

long live
Christ the
King!

¡Viva
Cristo
Rey!

Mass Schedule and Intentions
Horario de Misas e Intenciones

Saturday, November 22, de noviembre, Sábado

4:30 p.m. † Maria Kula Vanderploeg Req Pete Vanderploeg

Sunday, November 23, de noviembre, Domingo

8:30 a.m. For All The Souls In Purgatory Req Janet Jermaine

10:30 a.m. For All The Poor In America

1:00 p.m. † José Guadalupe Ascencio Magaña

Monday, November 24, de noviembre, Lunes

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

Tuesday, November 25, de noviembre, Martes

6:00 p.m. Por Todos Los Que Viajen En Estos Dias

Wednesday, November 26, de noviembre Miércoles

8:30 a.m. For All The Workers In Health Care

Thursday, November 27, de noviembre, Jueves

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass Misa de Acción de Gracias

Friday, November 28, de noviembre, Viernes

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

Saturday, November 29, de noviembre, Sábado

4:30 p.m. Feast Of The Miraculous Medal Req SVDP

Sunday, November 30, de noviembre, Domingo

8:30 a.m. † Lynn Clark Req Ellie & Family Clark

10:30 a.m. For All The Poor In America

1:00 p.m. † Agustine Alonzo Aguirre Req Gabriela Alonso

St. Joseph Church

November 23, 2025

Feast Of Christ The King

Fiesta Del Rey El Cristo

From the Desk of Fr. Leo ●

Today the Gospel brings us back to the roots of our faith. Those roots are planted in the barren soil of Calvary, where Jesus, like the seed that falls to the earth and dies, made hope spring up. Planted in the heart of the earth, he opened the way to heaven; by his death, he gave us eternal life; from the wood of the cross, he brought us the fruits of salvation. Let us then gaze upon him, the Crucified One. On the cross, we see a single phrase: "This is the King of the Jews" (Lk 23:38). That is Jesus' title: he is a king. Yet as we gaze upon him, our idea of a king is turned upside down. When we try to visualize a king, what comes to mind is a powerful man seated on a throne with magnificent insignia, a scepter in his hand and precious rings on his fingers, speaking in solemn tones to his subjects. That is what we imagine. Looking at Jesus, though, we see the complete opposite. He is not comfortably enthroned, but hanging on a gibbet. The God who "casts down the mighty from their thrones" (Lk 1:52) appears as a slave executed by those in power. Appeared only with nails and thorns, stripped of everything yet rich in love, from his throne on the cross he no longer teaches the crowds by his words; he no longer lifts his hands as a teacher. He does more: pointing a finger at no one, he opens his arms to all. That is how he shows himself to be our king: with open arms.

Only by entering his embrace do we understand we come to realize that God went to this extreme, even to the paradox of the cross, to embrace every one of us, no matter how far distant we may be from him: he embraces our death, our pain, our poverty, our weakness. He embraced all of it. He became a slave so that each of us could become a son.

Let us think of our own limitations, but also of the good things. He loves us as we are, as we are right now. He gives us a chance to reign in this life, if only you surrender to his meek love that proposes but never imposes, a love that always forgives you. So often we tire of forgiving; we make the sign of the cross and turn our backs on that person. Jesus never tires of forgiving, never. He always sets you on your feet; he always restores your royal dignity. Where does salvation come from? It comes from letting ourselves be loved by him, for only in this way are we freed from slavery to ourselves, from the fear of being alone, from thinking that we cannot succeed. Let us hear, addressed to us, the only words that Jesus today speaks from the cross:

"Today you will be with me in paradise" (Lk 23:43). That is what God wants to tell us whenever we let him gaze upon us. Then we realize that ours is not an "unknown God", up in the heavens, powerful and distant, but rather a God who is close: closeness is God's "style", closeness with tenderness and mercy. Tenderness and compassion; his open arms console and caress us. That is our king!

With the intercession of Mary, let us "Remember, Lord! Remember!" Let us make this more often our prayer. Thank you.

