

GOD BLESS

our Teachers & Students!

¡DIOS BENDIGA

nuestras Maestras y Estudiantes!

Mass Schedule and Intentions Horario de Misas e Intenciones

Saturday, August 23, de agosto, Sábado

4:30 p.m. Dianne Kilbourne (Special Intention) Req Kathy Nederhoed

Sunday, August 24, de agosto, Domingo

8:30 a.m. † Mary Lucie Salouka Req Family

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

1:00 p.m. Maria Almaguer Blessed Birthday

Monday, August 25, de agosto, Lunes

8:30 a.m. Erin Holmes Blessed Birthday

Tuesday, August 26, de agosto, Martes

6:00 p.m. † Jose Guadalupe Asencio Magana Req Familia

Wednesday, August 27, de agosto, Miércoles

8:30 a.m. For The Counters Of St Joseph Parish

Thursday, August 28, de agosto, Jueves

No Mass

Friday, August 29, de agosto, Viernes

8:30 a.m. † Susan Marie Smith Req Sara Miller

Saturday, August 30, de agosto, Sábado

4:30 p.m. For The Office Staff Of The Parish

Sunday, August 31, de agosto, Domingo

8:30 a.m. † Steve Czuhajewski Req Dave & Donna Barry

10:30 a.m. † Alejandra Juarico

1:00 p.m. Por Todos Los Alumnos Que Regresan a Clases Este Año

St. Joseph Church

August 24, 2025

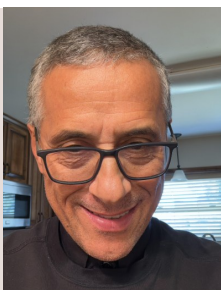
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Domingo 21 del Tiempo Ordinario

From the Desk of Fr. Leo ●

Today's Gospel passage (cf. Lk: 13 22-30) presents Jesus teaching in towns and villages, on his way to Jerusalem where he knows he will die on the Cross for the salvation of us all. In this context, a man asks a question, who addresses him saying: "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" (v. 23). The question had been a source of debate at that time — how many will be saved, how many not ... — and there were several ways to interpret Scriptures on the issue, depending on the texts chosen. Jesus, however, reverses the question — which stresses quantity, that is: "are they few?..." — and instead places the question in the context of responsibility, inviting us to make good use of the present. Indeed, he says: "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able" (v. 24).

With these words, Jesus makes it clear that it is not a matter of numbers, there is no "limited number" in Paradise! Rather, it is a case of taking the right way from now, and this right way is *for everyone, but it is narrow*. This is the problem. Jesus does not want to give us false hopes by saying: "Yes, do not worry, it is easy, there is a beautiful highway with a large gate at the end". He does not say this. He tells us things as they truly are: the doorway is narrow. In what sense? In the sense that, in order to save oneself, one has to love God and neighbour, and this is uncomfortable! It is a "narrow doorway" because it is demanding. Love is always demanding. It requires commitment, indeed, "effort", that is, a determined and persevering willingness to live according to the Gospel. Saint Paul calls it "the good fight of the faith" (1 Tim 6:12). It takes a daily, all-day effort to love God and neighbors.



Del Escritorio de Pd. Leo ●

El pasaje evangélico de hoy (cf. Lc 13, 22-30) presenta a Jesús enseñando en pueblos y ciudades, camino a Jerusalén, donde sabe que morirá en la cruz por la salvación de todos. En este contexto, un hombre

le pregunta: «Señor, ¿serán pocos los que se salven?» (v. 23). La pregunta había sido motivo de debate en aquel tiempo —cuántos se salvarán, cuántos no...— y existían diversas maneras de interpretar las Escrituras al respecto, según los textos elegidos. Sin embargo, Jesús invierte la pregunta —que enfatiza la cantidad, es decir: «¿Son pocos?...»— y, en cambio, la sitúa en el contexto de la responsabilidad, invitándonos a aprovechar el presente. De hecho, dice: «Esforzaos por entrar por la puerta estrecha; porque os digo que muchos querrán entrar y no podrán» (v. 24).

