



trust in
God's
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confía en
el tiempo
de Dios

Mass Schedule and Intentions
Horario de Misas e Intenciones

Saturday, October 18, de octubre, Sábado

4:30 p.m. † Jean Simmons

Sunday, October 19, de octubre, Domingo

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

10:30 a.m. † Vila Hde Borell

1:00 p.m. † Jose Guadalupe Asencio Magaña Req Familia Asencio

Monday, October 20, de octubre, Lunes

8:30 a.m. † Monty Wood Req James & JoAnn Johnson

Tuesday, October 21, de octubre, Martes

6:00 p.m. Maria Del Refugio & Leobardo Diaz Req Nietos

Wednesday, October 22, de octubre, Miércoles

8:30 a.m. † DD Joseph Condic Req Melanie Saliwanchik

Thursday, October 23, de octubre, Jueves

No Mass

Friday, October 24, de octubre, Viernes

8:30 a.m. Mike Saliwanchik Req Melanie Saliwanchik

Saturday, October 25, de octubre, Sábado

4:30 p.m. † Mark Nemedi Req Family

Sunday, October 26, de octubre, Domingo

8:30 a.m. † For All The Deceased People Of Our Parish

10:30 a.m. † For All The Deceased People Of Our Parish

1:00 p.m. Medardo Galvez & Mercedes Norma Alvarado Calderon Por Su Salud

St. Joseph Church

October 19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

29º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

From the Desk of Fr. Leo ●

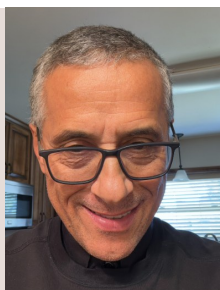
The Gospel parable Lk 18:1-8 contains an important teaching: we “ought always to pray and not lose heart”. This means, then, pray constantly, not just when I feel like it. No, Jesus says that we ought “always to pray and not lose heart”. And he offers the example of the widow and the judge.

From this parable Jesus draws two conclusions: if the widow could manage to bend the dishonest judge with her incessant requests, how much more will God, who is the good and just Father, “vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night”; moreover, will not “delay long over them”, but will act “speedily” (vv. 7-8).

That is why Jesus urges us to pray and “not to lose heart”. We all go through times of tiredness and discouragement, especially when our prayers seem ineffective. But Jesus assures us: unlike the dishonest judge, God promptly answers his children, even though this doesn’t mean he will necessarily do it when and how we would like. Prayer does not work like a magic wand! It helps us keep faith in God, and to entrust ourselves to him even when we do not understand his will. In this, Jesus himself — who prayed constantly! — is our model. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that “In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him [God] who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear” (5:7). At first glance this statement seems far-fetched, because Jesus died on the Cross. Yet, the Letter to the Hebrews makes no mistake: God has indeed saved Jesus from death by giving him complete victory over it, but the path to that [victory] is through death itself! The supplication that God has answered referred to Jesus’ prayer in Gethsemane. Assailed by looming anguish, Jesus prays to the Father to deliver him of this bitter cup of the Passion, but his prayer is pervaded by trust in the Father, and he entrusts himself entirely to his will: “not as I will,” Jesus says, “but as thou wilt” (Mt 26:39). The object of prayer is of secondary importance; what matters above all is his relationship with the Father. This is what prayer does: it transforms the desire and models it according to the will of God, whatever that may be, because the one who prays aspires first to union with God, who is merciful Love.

The parable ends with a question: “when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?” (v. 8). And with this question we are all warned: we must not cease to pray, even if left unanswered. It is prayer that conserves faith, without it faith falters! Let us ask the Lord for a faith that is incessant prayer, persevering, like that of the widow in the parable, a faith that nourishes our desire for his coming. And in prayer let us experience that compassion of God, who like a Father comes to encounter his children, full of merciful love.

