

La Asunción de la
**SANTÍSIMA
VIRGEN MARÍA**

The Assumption of the
**BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

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

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

Monday, August 11, de agosto, Lunes

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

Tuesday, August 12, de agosto, Martes

6:00 p.m. † Anne Hentkowski Req Family

Wednesday, August 13, de agosto, Miércoles

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

Thursday, August 14, de agosto, Jueves

No Mass

Friday, August 15, de agosto Viernes

8:30 a.m. Dcn. John Ryder Blessed Birthday

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

Saturday, August 16, de agosto, Sábado

4:30 p.m. † Christopher Lawson Req Family

Sunday, August 17, de agosto, Domingo

8:30 a.m. † Bill & Sally Barnes Req Son

10:30 a.m. † Carmen Frybarger Req Parents

1:00 p.m. For The People Of Our Parish / Por Los Feligreses De La Parroquia

St. Joseph Church

August 10, 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

19º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

From the Desk of Fr. Leo ●

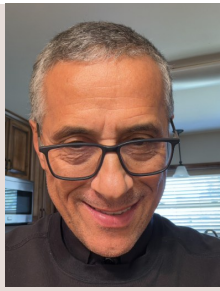
In today's Gospel (Lk 12:32-48), Jesus speaks to his disciples about the attitude to assume in view of the final encounter with him and explains that the expectation of this encounter should impel us to live a life full of good works. Among other things he says: "Sell your possessions and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys". It is a call to give importance to almsgiving as a work of mercy, not to place trust in ephemeral goods, to use things without attachment and selfishness, but according to God's logic, the logic of attention to others, the logic of love. We can be so attached to money, and have many things, but in the end, we cannot take them with us. Remember that "the shroud has no pockets".

Jesus' lesson continues with three parables on the theme of vigilance. The first is the parable of the servants waiting for their master to return at night. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes": it is the beatitude of faithfully awaiting the Lord, of being ready, with an attitude of service. He presents himself each day, knocks at the door of our heart. Those who open it will be blessed, because they will have a great reward: indeed, the Lord will make himself a servant to his servants — it is a beautiful reward — in the great banquet of his Kingdom He himself will serve them. With this parable, set at night, Jesus proposes life as a vigil of diligent expectation, which heralds the bright day of eternity. To be able to enter one must be ready, awake and committed to serving others, from the comforting perspective that, "beyond", it will no longer be we who serve God, but He himself who will welcome us to his table. If you think about it, this already happens today each time we meet the Lord in prayer, or in serving the poor, and above all in the Eucharist, where he prepares a banquet to nourish us of his Word and of his Body.

The second parable describes the unexpected arrival of the thief. This fact requires vigilance; indeed, Jesus exhorts: "You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect".

The disciple is one who awaits the Lord and his Kingdom. The Gospel clarifies this perspective with the third parable: the steward of a house after the master's departure. In the first scene, the steward faithfully carries out his tasks and receives compensation. In the second scene, the steward abuses his authority, and beats the servants, for which, upon the master's unexpected return, he will be punished. This scene describes a situation that is also frequent in our time: so much daily injustice, violence and cruelty are born from the idea of behaving as masters of the lives of others. We have only one master who likes to be called not "master" but "Father". We are all servants, sinners and children: He is the one Father.

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Del Escritorio de Pd. Leo ●

En el Evangelio de hoy (Lc 12,32-48), Jesús habla a sus discípulos sobre la actitud que deben asumir ante el encuentro final con él y explica que la expectativa de este encuentro debe impulsarnos a vivir una vida llena de buenas obras. Entre otras cosas, dice: «Vendan sus bienes y den limosna; háganse bolsas que no envejezcan, un tesoro en el cielo que no se agote, donde ningún ladrón llega ni la polilla destruye». Es un llamado a dar importancia a la limosna como obra de misericordia, a no confiar en bienes efímeros, a usar las cosas sin apego ni egoísmo, sino según la lógica de Dios, la lógica de la atención al prójimo, la lógica del amor. Podemos estar tan apegados al dinero y tener muchas cosas, pero al final, no las podemos llevar con nosotros. Recordemos que «el sudario no tiene bolsillos».

