

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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Fr. Leonel Cartagena Franco, Pastor



**Three Kings:** On Sunday, January 7th, after the 1:00 p.m. Mass, we will have a gathering in the gym to share the Mexican King cake and chocolate. All are welcome.

**Rosca de Reyes:** el domingo 7 de enero después de misa de 1:00 p.m. compartiremos la Rosca de reyes y chocolate en el Gym. Son todos bienvenidos.



From the desk  
of Fr. Leo



The Epiphany, the great revelation. It is the darkness, the contrast, the absence of light that reveals to these eyes of mine and yours, so accustomed to looking at a single plane, the secret of life manifest and at the same time hidden in the intricate paths of everyday life.

Revelation is the gift that is given to an awakened conscience, which is capable of reading, as the shepherds did, the signs that will guide us indisputably to the nascent Christ, to the Christ who is already being born in each one when that undertaking is undertaken. The journey of search moved by fascination and the certainty that what is happening is the Emmanuel, the God with us, in us.

The Epiphany, the great revelation, occurs when we are at home, in the now, in this moment, and those who feel the horror of attachment miss it, because by wanting to ensure a tomorrow that does not exist, they squander the opportunity of this moment, and then they lie to themselves, plot deception and plot ways to achieve what their egos aspire to. But the force of revelation is the truth that sets us free and that is why it prevails from a manger, from where it annuls the ostentation of false palace power.

The great revelation generates a vortex of solidarity of consciences (the image of the Three Wise Men) that follow and obey only the principle of light and love, canceling any other call or invitation that is not directed to receive the Master who arrives wrapped in simplicity. May we open our eyes of understanding to be awake and ready to receive the light of the new consciousness that comes to live in us.

*Fr. Leo*

We would appreciate your help taking down the Christmas decorations in the church on Wednesday January 10 beginning around 10am. Thank you.

Agradeceríamos su ayuda para quitar las decoraciones navideñas de la iglesia el miércoles 10 de enero a partir de las 10 a. m. Gracias.

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 January 7, 2024**

**Side Altar Vigil candle intentions**

**Blessed Virgin Mary: Deacon Tim & Janice Kistka**  
**St. Joseph: Monday morning church cleaning crew**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

**Saturday, January 6**

**4:30p.m.** † Jill Barry (2nd anniv.), req Welch Family

**Sunday, January 7**

**8:30 a.m.** † Thomas Schroeder, req Stacy & Matt Luckas

**10:30 a.m.** † Bill & Sally Barnes, req Bill Barnes Jr.

**1:00 p.m.** Intenciones de P. Antony, req Tootie Horn

**Monday, January 8**

**8:300 a.m.** Intentions of Kay Mero, req Mary Mero

**Tuesday, January 9**

**4:00 p.m.** Adoración

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

**Wednesday, January 10**

**8:30 a.m.** † Don Oosting, req Donita Simmons

**Thursday, January 11—NO MASS**

**Friday, January 12**

**8:30 a.m.** For the Intentions of Mary Louise Caporal & Patrick Caporal, req Mary Mero

**11:00 a.m.** Mass at Heritage Community

**Saturday, January 13**

**4:30p.m.** Intentions of Fr. Antony, req Tootie Horn

**Sunday, January 14**

**8:30 a.m.** † Richard Wilcox, req Pat Wilcox

**10:30 a.m.** Intentions of Fr. Antony, req Tootie Horn

**1:00 p.m.** Intenciones de P. Antony, req Tootie Horn

**Bulletin Sponsor of the Week**

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## Activities in our parish

### Sunday, January 7

9:35 - 10:25 a.m. Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. Coro

### Monday, January 8-

3:00 p.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, January 9

4-6:00 p.m. Adoración y Misa

### Wednesday, January 10

10:00 a.m. Senior Exercise Class

7:00 p.m. RCIA-Deacon John

### Thursday, January 11

6:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

### Friday, January 12

7:00 p.m. Rosario (Sp)

### Saturday, January 13

7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship

### Sunday, January 14

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

11:45-12:45 p.m. Religious Education Classes  
Clases de educación religiosa



Del escritorio  
del P. Leo



La Epifanía, la gran revelación. Es el oscuro, el contraste, la ausencia de luz que revela a estos ojos míos y tuyos, tan acostumbrados a mirar en un solo plano, el secreto de la vida manifiesta y a la vez oculta en los intrincados caminos de la cotidianidad.