Fr. Leo



Del Escritorio de Pd. Leo ●

La parábola evangélica de Lucas 18,1-8 contiene una enseñanza importante: «Es necesario orar siempre y no desfallecer». Esto significa, pues, orar constantemente, no solo cuando me apetece. No, Jesús dice que debemos «orar siempre y no desfallecer». Y pone el ejemplo de la viuda y el juez.

De esta parábola, Jesús extrae dos conclusiones: si la viuda logró doblegar al juez injusto con sus incesantes súplicas, cuánto más Dios, Padre bueno y justo, «hará justicia a sus elegidos, que claman a él día y noche»; además, no «se demorará mucho», sino que actuará «con prontitud» (vv. 7-8).

Por eso Jesús nos insta a orar y a no desfallecer. Todos pasamos por momentos de cansancio y desánimo, especialmente cuando nuestras oraciones parecen ineficaces. Pero Jesús nos asegura: a diferencia del juez deshonesto, Dios responde con prontitud a sus hijos, aunque esto no significa que necesariamente lo hará cuando y como queramos. ¡La oración no funciona como una varita mágica! Nos ayuda a mantener la fe en Dios y a confiarnos a él incluso cuando no entendemos su voluntad. En esto, Jesús mismo —¡quien oraba constantemente!— es nuestro modelo. La Carta a los Hebreos nos recuerda que «en los días de su vida mortal, Jesús ofreció oraciones y súplicas con gran clamor y lágrimas a Dios que podía salvarlo de la muerte, y fue escuchado por su reverencia» (5:7). A primera vista, esta afirmación parece descabellada, porque Jesús murió en la cruz. Sin embargo, la Carta a los Hebreos no se equivoca: Dios ciertamente salvó a Jesús de la muerte al darle la victoria completa sobre ella, ¡pero el camino hacia esa victoria es a través de la muerte misma! La súplica que Dios respondió se refería a la oración de Jesús en Getsemaní. Acosado por una angustia inminente, Jesús ruega al Padre que lo libre del amargo cáliz de la Pasión, pero su oración está impregnada de confianza en el Padre y se entrega por completo a su voluntad: «No se haga como yo quiero —dice Jesús—, sino como tú» (Mt 26,39). El objeto de la oración es secundario; lo que importa sobre todo es su relación con el Padre. Esto es lo que hace la oración: transforma el deseo y lo modela según la voluntad de Dios, sea cual sea, porque quien ora aspira primero a la unión con Dios, que es Amor misericordioso.

La parábola termina con una pregunta: «Cuando venga el Hijo del hombre, ¿encontrará fe en la tierra?». Y con esta pregunta se nos advierte a todos: no debemos dejar de orar, aunque no recibamos respuesta. Es la oración la que conserva la fe; sin ella, la fe flaquea. Pidamos al Señor una fe que sea oración incesante, perseverante, como la de la viuda de la parábola, una fe que alimente nuestro deseo de su Venida, y en la oración experimentemos la compasión de Dios, que como un Padre sale al encuentro de sus hijos, lleno de amor misericordioso.

Padre. Leo

All Saints Day & All Souls Day Dia De Los Muertos

"November begins with All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day when we traditionally remember faithfully departed family and friends. We are inviting parishioners to bring a picture to place on our Offrenda for Dia de Muertos (Day of the Dead). There is a tote near Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in the back of the church to collect these no later than the weekend of October 25/26. Please be sure and have your name and phone number on the back of any pictures or picture frames.

These will be on display through the Feast of Christ the King and may be picked up after Tuesday November 25."

"Noviembre comienza con el Dia de Todos los Santos y el Dia de los Fieles Difuntos, cuando tradicionalmente recordamos a los familiares y amigos que han fallecido. Invitamos a los feligreses a traer una imagen para colocarla en nuestra ofrenda del Dia de Muertos. Hay una bolsa cerca del Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, en la parte trasera de la iglesia, para recogerlas a mas tardar el fin de semana del 25/26 de octubre. Por favor, asegúrese de incluir su nombre y numero de teléfono en el reverso de cualquier imagen o portarretratos. Estas estarán en exhibición durante la festividad de Cristo Rey y podrán recogerse después del martes 26 de noviembre."



