$3,320.00
Loose Cash	\$2,602.34
Holy Days	\$5.00
Visitors	\$230.00
Total Offertory received	\$16,233.34
Needed Weekly	\$18,462.00
Shortage.....	\$2,228.66

Income not included in weekly needs:

Candles.	\$176.85
Food Pantry.....	\$105.00
Rent (Tenants)	\$2,988.00
Kermés.....	\$3,207.85
Christmas Flowers.....	\$85.00
Miscellaneous	\$25.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$10.00
Home Heating Assistance	\$3,245.31
Rent (Facility)	\$285.00
Miscellaneous	\$25.00
Second collections	\$305.00

Thank you for your support of St. Joseph Parish.
God Bless You!

Prayers For The Sick

Douglas Bailey	Kevin Luckas
Bradford M. Baldwin	Michelle Luckas
Karen Barnes	Kimberly Lynn
Naïve Boyce	Rosa Hilda Maldonado
Bill & Jane	Mara & Kevin McHugh
Jaciela Castro Gonzalez	Juana Mendiola Hernández
Luz Elena Chavez E.	Trina
Manuel Cordoba	Sarah Ogrin
Harold Cronk	Andrew J. Pineda
Angela Cronk	Fr. Greg Poser
Marlene Estrada	Jeannette Pushell
Regina Sanchez Franco	Maria Ramsey
Carmen Frybarger	Roxann Reisterer
Maria Guadalupe	Lun Schrepper
Josie Gutiérrez	Howard Simmons
Amy Harrington	Michael VanArkel
Mary Hiscock	Yareli Velázquez Martinez
Marianne Houston	Melanie Wiedmayer
Shaid Juarico	Terry Wycoff
Gerald Kistka	Francisca Zepeda
Annie Lang	

Save the date! Breakfast! Sunday, December 17 sponsored by our Knights of Columbus and our Donut Crew. More details in coming bulletins.

¡Reserva! ¡Desayuno! Domingo 17 de diciembre patrocinado por nuestros Caballeros de Colón y nuestro Donut Crew. Más detalles en próximos boletines.

Happy Birthday!!!
¡Feliz Cumpleaños!



Freddy Brincano-Yanez	Argines Méndez
Itzel Escobedo	Carol Moreno
Bill Saunders	Isaac Rivera-Vega
Donna Barry	Christopher Rodas
Blanca Mattingly	Christopher Radas A.
Lorrie Nelson	Prince Decena
Gilbert Paivarinto	Michael Frazier
Monica Polhemus	Dryden Goss
Karen Tyler	Joann Kerr
Laura Weber	John Lewis
Josefina Hernández	Maximino Pérez
Jonathan Herrera	Braxen Pratt
Yanidel Lucas-Mejía	Elder Rodas
Gregory Miller	Edgar Maldonado
Jessica Bryan Smith	Clara Ogren
Geneses Jiménez	Yvonne Pierce
Karol López	Maria Salas
Susana Morales	Mickey Sykes
Kevin Muñoz	

OUR ADVENT GIVING

December 16 & 17
St. Joseph's Food Pantry

FOOD: Soup, cereal, side dishes (Hamburger Helper or Rice-A-Roni, etc.), cake mixes, brownie mixes, frosting.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: Body wash, shampoo, toothpaste.

Place your donations in the "totes" provided in the back of church



NUESTRAS OFRENDA DE ADVIENTO

9 y 10 de diciembre
Despensa de alimentos de San José

COMIDA: Sopa, cereal, guarniciones (Hamburger Helper o Rice-A-Roni, etc.), mezclas para pasteles, mezclas para brownies, glaseado.

ARTÍCULOS DE CUIDADO PERSONAL: gel de baño, champú, pasta de dientes.

Coloque sus donaciones en las "bolsas" proporcionadas en la parte trasera de la iglesia.

Per Bishop Lohse's call for us to serve each other, the **Liturgy Commission** is eager to welcome anyone who would like to serve on the Liturgy Commission to plan and co-ordinate the celebrations and decorating of the Church. Contact Randy Dennis at 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. Comuniques con Randy Dennis en randy.dennis1948@gmail.com

SAVE ON YOUR TAXES!

Catholic Gift Annuity to benefit your parish is a generous expression of your support for God's work on this earth. The Catholic Foundation of SW Michigan Catholic Gift Annuities are now available through a program offered by the Catholic Church Extension Society, one of . By taking out a Catholic Gift Annuity you may be eligible largest, oldest, and strongest managers of annuities in the U.S.ble 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.

Kalamazoo Together Volunteers (for the Unhoused) wants to thank St Joseph Church and parishioners for hosting and supporting their 3rd annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks to the church for the space, and parishioners for donating their time cooking, baking, and volunteering, along with the cash donations that helped make this event possible!