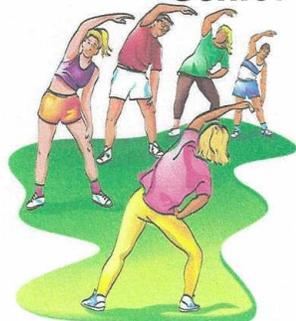
La revelación, es el regalo que se otorga a una conciencia despierta, que es capaz de leer, como lo hicieron los pastores, las señales que han de guiarnos indiscutiblemente al Cristo naciente, al Cristo que ya está naciendo en cada uno cuando se emprende ese viaje de búsqueda movidos por la fascinación y la certeza que lo que está aconteciendo es el Emmanuel, el Dios con nosotros, en nosotros.

La Epifanía, la gran revelación, ocurre cuando estamos en casa, en el ahora, en este instante, y se la pierden los que sienten el horror del apego, porque por querer asegurar el mañana que no existe, dilapidan la oportunidad de este momento, y entonces se mienten, urden el engaño y traman formas para lograr alcanzar lo que aspira sus egos. Pero la fuerza de la revelación es la verdad que nos hace libres y por eso prevalece desde un pesebre, desde donde anula la ostentación de un falso poder de palacio.

La gran revelación, genera un vórtice de solidaridad de conciencias (la imagen de los Reyes magos) que siguen y obedecen solo el principio de la luz y del amor, anulando cualquier otro llamado o invitación que no esté direccionada para recibir al Maestro que llega envuelto en la simplicidad. Que abramos nuestros ojos del entendimiento para estar despiertos y listos para recibir la luz de la nueva conciencia que llega para quedarse a vivir en nosotros.

*Fr. Leo*

## 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

Sr. Maria will begin premarital catechesis in Spanish in February. If there are any couples interested in getting married, please contact: Hermana Maria Eugenia: 269 539 7277 or [hermana.stjoekal@gmail.com](mailto:hermana.stjoekal@gmail.com).

Voy a iniciar la catequesis prematrimonial en español en el mes de febrero. Si hay alguna pareja interesada en casarse se pueden comunicar conmigo. Hermana Maria Eugenia: 269 539 7277 o [hermana.stjoekal@gmail.com](mailto:hermana.stjoekal@gmail.com).

# DEADLINE

Our bulletin deadline is  
**9:00 a.m. Monday morning.**



## Scripture Readings for Week of January 7, 2024

Sun., Jan 7: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Mon., Jan 8: Is 42:11-4,6-7 Ps 29:1-2,3-4,9-10 Mk 1:7-11

Tues., Jan 9: 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Mk 1:21-28

Wed., Jan 10: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 Ps 40:2,5,7-10 Mk 1:29-39

Thurs. Jan 11: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,25-26 Mk 1:40-45

Fri, Jan 12: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 89:1-17 Mk 2:1-12

Sat., Jan 13: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1 Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17

Sun., Jan 14: 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20

## LECTORS & SERVERS SCHEDULE

<u>Mass/Date</u>	<u>Server</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Jan 6, 4:30	Anne Fish	George Daleiden
Jan 7,8:30	Katie Jones	Pat Curtis
Jan 7, 10:30	Stephanie Thompson	Bryan Thompson
Jan 13, 4:30	Darlene Smith	Toni Gross
Jan 14,8:30	Tony & Jayden Thomas	MT Courtade
Jan 14, 10:30	Ed Solis	Mary Kay Allbee Mickey Sykes

**Harding's shoppers**, you can have St. Joseph Church benefit from your purchases. Sign up at the customer service desk for a percentage of your purchases to be donated to St. Joseph's. It isn't a lot, but each quarter the parish gets a check from Harding's.



Last quarter, we received a check for \$258.00!! Think of 100 households did this, or 200! What an easy way to increase your offering to the parish!