La lección de Jesús continúa con tres parábolas sobre el tema de la vigilancia. La primera es la parábola de los siervos que esperan el regreso de su señor por la noche. «Bienaventurados los siervos a quienes su señor encuentre despiertos al llegar»: es la bienaventuranza de esperar fielmente al Señor, de estar preparados, con una actitud de servicio. Él se presenta cada día, llama a la puerta de nuestro corazón. Quienes la abran serán bienaventurados, porque tendrán una gran recompensa: de hecho, el Señor se hará siervo de sus siervos —es una hermosa recompensa— en el gran banquete de su Reino. Él mismo los servirá. Con esta parábola, ambientada en la noche, Jesús propone la vida como una vigilia de diligente espera, que anuncia el brillante día de la eternidad. Para poder entrar, es necesario estar preparados, despiertos y comprometidos con el servicio a los demás, desde la reconfortante perspectiva de que, «más allá», ya no seremos nosotros quienes sirvamos a Dios, sino él mismo quien nos acogerá en su mesa. Si lo pensamos, esto ya sucede hoy cada vez que nos encontramos con el Señor en la oración, o al servir a los pobres, y sobre todo en la Eucaristía, donde prepara un banquete para nutrirnos de su Palabra y de su Cuerpo.

La segunda parábola describe la llegada inesperada del ladrón. Este hecho exige vigilancia; de hecho, Jesús exhorta: «También ustedes estén preparados, porque el Hijo del Hombre vendrá a la hora que no esperáis».

El discípulo es aquel que espera al Señor y su Reino. El Evangelio aclara esta perspectiva con la tercera parábola: el administrador de una casa tras la marcha del amo. En la primera escena, el administrador cumple fielmente con sus tareas y recibe una recompensa. En la segunda, el administrador abusa de su autoridad y golpea a los sirvientes, por lo que, al regreso inesperado del amo, será castigado. Esta escena describe una situación también frecuente en nuestro tiempo: tanta injusticia, violencia y crueldad cotidianas nacen de la idea de comportarse como dueños de la vida de los demás.

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Fr. Leo's Column Cont...

Jesus reminds us today that the expectation of eternal beatitude does not relieve us of the duty to render the world more just and more livable. On the contrary, this very hope of possessing the eternal Kingdom impels us to work to improve the conditions of earthly life, especially of our weakest brothers and sisters. May Our Lady of Guadalupe help us to be people and communities striving toward the future of God, toward the encounter with him, our life and our hope.

Fr. Leo

Padre. Leo's Artículo Cont...

Tenemos un solo amo, a quien le gusta que lo llamen «Padre» no «amo». Todos somos siervos, pecadores e hijos: Él es el único Padre. Jesús nos recuerda hoy que la espera de la bienaventuranza eterna no nos exime del deber de hacer un mundo más justo y habitable. Al contrario, esta misma esperanza de poseer el Reino eterno nos impulsa a trabajar por mejorar las condiciones de vida terrena, especialmente las de nuestros hermanos y hermanas más débiles. Que Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe nos ayude a ser personas y comunidades que luchan por el futuro de Dios, por el encuentro con él, nuestra vida y nuestra esperanza.

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.

Donuts

We are looking for volunteers to help with donuts starting in September until May.

Once a month

There are 2 shifts: 1st shift 7a-10a making and preparing donuts, coffee for sale after 830 Mass

2nd shift: 9:30- 11am selling donuts , coffee and hot chocolate; cleanup kitchen; lockup cabinet and donut machine

Contact Diane Stanke @di20042@gmail.com

Thanks

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

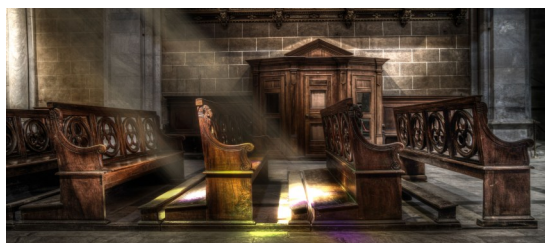
Joseph Cekola (1980)

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 10, 2025
Para la Semana de Agosto 10, 2025

Sunday • Domingo

Wisdom 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22
Hebrew 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48

Monday • Lunes

Deu 10:12-22 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
Matt 17:22-27

Tuesday • Martes

Deu 31:1-8 Deu 32:3-4, 7-9, 12
Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday • Miércoles