COMING SOON...the ST. JOSEPH BAZAAR will be held on the November 15th and 16th

Mark your calendar and tell all your friends. Please contact Diane Stanke (269-220-2214) if you have general questions regarding the Bazaar or if you would like to volunteer.

Please consider ways you and your family can help this Bazaar be the most successful yet!

Gather White Elephant Items: Household Items, small appliances, holiday decorations, jewelry, home decorative items, sporting goods, fishing equipment, books, puzzles, games, etc. (clean and gently used). **No clothing/shoes, furniture, large exercise equipment, electronic equipment will be accepted.** Please contact Barb Ogrin (269-870-5369) if you have questions. Drop off dates will be announced at a later date.

Collect new items (gifts you will never use, freebies from the casino, etc.) or valuables (dishes, jewelry, etc.) you would like to donate to be sold at the bazaar.

Continue working on the homemade crafts you plan to donate to the bazaar. We are hoping the MEN of the parish will donate their handiwork, too. We would love to showcase a variety of crafts to sell. Please contact Francie Mills (269-998-6669) or Diane Stanke (269-220-2214) if you have questions.

Start assembling a basket for the BASKET RAFFLE. If you have a business or patronize a business regularly, please approach them regarding donations of items or a gift certificate. Talk with family members, friends, co-workers, etc. about putting a basket together. We have a parishioner who is great at assembling the baskets if you would like help. Our shoppers love the variety of baskets available to win. Please contact Judy Smith (269-385-3190 or 269-267-7057) if you have questions.

Perfect your recipe for the bread, jam, pie, cake, cookies, candy, granola, salsa, etc. to be sold at the bazaar. Please contact Kathy Brown (269-207-5836) if you have questions.

Volunteers – we desperately need strong folks to help with set-up and clean-up of the Bazaar! We also need friendly and fun-loving volunteers to work the days of the Bazaar. Many hands make less work! Please contact Diane Stanke at number listed above.

Tell all your family and friends to mark their calendars for November 15th and 16th. YOU ARE OUR BEST AND MOST COST-EFFECTIVE ADVERTISERS.

Side Altar Vigil Candle Intentions

Blessed Virgin Mary: For Intentions of All the Deacons In The Diocese

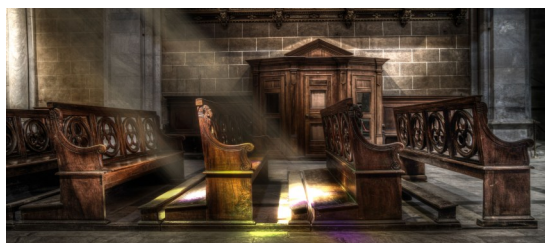
St. Joseph: For Intentions of All Deacons In The Diocese

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.

Intenciones de Velas de Vigilia en el Altar Lateral
Santísima Virgen María: Para Intenciones De Todos Los Deaconos De La Diócesis

San José: Para Intenciones Para Todos Los Deaconos De La Diócesis

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.



Scripture Readings Lecturas Diarias

For the Week of October 19, 2025
Para la Semana de Octubre 19, 2025

Sunday • Domingo

Exo 17:8-13 Ps 121:1-8 2Tim 3:14—4:2
Lk 18:1-8

Monday • Lunes

Rom 4:20-25 Lk 1:69-75
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday • Martes

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
Ps 40:7-10, 17 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday • Miércoles

Rom 6:12-18 Ps 124:1-8
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday • Jueves

Rom 6:19-23 Ps 1:1-4,6
Lk 12:49-53

Friday • Viernes

Rom 7:18-25a Ps 119:66,68,76-77, 93-94
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday • Sábado

