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**EVITEN
TODA CLASE
DE AVARICIA**

**Mass Schedule and Intentions
Horario de Misas e Intenciones**

Saturday, August 02, de agosto, Sábado

4:30 p.m. † Mary Lou Fleckenstein Req Lil Manor

Sunday, August 03, de agosto, Domingo

8:30 a.m. For The People Of Our Parish / Por Los Feligreses De La Parroquia

10:30 a.m. For The People Of Our Parish / Por Los Feligreses De La Parroquia

1:00 p.m. † Jeremias Racine Req Idalia Lopez

Monday, August 04, de agosto, Lunes

8:30 a.m. For The People Of Our Parish / Por Los Feligreses De La Parroquia

Tuesday, August 05, de agosto, Martes

6:00 p.m. † Jaime Lopez Req Nohemi Lopez

Wednesday, August 06, de agosto, Miércoles

8:30 a.m. For The People Of Our Parish / Por Los Feligreses De La Parroquia

Thursday, August 07, de agosto, Jueves

No Mass

Friday, August 08, de agosto Viernes

8:30 a.m. † Marin Condic Req Melanie Saliwanchik

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

Saturday, August 09, de agosto, Sábado

4:30 p.m. † Mary Lou Fleckenstein Kathy Nederhoed

Sunday, August 10, de agosto, Domingo

8:30 a.m. For The People Of Our Parish / Por Los Feligreses De La Parroquia

10:30 a.m. Roman Alkins Req Melanie Saliwanchik

1:00 p.m. † Pedro Martínez Req Nohemi Lopez

St. Joseph Church

August 3, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

From the Desk of Fr. Leo ●

This Sunday's Gospel draws our attention precisely to the absurdity of basing one's happiness on wealth, the daily vanity, the poison of emptiness that creeps into our societies based on profit and possessions, which deceive young people with consumerism.

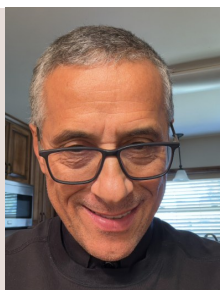
If we read this Gospel superficially, we can be deceived: is it bad to have abundant harvests? Is it bad to build barns to store them? Not at all. Christ will always praise shrewd and prudent men. The problem is in the soul. The protagonist of the parable invites the soul to rest, to abandon all effort because it has enough to live. In these lines, Christ is referring to the eternal temptation of every person and every person who reaches a certain level of well-being: to believe that they no longer need God because their bodily needs are met.

When people have bread, pleasures, social security, and desirable pastimes, they do not feel the need for God, nor do they believe that the devil is at work, because it is not his concern. But there are also those who have their house, their car, their salary that allows them to live comfortably, but they don't forget that the soul needs to work and do good works, and they also share what they have with their brothers and sisters.

Let's think about the fact that millions of people die every day, but one day it will be yours and mine. One day all this will be over, and we have it in our hands to make that day the best of our lives. We must work tirelessly, thinking of the day when everything will be restful. Perhaps the idea of heaven doesn't motivate us much; perhaps we prefer an earthly reward, perhaps we believe that heaven is a boring levitation... let's not be suspicious. They tell of that poor vagabond who asked a king for a coin, and the king looked at him lovingly, washed him, dressed him in his finest clothes, and took him to the palace. Let's not be content with the coin of earthly happiness; let's trust in our King, who, looking at us with love, will give us far more than we ask for or imagine. Everything we desire and much more is in heaven, so let us fill it! Let us dedicate our lives to making people happy, to taking them to heaven.

If we receive such great gifts from God, we too must give kindness, friendship, and love. But we must also give in the material realm, sharing bread. Accumulating, buying, seeking pleasure... These are the primary concerns of our culture. Lord Jesus, I often find myself contemplating the good things of this world, not as means but as an end. I need to be clear about my priorities: You first, and then everything else, as they lead me to You. Give me the wisdom to know that life is short and I must live it only for You.