### Our Gifts for God

**Week of December 24 & 31, 2023**

Christmas Envelopes .....	\$8,477.44
Christmas Loose cash .....	\$525.00
Sunday Collection .....	\$8,567.00
Online Collection .....	\$6,730.00
Loose Cash.....	\$1,646.85
Holy Days.....	\$15.00
Visitors.....	\$80.00
<b>Total Offertory received</b> .....	<b>\$31,908.29</b>
Needed Weekly .....	\$9,231.00
<b>Overage</b> .....	<b>\$13,446.29</b>

**Income not included in weekly needs:**

Miscellaneous (books, candles) .....	\$145.09
Miscellaneous reimbursement .....	\$47.98
Food Pantry .....	\$1,145.00
Rent (Facility) .....	\$1,420.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$48.00
Heating Assistance. ....	\$550.00
Retirement Fund for Religious .....	\$125.00
Funeral dinners .....	\$1,000.00

Thank you for your support of St. Joseph Parish.  
**God Bless You in the New Year, and Always!**

## 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  
Kimberly Lynn  
Rosa Hilda Maldonado  
Mara & Kevin McHugh  
Juana Mendiola Hernández  
Trina  
Sarah Ogrin  
Andrew J. Pineda  
Fr. Greg Poser  
Jeannette Pushell  
Maria Ramsey  
Roxann Reisterer  
Lun Schreppe  
Howard Simmons  
Michael VanArkel  
Yareli Velázquez Martinez  
Melanie Wiedmayer  
Terry Wycoff  
Francisca Zepeda

**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.



## Happy Birthday!!! ¡Feliz Cumpleaños!



Katherine Basch  
Jason Brown  
Ethan Fleck  
Julia Martínez  
Ernesto Vargas  
Daniela Conteras  
Tim Harrington  
Daniel Mendiola  
José Sánchez-Mendoza  
Mia Santiago  
Vincent White  
Hilario Asbeury  
Luis Lucas-Mejía  
Doris Mejía  
Juliette Nonato-Sandoval  
María Vera-Molina  
Gabriel Basch  
Isabel Ponce  
Stephanie Vásquez  
Michael Bippley

Shannon Maybee  
Catherine Richards  
Gregory Veek  
Luanne Locey  
Leilani Lowery de'Maldonado  
Joseph Mares  
Nick Reisterer  
Daniel Torres-Zmudio  
Maria Cervantes  
Luza Icaza  
Gael León  
Kimberly Sandoval  
Susan Andrie  
Nicole Birko  
Pat Curtis  
Amy Laponsie  
Fabian Placido  
Elizabeth Salvatore

## Looking for something worthwhile to do in 2024?

**The Arimatheans** are asking for volunteers to help at funerals. This ministry provides grieving families with people who greet people at the door, direct them to restrooms, etc., and provide caring persons who attend the service and provide a caring presence to the family. If interested, please call the parish office at 343-6256.



## ¿Busca algo que valga la pena hacer en 2024?

**Los Arimateos** piden voluntarios para ayudar en los funerales. Este ministerio proporciona a las familias en duelo personas que saludan a las personas en la puerta, las dirigen a los baños, etc., y proporcionan personas atentas que asisten al servicio y brindan una presencia solidaria a la familia. Si está interesado, llame a la oficina parroquial 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 NIÑOS EN EDAD PREESCOLAR

Hay dos canastas en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Cuando venga a misa elija un libro para que los niños los lean durante misa.

**Hay libros en Español e inglés. Regrese los libros cuando se vaya.**



## FRIENDS OF CEMETERY MEETING

Join us January 18th at 6:30pm in the St. Ann's (12648 E D Ave, Augusta, MI 49012) social hall. We will be going over the planned volunteering opportunities for Mt. Olivet cemetery and Catholic Riverside cemetery this year.

For questions, contact Ellen Nightingale ([ellen.night@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.night@gmail.com)).

## Diocesan Retreats for Quinceaneras in 2024

This formation retreat is for young ladies who will celebrate their fifteenth birthday, and their parents. Godparents, “damas” and “Chambelanes” are welcome at the retreat.

### Dates:

February 3, 9-12:30pm-Virtual Retreat

April 20, 9-2:00pm– Holy Angels Parish, Sturgis

July 13, 9-2pm-Sacred Heart Parish, Bangor

September 7, 9-12:30pm-Virtual Retreat

**Cost:** \$30 in person, \$15 virtual retreat.

### Obtain registration form at:

[www.diokzoo.org/quinceaera-retreats](http://www.diokzoo.org/quinceaera-retreats) (English)

[www.diokzoo.org/retiros-de-quinceaera](http://www.diokzoo.org/retiros-de-quinceaera) (Spanish)

Call Catholic Charities Office of Hispanic/Migrant Affairs, 2769-381-9800, ex 213 with questions.

## Retiros Diocesanos para Quinceañeras en 2024

Este retiro de formación es para jóvenes que celebrarán su decimoquinto cumpleaños y para sus padres. Los padrinos, “damas” y “Chambelanes” son bienvenidos al retiro.