Rom 8:1-11 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 13:1-9

Sunday • Domingo

Sirach 35:12-14,16-18 Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23
2Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

Prayers List Oremos Por

Yareli Velázquez Martínez
Francisca Zepeda
Luis Torres
Harold Cronk
Angela Cronk
Dennis Nederhoed
George Daleiden
Bernadette Lawson
Jon Rocha
Maria Limon Smith
Martin Ledger
Julia Avelar
Jacob Matthew Bosnes

Activities in Our Parish Actividades en Nuestra Parroquia

Sunday, October 19 • Domingo 19 de octubre

11:40am—12:40pm Religious Ed / Catecismo

Monday, October 20 • Lunes 20 de octubre

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

Tuesday, October 21 • Martes 21 de octubre

4:00pm—6:00pm Adoration / Adoración

Wednesday, October 22 • Miércoles 22 de octubre

6:00pm—8:30pm Religious Ed / Catecismo

Thursday, October 23 • Jueves 23 de octubre

6:00pm—7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous / Narcóticos Anónimos
7:00pm—8:30pm Youth Adult / Ministro de jóvenes & adultos

Friday, October 24 • Viernes 24 de octubre

7:00pm—8:00pm Rosary / Rosario ESP
6:00pm—8:30pm Religious Ed / Catecismo

Saturday, October 25 • Sábado 25 de octubre

7:30am—9:00am Catholic Men / Hombres Católicos
11:00am—12:00pm Religious Ed / Catecismo

Sunday, October 26 • Domingo 26 de octubre

11:40am—12:40pm Religious Ed / Catecismo
8:00am—11:00am Donuts

Happy Birthday!!! • ¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

Juan Cabrera	Barbara Ogrin	Juan Valadez
Sanchez	Alberto Perez	Adam Zywicki
Austin Leigh	Michael Barry	Emilio Crispin
Patricia Suhusky	Jacqueline Bell	Sara Elfring
Juan Acevedo	Liliana Cabrera	Margarita
Zoe Alvarez-Pina	Sanchez	Hernandez
Shafeeq Hameed	Dale Lewis	Montoya
Ruth Razo	Oliva Ramos	Grant Mitchell
Carol Burns	Steven Redmond	Timothy Pratt
Janet Germain	Julia Schuring	Marisol Salinas
Linda Zuniga	Lehylah Linares	Luciana Stumpf

Lector and Server Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Server</i>	<i>Lector</i>
Oct. 18, 4:30pm	Darlene Smith	Toni Gross
Oct. 19, 8:30am	Katie Jones	Dave & Donna Barry
Oct. 19, 10:30am	Dagoberto Castro Jr	Mickey Sykes
Oct. 19, 1:00pm	**	Denisse Hernandez Melina Castaneda
Oct. 25, 4:30pm	Anne Fish	Kathy Nederhoed
Oct. 26, 8:30am	Tony / Jayden Thomas	Janice Kistka
Oct. 26, 10:30am	Stephanie Thompson	Brian Thompson
Oct. 26, 1:00pm	**	Viridiana Rojo Elizabeth Reyna

A Note From Deacon Tim Kistka

Thank you to all those who contributed to the new alter linens, especially to the Sisters of Holy Cross Betania who made them and Fr. Ben for bringing them from Vietnam.

Nota del Diacono Tim Kistka

Gracias a todos los que contribuyeron con los nuevos manteles del altar, especialmente a las Hermanas de la Santa Cruz de Betania, quienes los confeccionaron, y al Padre Ben por traerlos de Vietnam.