May the Virgin of Guadalupe empower us to seek first the kingdom of God, with the certainty that everything else will be given to us in addition.



Del Escritorio de Pd. Leo ●

El Evangelio de este domingo nos llama la atención precisamente sobre lo absurdo de basar la propia felicidad en el haber, la vanidad cotidiana, el veneno del vacío que se insinúa en nuestras sociedades basadas en el beneficio y en el tener, que engañan a los jóvenes con el consumismo.

Si leemos este evangelio superficialmente nos podemos engañar: ¿es malo tener grandes cosechas? ¿es malo construir graneros donde guardarlas? Nada de eso. Cristo elogiará siempre a los hombres sagaces y prudentes. El problema está en el alma. El protagonista de la parábola invita al alma a descansar, a dejar todo esfuerzo porque tiene todo lo suficiente para vivir. Cristo está refiriéndose en estas líneas a la eterna tentación de todo pueblo y toda persona que alcanza cierto nivel de bienestar: creer que ya no necesita de Dios por tener cubiertas las necesidades corporales.

Cuando el hombre tiene pan, placeres, seguridad social y pasa tiempos apetecibles, no siente la necesidad de Dios y tampoco cree que el demonio actúe, pues a él no le toca. Pero también hay quienes tienen su casa, su coche, su salario que les permite vivir holgadamente, pero eso sí, no olvidan que el alma necesita trabajar y hacer obras buenas, y además, comparten lo que tienen con sus hermanos.

Pensemos en el hecho de que cada día mueren millones de personas, pero un día será el tuyo y el mío. Un día todo esto habrá acabado y tenemos en nuestras manos que ese día sea el mejor de nuestra vida. Hemos de trabajar sin descanso, pensando en el día que todo será descanso. Puede que la idea del cielo no nos incentive demasiado, que prefiramos un premio terrenal, que creamos que el cielo es una levitación aburrida..., no desconfiemos, cuentan de aquel pobre vagabundo que pidió a un rey una moneda y éste le miró con cariño y le lavó, le vistió con las mejores galas y lo llevó a palacio. No nos quedemos con la moneda de la felicidad terrenal, confiemos en nuestro Rey que mirándonos con amor nos dará muy por encima de lo que pidamos e imaginemos. Todo lo que deseamos y mucho más está en el cielo, pues vamos a llenarlo!, vamos a dedicar nuestra vida a hacer felices a los hombres, a llevarlos al cielo.

Si de Dios recibimos dones tan grandes, también nosotros debemos dar bondad, amistad y amor. Pero también debemos dar en el ámbito material, compartir el pan. Acumular, comprar, buscar el placer... es el afán prioritario de nuestra cultura. Señor Jesús, frecuentemente me encuentro contemplando las cosas buenas de este mundo, pero no como medios sino como un fin. Necesito tener claras mis prioridades: Tú, primero, y luego todo lo demás, según me lleven hacia Ti. Dame la sabiduría para saber que la vida es corta y debo vivirla sólo para Ti.

Que la virgen de Guadalupe nos empodere para buscar primero el reino de Dios, con la certeza de que todo lo demás se nos dará por añadidura.

Fr. Leo

Padre. Leo

CURSILLOS

The Cursillo Movement appreciates your help and support....and if you have not already made a Cursillo Weekend, please consider joining us! The Women's Weekend is October 16-19, 2025, and the Men's is February 26 - March 1, 2026.

Mike Metzger, Lay Coordinator, English Cursillo, Diocese of Kalamazoo.

El Movimiento de Cursillos agradece su ayuda y apoyo... y si aún no ha asistido a un Cursillo, ¡considere unirse a nosotros! El fin de semana de mujeres será del 16 al 19 de octubre de 2025, y el de hombres del 26 de febrero al 1 de marzo de 2026.