Con estas palabras, Jesús deja claro que no se trata de números; ¡no hay un número limitado en el Paraíso! Se trata más bien de tomar el camino correcto desde ahora, y este camino correcto es para todos, pero es estrecho. Este es el problema. Jesús no quiere darnos falsas esperanzas diciendo: «Sí, no se preocupen, es fácil, hay un hermoso camino con una gran puerta al final...». No dice esto. Nos dice las cosas como son: la puerta es estrecha. ¿En qué sentido? En el sentido de que, para salvarse, hay que amar a Dios y al prójimo, ¡y esto es incómodo! Es una «puerta estrecha» porque es exigente. El amor siempre es exigente. Requiere compromiso, es más, «esfuerzo», es decir, una disposición decidida y perseverante a vivir según el Evangelio. San Pablo lo llama «la buena batalla de la fe» (1 Tim 6,12). Amar a Dios y al prójimo requiere un esfuerzo diario, de todo el día.

Padre. Leo

Fr. Leo



FR. LEONEL CARTAGENA

40th

You are invited to celebrate Fr. Leo's 40th ordination anniversary!

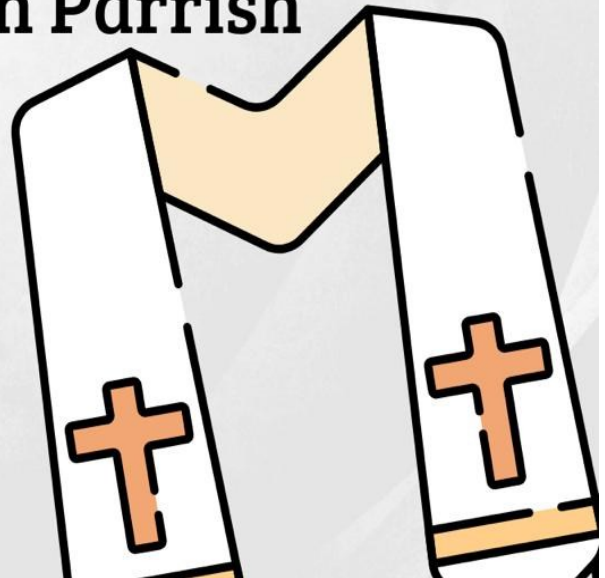
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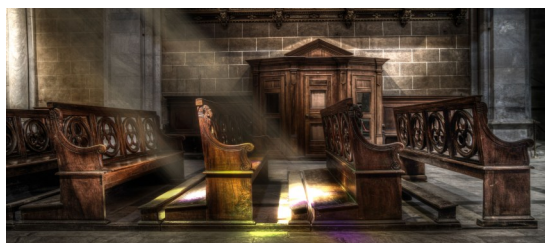
Mass Time: 4:30 pm

Reception Time: 6 pm

Place: St. Joseph Parrish

**Food
Music
Dancing**





Scripture Readings

Lecturas Diarias

For the Week of August 24, 2025

Para la Semana de Agosto 24, 2025

Sunday • Domingo

Isaiah 66:18-21 Ps 117:1-2

Hew 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

Monday • Lunes

1Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 ps 149:1-6, 9

Matt 23:13-22

Tuesday • Martes

1Thessalonians 2;1-8 Ps 139:1-6

Matt 23;23-26

Wednesday • Miércoles

Judges 9:6-15 Ps 21;2-7

Matt 23:27-32

Thursday • Jueves

1Thessalonians 3:7-13 Ps 90;3-5,12-14,17

Matt 24:42-51

Friday • Viernes

1Thessalonians 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,10-12

Mark 6:17-29

Saturday • Sábado

1Thessalonians 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9

Matt 25:14-30

Sunday • Domingo

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29 Ps 68:4-7,10-11

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14

Prayers for the Sick Oraciones Por los Enfermos

Juana Mendiola H.