Deu 34:1-12 Ps 66:1-3, 5, 8, 16-17
Matt 18:15-20

Thursday • Jueves

Josh 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 Ps 114:1-6
Matt 18:21-19:1

Friday • Viernes

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10-12, 16
1Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

Saturday • Sábado

Josh 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11
Matt 19:13-15

Sunday • Domingo

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Ps 40:2-4, 18
Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53

Prayers for the Sick Oraciones Por los Enfermos

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 Limon smith
Martin Ledger

***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**

Activities in Our Parish Actividades en Nuestra Parroquia

Sunday, August 10 • Domingo 10 de agosto

1:00pm—3:00pm Café y Más
3:00pm—4:00pm Clase PreBautismal ESP

Monday, August 11 • Lunes 11 de agosto

3:00pm—4:00pm Praying the Rosary / Rosario ENG

Tuesday, August 12 • Martes 12 de agosto

4:00pm—6:00pm Adoration / Adoración

Wednesday, August 13 • Miércoles 13 de agosto

Thursday, August 14 • Jueves 14 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 15 • Viernes 15 de agosto

7:00pm—8:00pm Rosary / Rosario ESP

Saturday, August 16 • Sabado 16 de agosto

7:30am—9:00am Catholic Men / Hombres Católicos

Sunday, August 17 • Domingo 17 de agosto

1:00pm—3:00pm Café y Más

Happy Birthday!!! • ¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

Antonio Aguilar
Jennifer Garreton
Carlos Herrera
Tomas Herrera
Juan Mejía-
Cabrera
Susana Perez
Jesús Rodriguez
Donald Stermer
Jodi Stermer
Richard Wheeler
Arnulfo Álvarez
Anneliese Kaiser

Edgar Sánchez-
Mendoza
Lucy Aguirre
Fernando
Álvarez-Pina
William Ball
Rebecca Davis
Ivonne García
Ricardo Duran
Antonio Reyes
John Ryder
Janet Zamudio-
Torres

Milburn
Copeland
Lizbeth García
Ana Hernández
Natalie
Redmond
Rosalba Asbeury
Troy Miles
Jacqueline
Vázquez
Marvin Jameson
Sofia Saucedo

Lector and Server Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Server</i>	<i>Lector</i>
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
August 16 4:30pm	Anne Fish	Toni Gross
August 17, 8:30am	Tony / Jayden Thomas	Dave & Donna Barry
August 17, 10:30am	Stephanie Thompson	Brian Thompson
August 17, 1:00pm	**	Karin Sandoval & Viridiana Rojo

Notes from the office

The office hours will resume back to Monday Tuesdays Friday

9am-4pm

Wednesday
9am-7pm

Thursday
9am-12pm

Starting on
September 2nd 2025

Notas de la oficina

El horario de oficina se reanudará de

lunes, martes y viernes
9am 4pm

Miércoles
9am 7pm.

Jueves
9am 12pm

Iniciará septiembre
2, 2025

Our Gifts for God

Week ending in.....08/03/2025

Sunday Collection.....\$7,711.87

Online Collection.....\$2,902.88

Total Offertory received.....\$10,614.75

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

OVERAGE.....\$874.36

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

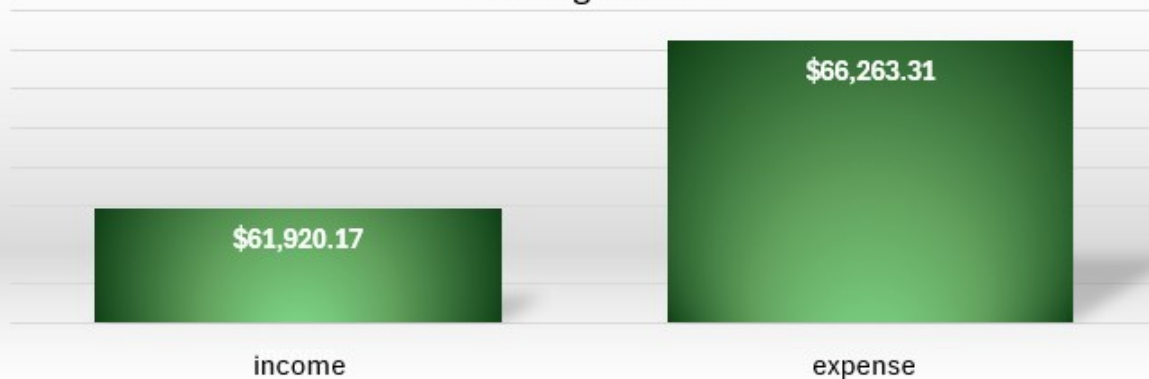
May God Bless YOU!!!!!!