Mike Metzger, Coordinador Laico, Cursillo de Inglés, Diócesis de Kalamazoo.

2025 Hall of Fame Induction and Service Awards

Join us for a celebration of remarkable individuals who have helped shape our school community through faith, service, and leadership.

**Thursday, September 25
Kalamazoo Country Club**

Tickets are \$50 at:
csgk.org/2025-hall-of-fame-awards
or scan the QR code below



The reception will begin at 5:30 with a cash bar and heavy appetizers, and the program will begin at 6:00. The reception will continue following the program.

2025 HALL OF FAME HONOREES

Heath Baldwin (2019)

Tom Drake (1974)

Mo-El Mohammed - (1995)

Mikey Olson

2006 Women's Soccer

2018 Men's Track

SERVICE AWARDS

Joseph Cekola (1980)

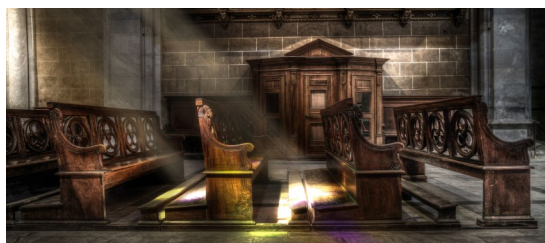
Distinguished Alumni Award

Awarded each year to an alum of the Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo, recognized for their significant contributions to society as demonstrated through the practice of the guiding principles of their Catholic education, for the betterment of others.

**Monsignor Michael Hazard
Bishop's Award**

Awarded each year to a member of the Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo community through their spirit of volunteerism and caring, presented in honor of the Bishops of the Diocese of Kalamazoo whose collective vision is lived out through the mission of the schools.





Scripture Readings

Lecturas Diarias

For the Week of August 03, 2025

Para la Semana de Agosto 03, 2025

Sunday • Domingo

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17

Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

Monday • Lunes

Num 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17

Matt 14:13-21

Tuesday • Martes

Num 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-7, 12-13-13

Matt 14:22-36

Wednesday • Miércoles

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

2Peter 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday • Jueves

Num 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Matt 16:13-23

Friday • Viernes

Deu 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16, 21

Matt 16:24-28

Saturday • Sábado

Deu 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-4, 47,51

Matt 17:14-20

Sunday • Domingo

Wisdom 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22

Hebrew 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48

Activities in Our Parish Actividades en Nuestra Parroquia

Sunday, August 03 • Domingo 03 de agosto

1:00pm—3:00pm

Café y Más

4:00pm—7:00pm

Cursillistas

Monday, August 04 • Lunes 04 de agosto

3:00pm—4:00pm

Praying the Rosary / Rosario ENG

6:00pm—7:00pm

Dcn. John Baptism Online Class ENG

Tuesday, August 05 • Martes 05 de agosto

4:00pm—6:00pm

Adoration / Adoración

Wednesday, August 06 • Miércoles 06 de agosto

Thursday, August 07 • Jueves 07 de agosto

6:00pm—7:00pm

Narcotics Anonymous / Narcóticos Anónimos

7:00pm—8:30pm

Youth Adult / Ministro de jóvenes & adultos

5:30pm—8:30pm

Camp Visitations / Visita a los campos

Friday, August 08 • Viernes 08 de agosto

7:00pm—8:00pm

Rosary / Rosario ESP

Saturday, August 09 • Sabado 09 de agosto

7:30am—9:00am

Catholic Men / Hombres Católicos

Sunday, August 10 • Domingo 10 de agosto

1:00pm—3:00pm

Café y Más

3:00pm—4:00pm

Clase PreBaptismal ESP

Prayers for the Sick Oraciones Por los Enfermos

Kimberly Lynn
Rosa Hilda Maldonado
Juana Mendiola H.
Paul Okuniewski
Maria Ramsey
Roxann Reisterer
Michael VanArkel
Yareli Velázquez
Martínez
Terry Wycoff
Francisca Zepeda
Luis Torres
Harold Cronk
Angela Cronk
Dennis Nederhoed