Maria Ramsey

Roxann Reisterer

Yareli Velázquez

Martínez

Terry Wycoff

Francisca Zepeda

Luis Torres

Harold Cronk

Angela Cronk

Dennis Nederhoed

George Daleiden

Bernadette Lawson

Jon Rocha

Maria Limon Smith

Martin Ledger

Julia Avelar

***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 24 • Domingo 24 de agosto

1:00pm—3:00pm

Café y Más

Monday, August 25 • Lunes 25 de agosto

3:00pm—4:00pm

Praying the Rosary / Rosario ENG

Tuesday, August 26 • Martes 26 de agosto

4:00pm—6:00pm

Adoration / Adoración

Wednesday, August 27 • Miércoles 27 de agosto

Thursday, August 28 • Jueves 28 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 29 • Viernes 29 de agosto

7:00pm—8:00pm

Rosary / Rosario ESP

Saturday, August 30 • Sábado 30 de agosto

7:30am—9:00am

Catholic Men / Hombres Católicos

Sunday, August 31 • Domingo 31 de agosto

1:00pm—3:00pm

Café y Más

Happy Birthday!!! • ¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

Pamela Anderson

Nancy Mejia-

Hernandez

Emely Morales-

Amates

Luis Alcalá

Carmen Gomez

Aurora Hernandez-

Ramos

Diego Nonato-Lopez

Emma Evangeline

Ramos

Aylin Rojas

Itzel Simbron-

Francisco

David Mejia

John Mitchell

Pamela Munson

Joseph Reisterer

Katherine Basch

Valentin Bello

Monica Garcia

vasquez

Brandon Lopez-

Morales

Diane Reverski

Samantha Ascencio

Esmeralda Caberera-

Salvador

Andrew Jackson

Jaime Vasquez

Jorge Zuniga

Alina Almanza Vega

Milan Bird

Efrain Mares

Donita Simmons

Adauto Torres

Molly Denny

Gustavo Garza

Diana Garza

Paola Vargas

Tercera Amonestaciones Matrimoniales

Novio: Jonathan David Urbina-Medina

Novia: Guadalupe Lizbeth Lopez-Diaz

Fecha: 30 de Agosto, 2025

Lector and Server Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Server</i>	<i>Lector</i>
August 23 4:30pm	Darlene Smith	Kathy Nederhoed
August 24, 8:30am	Katie Jones	MT Courtade
August 24, 10:30am	Dagoberto Castro Jr	Anne Fish
August 24, 1:00pm	**	Melina Castaneda & Elizabeth Reyna
August 30 4:30pm	Anne Fish	George Daleiden
August 31, 8:30am	Tony / Jayden Thomas	Tracy Buck
August 31, 10:30am	Stephanie Thompson	Janice Kistka
August 31, 1:00pm	**	Luis Morales & Graciela Lopez

Our Gifts for God

Correction

Week ending in.....08/10/25

Sunday Collection.....\$6,336.37

Online Collection.....\$3,744.65

Total Offertory received

Correction.....\$1,0081.02

Offertory needed

weekly.....\$9,740.39

Overage.....\$340.63

Reported Incorrectly...\$1,340.63

Week ending in.....08/17/25

Sunday Collection.....\$6,295.47

Online Collection.....\$2,855.40

Total Offertory

received.....\$9,150.87

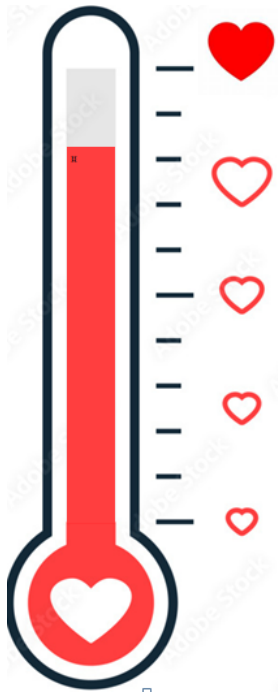
Offertory needed

weekly.....\$9,740.39

Shortage.....\$589.52

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.