We served approximately 250 people on site and through deliveries. Thanks to Pat Byrne & the families from Hackett Catholic Prep for their winter coats and blanket drive, we gave away about 110 winter coats, 200 blankets and 50 pairs of winter boots.

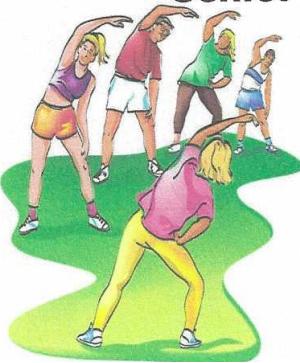
It was truly a wonderful event by our community and for our community, and to quote Fr. Leo, "*It was beautiful.*"

Thank you!

Gratefully,

Judy Lowery, Barb Ogrin, Stacy & Matt Luckas, Donna & Jerry Wilinski.
Kalamazoo Together Volunteers (for the Unhoused)

Senior Exercise Class



Each Wednesday
Bennett Gym
10-11am. \$5 a week.
Special Offer:
Try a week FREE!
Join us. It can be fun!
More info?
Call Maribeth
269-250-0935

If you would like to request a Mass in honor of a living person, or for the soul of a deceased person, please contact the office to arrange a time. Suggested offering is \$10 per Mass. PLEASE CLEARLY MARK "MASS INTENTION" if you put your request in the collection basket.

Si desea solicitar una misa en honor de una persona o por el alma de una persona fallecida, comuníquese con la oficina para programarla. Se sugerido una donación de \$10 por Misa. POR FAVOR MARQUE CLARAMENTE "INTENCIÓN DE MISA" si pone su solicitud en la canasta de ofrendas.



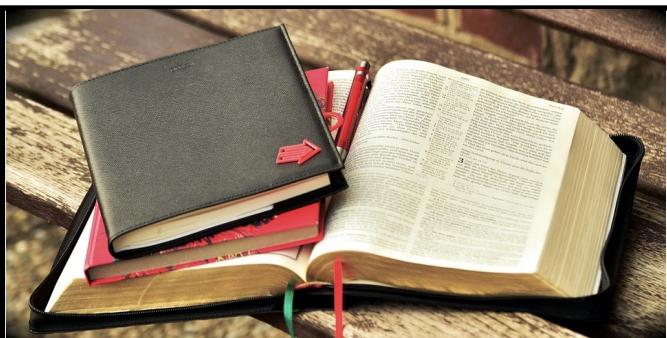
Advent Penance Services

Individual confessions available after the communal service.

You are invited to any of the following:

Sun. Dec. 3	3:00pm	St. Augustine
Wed. Dec. 6	6:30pm	St. Catherine of Siena
Sun. Dec. 10	3:00pm	St. Martin of Tours
Mon. Dec. 11	6:30pm	St. Thomas More
Wed. Dec. 13	6:00pm	St. Joseph
Thurs. Dec. 14	6:00pm	St. Monica
Tues. Dec. 19	6:00pm	St. Ambrose Parchment

■ **St. Joseph Food Pantry** is open M,T,W, from 11:30-1:30 pm, serving families referred by Loaves & Fishes and walk-in clients from the neighborhood.
 ■ We are very grateful for your ongoing support! Winter is almost here, and we know that chili and soups will be most welcome items. Cake and brownie mixes are always wanted. Please consider adding a few of these to your next shopping list.
 ■ Thank you to all who regularly donate items, and those who can only do this once in a while. **May God bless you always!**



¡Estamos buscando más lectores para la misa de la 1pm! comuníquese con la oficina si desea ser parte del grupo de lectores.

St. Joseph Staff

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KEYS

Kindly return any key that belongs to any room at St. Joe. We are currently conducting an inventory of keys. If you have a set of keys that you use periodically, please call the office to let us know so we can account for those keys.



LLAVES

Por favor devuelva cualquier llave que tenga que pertenezca a la parroquia. Estamos haciendo un inventario de llaves. Si usa las llaves regularmente, llámenos y díganos cuáles llaves tiene.



Catholic Charities is sponsoring a **St. Nicholas Raffle** on Dec. 6, to benefit their thousands of clients served each year in our 9-county diocese. Win \$5,000 or a prize package. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

Attend the live drawing and dinner at 6pm that night for \$75, (includes dinner, drinks, a raffle ticket, and visit from St. Nicholas).

Visit www.ccdok.org/stnicholas/ for more information or call them at 269-381-9800 or email info@ccduk.org.

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The Hackett Jazz Band hosts for the tenth time the MSUFCU Jazz Artist in Residence Concert, featuring jazz drummer Sylvia Cuenca along with jazz musicians from MSU. They hope you will join them on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7pm in the Hackett auditorium. Tickets may be purchased at the door, at this [link](#), or by using the QR code to purchase online. Thank you for supporting Hackett Catholic Prep!



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

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 call the office at 269-343-6256 or contact Fr Leo.

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RCIA Deacon John Ryder

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Baptismal Classes (S)

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