### Fechas:

3 de febrero, 9-12:30pm-Retiro Virtual  
20 de abril, 9-2:00 p.m-De los Santos Ángeles, Sturgis

13 de julio, 9-2pm-Sagrado Corazón, Bangor  
7 de septiembre, 9-12:30pm-Retiro Virtual

**Costo:** \$30 presencial, \$15 retiro virtual.

### Obtenga el formulario de registro en:

[www.diokzoo.org/quinceaera-retreats](http://www.diokzoo.org/quinceaera-retreats) (inglés)

[www.diokzoo.org/retiros-de-quinceaera](http://www.diokzoo.org/retiros-de-quinceaera) (español)

Llame a la Oficina de Asuntos Hispanos/Migrantes de Caridades Católicas, 2769-381-9800, ex 213 si tiene preguntas.



**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**, Saint Joseph Conference was able to assist thirty one households from October 1, 2023 through the end of December, 2023. This was made possible because of you, our dear parishioners. Your kindness, prayers, and donations have helped so many friends since our group began in June of 2018. We thank you for your continued support. The following information shows how we have used your donations to help our friends in need.

Number of households assisted: 31  
 Assistance with utilities: \$1,558.92  
 Assistance with housing : \$3,100,00  
 Assistance with funerals: \$2,800.00  
 Assistance with funerals: \$2,800.00  
 Assistance with food: \$183.27

A mother's response when we helped with her son's funeral costs..."This means the world to me. I thank you with all my heart for your kindness."

Helping a single mom and her daughter with a security deposit so they could have a home..."My daughter and I will have a home in time for Christmas. Bless you."

Helping a single mom with four children to avoid eviction..."God sent me angels! Your help means everything."



**La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl**, Conferencia de San José pudo ayudar a treinta y un hogares desde el 1 de octubre de 2023 hasta finales de diciembre de 2023. Esto fue posible gracias a ustedes, nuestros queridos feligreses. Su amabilidad, oraciones y donaciones han ayudado a muchos amigos desde que nuestro grupo comenzó en junio de 2018. Les agradecemos su continuo apoyo. La siguiente información muestra cómo hemos utilizado sus donaciones para ayudar a nuestros amigos necesitados.

Número de hogares asistidos: 31  
 Asistencia con servicios públicos: \$1,558.92  
 Asistencia con vivienda : \$3,100,00  
 Asistencia con funerales: \$2,800.00  
 Asistencia con alimentación: \$183.27

La respuesta de una madre cuando ayudamos con los gastos del funeral de su hijo..."Esto significa muchísimo para mí. Les agradezco de todo corazón su amabilidad".

Ayudando a una madre soltera y a su hija con un depósito de seguridad para poder tener una casa..."Mi hija y yo tendremos un hogar a tiempo para Navidad. Dios los bendiga".

Ayudando a una madre soltera con cuatro hijos a evitar el desalojo..."¡Dios me envió ángeles! Tu ayuda lo es todo".

## St. Joseph Staff

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## Reserva la fecha, por favor

Se invita a las Mujeres a Un Día Diocesano de Reflexión Cuaresmal: Encontrándonos con Jesús en la Eucaristía

El Sábado, 2 de Marzo de 2024 8:30 AM hasta las 3:30 PM Catedral de San Agustín  
 542 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI  
 Costo: \$30

## 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. By taking out a Catholic Gift Annuity you may be eligible able 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](mailto:ktharp@diokzoo.org) or call 269-349-8714 ext. 1351 and tell him you want to establish an annuity to support your parish.



The Diocese of Kalamazoo will host the annual **Men's Cursillo Weekend**, February 22-25, 2023, at the beautiful Amigo Center in Sturgis Michigan. This is a great opportunity for all of us Catholics to Spiritually Renew our Faith. The weekend is geared to those over 18 years of age. Come, and encounter Christ! Please visit

<https://kalamazoocursillo.com/womens-weekend>

for more information. Please feel free to contact Angela Martin, 269-208-5192 with any questions regarding the weekend or Cursillo.

**De Colores!!!**

## 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.

### COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS

**PARISH COUNCIL** SCOTT MORRIS, 269-251-7965

**FINANCE COUNCIL** CARL DEERING, 269-353-0664

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

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**Homebound** Deacon Tim Kistka

**RCIA** Deacon John Ryder

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**Baptismal Classes (S)**

**Donuts**

**Funeral Luncheon**

**Knights of Columbus**

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