Bishop's Annual Appeal

\$87,449.00

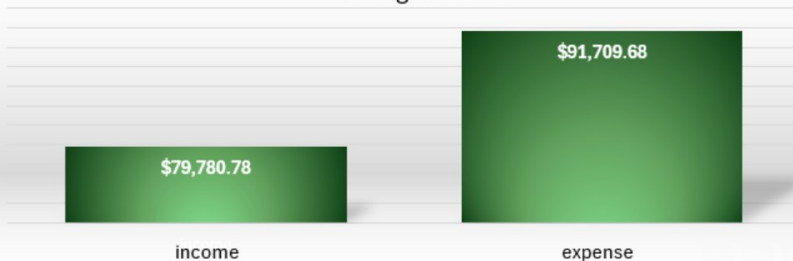
100% Participation

17 August 2025

81% of goal has been
pledged

21% of Parish Families
contributing

Year-to-Date Income vs Year-to-Date Expense 17 August 2025



Obituary / Obituario

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With sadness I inform you that Deacon Carlos Alfaro passed away on Friday, August 15 on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary after a brief illness. We join our prayers together for him, for his wife, Maria, and his children and extended family.

The funeral arrangements are listed below. Due to a prior commitment in the Diocese of Steubenville, Bishop Lohse is unable to celebrate the funeral Mass. Bishop Lohse is grateful that Bishop Bradley will preside instead.

"I had the privilege of ordaining Deacon Carlos last year to the diaconate for the Diocese of Kalamazoo," said Bishop Lohse. "On behalf of the Diocese, I extend our condolences and express our gratitude for Deacon Carlos' long years of faithful service, especially for his diaconal ministry to the Hispanic community in Immaculate Conception Parish in Hartford and surrounding parishes."

Very Reverend Fabio Garzon
Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia



Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Con tristeza les informo que el diácono Carlos Alfaro falleció el viernes 15 de agosto, en la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, tras una breve enfermedad. Unimos nuestras oraciones por él, su esposa, María, sus hijos y su familia. Los preparativos del funeral se detallan a continuación.

Debido a un compromiso previo en la Diócesis de Steubenville, el obispo Lohse no puede celebrar la misa funeral. El obispo Lohse agradece que el obispo Bradley la presida en su lugar.

"Tuve el privilegio de ordenar al diácono Carlos el año pasado al diaconado de la Diócesis de Kalamazoo", dijo el obispo Lohse. "En nombre de la Diócesis, extendiendo nuestras condolencias y expreso nuestra gratitud por los largos años de fiel servicio del diácono Carlos, especialmente por su ministerio diaconal a la comunidad hispana en la parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Hartford y las parroquias aledañas".

Muy Reverendo Fabio Garzón
Vicario General, Moderador de la Curia

Parish Festival 2025

Parroquia St. Joseph

Septiembre 14th

11 am – 8 pm

Efectivo Solamente

Tacos de asada y al pastor

Tamales

Tacos Dorados

Pambazos

Enchiladas

Mole

Gorditas

Tostadas

Hot Dogs

Postres

Elote

Aguas frescas

Raspados

Lotería

Rifa 5:30 pm

Valor: 10 dólares

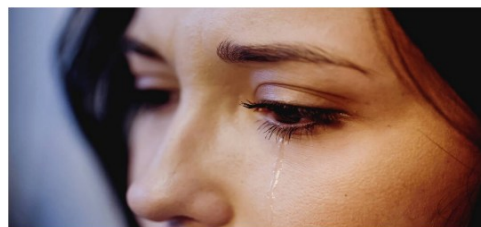
Premio: 500 dólares

Los Yatekos

6 a 8 pm

Brincolín

Rey y Reina de la parroquia



Teardrop Service

On Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00pm

St. Augustine Cathedral

542 W Michigan Avenue. Kalamazoo, MI

Please use the Church entrance off of the parking lot.

We all know people who were once Catholic, but are no longer attending Church or say that they no longer believe in God – our own children, other relatives or friends. So, *what would St. Monica do?* She gives a beautiful example of praying for them just as she did for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine. Join us at St. Augustine on St. Monica's feast day for a time of prayer and adoration for those we know so their hearts may be opened to receive the Good News.



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Mass Schedule and Sacraments

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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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.