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 03 August 2025



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



Saturday, August 16
5:00pm - 10:00pm

- **FOOD**
- Serving 5:00pm - 7:30pm
- Meal includes kielbasa & sauerkraut, pierogi, golumpki, Polish potatoes, rye bread & butter
- Adults \$15, 5-10 years \$10, Kids under 5 Free, Family cap of \$60
- **MUSIC**
- 6:00-10:00pm Polka Music with Bill Gruscinski Band
- **BEER TENT**
- **KIDS GAMES** 5:00-8:00pm
- **BASKET RAFFLES**
- **50/50 RAFFLES**

Sunday, August 17
11:00am - 4:00pm

- **FOOD**
- Serving 11:00am - 3:00pm
- Meal includes kielbasa & sauerkraut, pierogi, golumpki, Polish potatoes, rye bread & butter
- Also serving czarnina, dill pickle soup, and Polish pastries
- Adults \$15, 5-10 years \$10, Kids under 5 Free, Family cap of \$60
- **MUSIC**
- 1:00 - 4:00pm Polka Music with Pan Franek, Zosia & the Polkatowners
- 1:00pm Polka dancing lessons
- **BEER TENT**
- **KIDS GAMES** 12:00-4:00pm
- **BASKET RAFFLES**
- **50/50 RAFFLES**

HUGE CASH RAFFLE

- \$1,000 grand prize, \$500 second prize, and \$250 third prize
- Tickets \$5 each — Drawing to be held on Sunday at 4:00 pm

(State of Michigan License #C32623)

MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturday 4:30pm Vigil Mass - in Honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa
- Sunday 10:30am Mass with Polish Music by Pan Franek, Zosia & the Polka Towners - in Honor of Our Lady of Czestochowa
- Sunday 6:00pm Mass for Festival Volunteers - All are Welcome

All proceeds to benefit St. Stanislaus Catholic Parish & School
Visit us at st-stanschurch.net, st-stans.net
or like us on [Facebook.com/saintstanislaus.polishfestival](https://www.facebook.com/saintstanislaus.polishfestival)

HIGH SCHOOL

2025

FAITH FEST

CLICK HERE for the website, or scan the QR Code.

17 AUGUST	ST. MONICA PARISH BACKYARD 4408 S. WESTNEDGE KALAMAZOO
2PM	Music and games 2-7pm Mass at 7pm Tug o War Corn hole Sack races 9-Square GAGA Bumper balls Music and more!
DON'T MISS OUT!	Open to all Catholic parishes around the area MINGLE WITH FRIENDS AND MEET SOME NEW ONES!
Music by Lee Roessler	Food Trucks OhhYeah Loaded Fries Teresa's Mexican Kitchen Sweet Caroline's Desserts Bring some cash for lunch and dessert!
SIGN UP WITH YOUR YOUTH GROUP OR CLICK HERE	

Religious Education Catequesis

Catechism Registration
Sunday, August 17
11:00am to 12:00pm
Bennett Building B18

Inscripciones Catequesis
Domingo 17 de Agosto
De 11:00am a 12:00 pm
Bennett Building B18

Please be advised that if you are not registered or you are unsure if you are a parishioner you will need to first call the front office to register.

Tenga en cuenta que si no está registrado o no está seguro de ser feligrés, primero deberá llamar a la oficina principal para registrarse.

Amonestaciones Matrimoniales

Novio: Jonathan David Urbina-Medina

Novia: Guadalupe Lizbeth Lopez-Diaz

Fecha: 30 de Agosto, 2025

Primera Amonestación

Banns of Matrimony

Groom: Jonathan David Urbina-Medina

Bride: Guadalupe Lizbeth Lopez Diaz

Date: August 30, 2025

First Banns



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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.