Fr. Leo



Del Escritorio de Pd. Leo ●

Hoy, el Evangelio nos lleva de vuelta a las raíces de nuestra fe. Esas raíces están plantadas en el árido suelo del Calvario, donde Jesús, como la semilla que cae a tierra y muere, hizo brotar la esperanza. Plantado en el corazón de la tierra, abrió el camino al cielo; con su muerte, nos dio la vida eterna; de la madera de la cruz, nos trajo los frutos de la salvación. Contemplemos, pues, al Crucificado. En la cruz, vemos una sola frase: «Este es el Rey de los Judíos» (Lc 23,38). Ese es el título de Jesús: es rey. Sin embargo, al contemplarlo, nuestra idea de rey se transforma radicalmente. Cuando intentamos visualizar a un rey, lo primero que nos viene a la mente es un hombre poderoso sentado en un trono con magníficas insignias, un cetro en la mano y preciosos anillos en los dedos, hablando con solemnidad a sus súbditos. Eso es lo que imaginamos. Pero al mirar a Jesús, vemos todo lo contrario. No está cómodamente entronizado, sino colgado en una horca. El Dios que «derriba a los poderosos de sus tronos» (Lc 1,52) aparece como un esclavo ejecutado por los que ostentan el poder. Vestido solo con clavos y espinas, despojado de todo, pero rico en amor, desde su trono en la cruz ya no enseña a las multitudes con sus palabras; ya no alza las manos como un maestro. Hace más: sin señalar a nadie, abre sus brazos a todos. Así se muestra como nuestro rey: con los brazos abiertos.

Solo al entrar en su abrazo comprendemos que Dios llegó a este extremo, incluso a la paradoja de la cruz, para abrazarnos a cada uno de nosotros, sin importar cuán lejos estemos de él: abraza nuestra muerte, nuestro dolor, nuestra pobreza, nuestra debilidad. Lo abrazó todo. Se hizo esclavo para que cada uno de nosotros pudiera convertirse en hijo.

Reflexionemos sobre nuestras propias limitaciones, pero también sobre las cosas buenas. Él nos ama tal como somos, tal como somos ahora. Nos da la oportunidad de reinar en esta vida, si tan solo nos rendimos a su amor manso que propone pero nunca impone, un amor que siempre nos perdona. Con frecuencia nos cansamos de perdonar; nos santiguamos y le damos la espalda a esa persona. Jesús nunca se cansa de perdonar, nunca. Siempre nos levanta; siempre nos devuelve nuestra dignidad. ¿De dónde viene la salvación? Viene de dejarnos amar por él, pues solo así nos liberamos de la esclavitud de nosotros mismos, del miedo a la soledad, de pensar que no podemos triunfar. Escuchemos, dirigidas a nosotros, las únicas palabras que Jesús pronuncia hoy desde la cruz:

«Hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso» (Lc 23,43). Eso es lo que Dios quiere decirnos cada vez que le permitimos mirarnos. Entonces comprendemos que el nuestro no es un "Dios desconocido", allá en los cielos, poderoso y distante, sino un Dios cercano: la cercanía es su forma de ser, una cercanía llena de ternura y misericordia. Ternura y compasión; sus brazos abiertos nos consuelan y nos acarician. ¡Ese es nuestro Rey!

Con la intercesión de María, recordemos: "¡Acuérdese, Señor! ¡Acuérdese!". Que esta sea nuestra oración más a menudo. Gracias.

Padre. Leo

◆ **SAINT CATHERINE LABOURÉ & BLESSED FRÉDÉRIC OZANAM: UNITED IN LOVE FOR THE BLESSED VIRGIN AND THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL** ◆

This week the Church invites us to reflect on two remarkable figures whose lives, though very different in circumstance, were deeply connected by their devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary: **Saint Catherine Labouré**, Daughter of Charity, and **Blessed Frédéric Ozanam**, founder of the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**.

St. Catherine Labouré (1806–1876)

A humble young novice of the Daughters of Charity in Paris, Catherine Labouré was entrusted with an extraordinary mission. In 1830, the Blessed Virgin appeared to her in the motherhouse on Rue du Bac. Mary revealed to Catherine the image and message of what would become the **Miraculous Medal**, a symbol of God's protection and Mary's maternal care for the world.

Though she lived her entire life quietly and hidden in service to the elderly and infirm, Catherine's obedience and simplicity allowed a great Marian gift to shine throughout the Church. Millions today continue to wear the Miraculous Medal as a reminder that Mary intercedes for all her children.

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam (1813–1853)

Only a few years after Catherine's visions, another young Parisian, Frédéric Ozanam, sought to respond to the sufferings of the poor with concrete Christian charity. Guided by the spirituality of St. Vincent de Paul, he founded the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, encouraging laypeople to bring Christ's love directly into the homes of those in need.