George Daleiden
Bernadette Lawson
Victoria Okuniewski
Jon Rocha
Maria Limonsmith

***Names will be on the prayer
list 30 days from the date
requested.**

***Los Nombres estarán 30 días
en la lista de oración después
de la fecha requerida**

Happy Birthday!!! • ¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

Ana González	Kathryn	Daleyza Simbron
Dylan González	Dallavalle	-Gracia
Walter Fish	Margaret	Abraham Bello
Natalie Jackson	Hendriksen	Harold Cronk
Michael Howard	Neymar	Laysha Garay-
Leilani Lopez	Sandoval-	Martinez
David Miller	Ramirez	Roman Ortiz
Irasema Alvarez	Lorelei Stoto	Henry Ramirez-
Thomas Andrie	Maritza Borrell	Quintero
Ma. Lorena	Regan Braun	Luis Sanchez
Larez-Lopez	Marilyn	Yessenia Vargas-
Teresa	Hasfurther	Morales
Redmond	Jacob Morales	

Lector and Server Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Server</i>	<i>Lector</i>
August 02 4:30pm	Anne Fish	Jan Collins
August 03, 8:30am	Tony / Jayden Thomas	Matt Luckas
August 03, 10:30am	Stephanie Thomas	Mickey Sykes & Mary Kay Albee
August 03, 1:00pm	Ashley Emily & Jose	Karin Sandoval & Viridiana Rojo
August 09 4:30pm	Darlene Smith	Anne Fish
August 10, 8:30am	Katie Jones	Sharon Anderson-Western
August 10, 10:30am	Dagoberto Castro Jr	Janice Kistka
August 10, 1:00pm	**	Denisse Hernandez & Lina Hach



The Society of St. Vincent DePaul Conference at St. Joseph Church, focuses our services and assistance neighbors in the 49001 Zip Code area. We elected to concentrate only on the 49001 area due to reduced financial resources. Our conference has long considered this zip code area as our primary focus.

We are confident that we will be able to expand our service and assistance areas with the beginning of our next fiscal year (September, 2025).

La Conferencia de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, en la Iglesia de San José, centra sus servicios y asistencia en los vecinos del código postal 49001. Decidimos concentrarnos únicamente en esta área debido a la escasez de recursos financieros. Nuestra conferencia ha considerado esta área como nuestro principal enfoque desde hace tiempo. Confiamos en que podremos ampliar nuestras áreas de servicio y asistencia a partir del inicio de nuestro próximo año fiscal (septiembre de 2025).

Our Gifts for God

Week ending in.....07/27/2025

Sunday Collection.....\$7,799.13

Online Collection.....\$1,116.80

Total Offertory
received.....\$8,915.93

Offertory needed weekly
.....\$9,740.39

SHORTAGE.....\$824.46

Thank you for your generosity to
your parish.

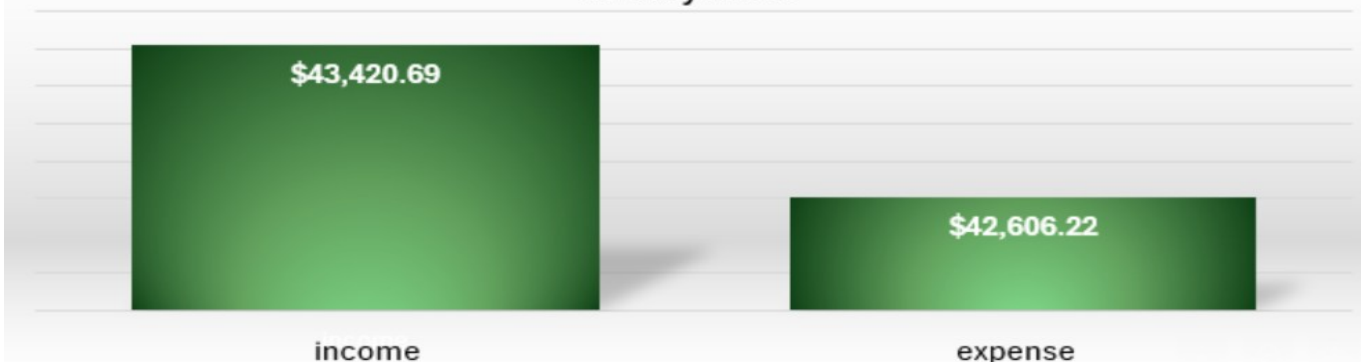
May God Bless YOU!!!!!!