Our Gifts for God

Week ending in.....10/12/25

Sunday Collection.....\$7,81.21

Online Collection.....\$2,950.27

Total Offertory
received.....\$10,534.18

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

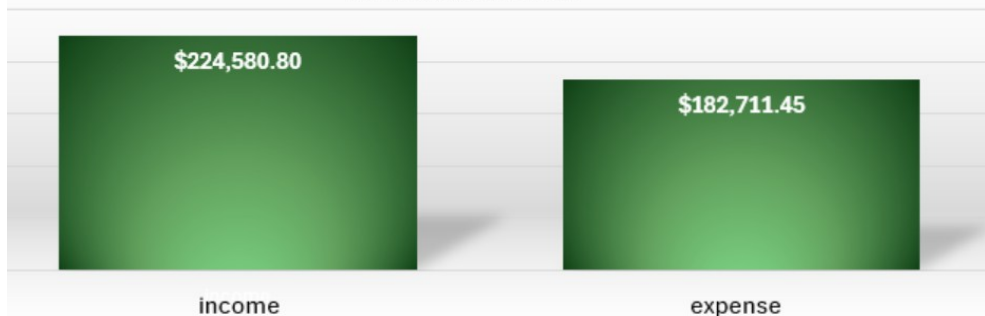
Overage.....\$791.09

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 12 October 2025



**Thank you Mrs. Beatrice Clawson for remembering
St. Joseph Parish so generously in your Last Will and Testament!**



Hackett Catholic Prep Memorial Mass –

Wednesday, November 5

All are warmly invited to join the Hackett Catholic Prep community for our Memorial Mass on Wednesday, November 5 at 10:45 a.m. in the Hackett gymnasium.

You are invited to remember someone special by purchasing a candle in their memory. Candles will be placed in the chapel and remain there throughout the month of November as we continue to pray for our faithful departed.

Scan the QR code to request a candle or add a name to our Book of Remembrance.

For more information, contact Christina Butkiewicz at cbutkiewicz@hackettcp.org.

EL SEMBRADOR

Jornada 1

14, 15 y 16 de Noviembre 2025

De 18 a 30 años



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE
IS PREPARING FOR THE WINTER SEASON
AND IS IN NEED OF THE
THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS.**

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ITEMS:

gently used warmer- weather shoes & boots; sneakers; sweatshirts, especially hoodies

WOMEN'S new underwear (medium & large);

MEN'S new boxer briefs & undershirts (medium & large);

ALSO NEEDED:

Winter coats, boots, hats and gloves

HOUSEWARES INCLUDING:

Gently used towels and washcloths;
kitchen towels & dishwashing towels.

KITCHEN ITEMS INCLUDING

dishes, flatware, glasses, and small working appliances.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS INCLUDING:

backpacks and small roller suitcases in good condition;

HYGIENE PRODUCTS INCLUDING:

travel-size deodorant, shampoo soap toothpaste.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS

Items may be dropped off at 513 Eleanor St, Kalamazoo
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

ATTENTION — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a Saturday available to assist the less fortunate?

St. Vincent DePaul at 513 Eleanor St needs you!

Whether you would like to work in the Thrift Store or
behind the scenes in the donation room,

we would appreciate your help. Please contact

Ed Haines at 618-741-5142 or Cathy Haines at 618-567-1114

Retiro de Jóvenes Adultos

Fechas: 14 al 16 de
noviembre de 2025

Lugar: Campamento Indian
Lake Nazarene

¿Quieres fortalecer tu fe y
convivir con otros jóvenes
adultos?

¡Acompáñanos en este re-
tiro de fin de semana! Será
un tiempo de oración, re-
flexión y comunidad.

¡Ya está abierta la
inscripción!

Para registrarte o pedir más
información,
comunícate con:

Luza Mastache, Yadira de
León o Santiago Banda

(269) 363-3259

Renueva tu amor por Cristo
¡te esperamos!

Young Adult Retreat

Dates: November 14-16,
2025

Location: Indian Lake
Nazarene Campground

Do you want to strengthen
your faith and connect with
other young adults?

Join us for this weekend
retreat! It will be a time of
prayer, reflection, and
community.

Registration is now open!
To register or for more in-
formation, contact:

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Renew your love for Christ
we look forward to seeing
you!



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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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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.