Online Giving

- If you are interested in setting 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, ext 2 for help or questions.
- You can also arrange directly with your bank. Neither your or our bank info is exchanged, so this method is completely safe and automated.
- Here is our QR code for our online giving link.



Year-to-Date Income vs Year-to-Date Expense 27 July 2025



Baptism In July Bautizos en julio

Emma Lizzet Verdin

Benny Ponce

Dahiana Sanchez Lazaro

Jacob William Lopez

Bear Santos Zuniga

Juan Vazquez Ramirez

Ramon Vasquez Ramirez

Malcolm Sedleky

Gianna Guadalupe Meza-Sanchez

Julian Antonio Perez

Save The dates . Guarda Las Fechas

- Fr. Leo's Ordination Celebration -September 06, 2025
- Aniversario de Ordenación de Padre Leo- Septiembre 06, 2025
- Parish Festival—September 14, 2025
- Festival de la Parroquia—Septiembre 14, 2025
- Garage Sale—September 26, 27, 2025
- Venta de Garage—Septiembre 26, 27, 2025

Quinceañeras In July

Emily Camila Hernandez

Elizabeth & Eliana Ramos

Weddings in July

Bodas en Julio

Sergio Nonato García & Yaneli Lopez Rendon

Miguel Angel Ruiz & Chelsy Wagiu

Fernando González & Catherine Connors

**** To get married in St Joseph please call the office at least 6 months prior to the desired date.**

**** Para casarse en San José comuníquese lCon a iglesia con por lo menos 6 meses de anticipo de la fecha deseada.**



Baptism Classes are held once a month on the first Monday of the month both parents and god parents must attend or have proof that they have attended in a different parish.

Dcn John does his Via zoom please email the office or him directly at

John.ryder215@gmail.com or **reception@stjosephkzoo.org**

- With Dcn John August 04, 2025
- Agosto 10 despues de la misa de 1pm

Las pláticas pre bautismales son una ves al mes el Segundo domingo después de misa, para escribirse puede hablar a la Iglesia. Los padres y padrinos tiene que asistir a las pláticas si, asistieron en otra parroquia deberían traer comprobante.

269-343-6256 o por correo electrónico

Reception@stjosephkzoo.org

Si desea tomarla en línea en ingles con el diacono John puede igual mandarle un correo a el.

John.ryder215@gmail.com



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Closed Thurs & Fri

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Mass Schedule and Sacraments Sundays

Mass Times

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
8:30 a.m. (English)
Tuesday
6:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday
4:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00-8:25 a.m.
Or by appointment

Baptism

Call the Parish Office at 269-343-6256

Marriage

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.
Please call the office, 269-343-6256

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the office at (269) 3436256
or contact Fr. Leo.

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To REPORT 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.

PARA DENUNCIAR MALA CONDUCTA SEXUAL

La Diócesis de Kalamazoo ha cooperado y seguirá cooperando con las investigaciones del Procurador General de Michigan y alienta a cualquier persona que tenga información relacionada con mala conducta a llamar al número de denuncia establecido por la oficina del Procurador General de Michigan al: (844) 324-3374.