Ozanam held a profound devotion to the Blessed Virgin. He often invoked Mary's help for the Society's works of mercy and wore the Miraculous Medal with confidence in her protection. For him, Mary was the perfect model of humility, compassion, and action—a guide for every Vincentian in serving Christ in the poor.

A Shared Legacy of Marian Faith

Though Catherine and Frédéric never met, their missions were intertwined: both served the poor, both drew inspiration from St. Vincent de Paul, and both turned to Mary as a mother and companion in their vocations. The Miraculous Medal became a spiritual emblem not only for Catherine's community but also for generations of Vincentians who found strength in Mary's loving intercession.

As we remember these holy witnesses, may we be inspired to imitate their trust in Mary and their dedication to serving Christ in those most in need.

“O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.”



Special Masses

Misas Especiales

- Thanks Giving Mass Will Be on Thursday November 27 at 8:30 am in English
- Misa de Acción De Gracias será el Jueves 27 de noviembre a las 8:30 am. La Misa se celebrara en Ingles
- Immaculate Conception Holy Day Of Obligation is December 8th Mass will be at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm Mass will be celebrated in English.
- La Misa de Concepción Inmaculada será el 8 de Diciembre Misa se celebrará a las 8:30 am , y a las 6:00 pm las Misas se celebraran en ingles.



Scripture Readings
Lecturas Diarias

For the Week of November 23, 2025
Para la Semana de Noviembre 23 2025

Sunday • Domingo

2Sam 5:1-3 Ps 122:1-5 Col 1:12-20
Lk 23:35-43

Monday • Lunes

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday • Martes

Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61;
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday • Miércoles

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Dn 3:62, 63, 64,65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday • Jueves

Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74;
Lk 21:20-28

Friday • Viernes

Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81;
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday • Sábado

Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87;
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday • Domingo

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Activities in Our Parish
Actividades en Nuestra Parroquia

Sunday, November 23 • Domingo 23 de noviembre

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

Monday, November 24 • Lunes 24 de noviembre

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

Tuesday, November 25 • Martes 25 de noviembre

4:00pm—6:00pm Adoration / Adoración

Wednesday, November 26 • Miércoles 26 noviembre

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

Thursday, November 27 • Jueves 27 de noviembre

6:30 Thanksgiving Mass

Friday, November 28 • Viernes 28 de noviembre

6:00pm—7:00pm Rosary / Rosario ESP

Saturday, November 29 • Sábado 29 de noviembre

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

Sunday, November 30 • Domingo 30 de noviembre

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

Prayers List Oremos Por

Luis Torres
Harold Cronk
Angela Cronk
George Daleiden
Bernadette Lawson
Jon Rocha
Martin Ledger
Julia Avelar
Jacob Matthew Bosnes
Fr. Antony Rajesh
Maria Del Refugio Diaz Medina
Leobardo Diaz Sr
Alena McQueen

Happy Birthday!!! • ¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

Isabella Garcia Rea	Mary Jbara Chelsea Mazure	Ayala Angel Gonzalez
Francis Gross	Diovelit Torrecilla	Larez Gonzalo
Martha Nock	Irma Bowden	Villegas
Andrew Redmond	Joanna Casarrubias	Andres Rosas
Divina Garcia	Martha Gutierrez	
Rebecca Knapp	Luis Hernandez	
Joanna Nonato	Diovelit Beltran	
Jaiver Crespo	Carina Marquez	
Luis Hernandez	Villeda	
Diovelit Beltran	Arely Vera-	

Lector and Server Schedule

Date	Server	Lector
Nov. 22, 4:30pm	Darlene Smith	Tony Gross
Nov. 23, 8:30am	Tony/Jayden Thomas	Tracy Buck
Nov. 23, 10:30am	Stephanie Thompson	Brian Thompson
Nov. 23, 1:00pm	**	Dennis Hernandez & Viridian Rojo
Nov. 29, 4:30pm	Anne Fish	Kathy Nederhoed
Nov. 30, 8:30am	Katie Jones	Janice Kistka
Nov. 30, 10:30am	Dagoberto Castro Jr	Mickey Sykes
Nov. 30, 1:00pm	**	Melia Castaneda & Elizabeth Reyna

Catholic Schools Of Greater Kalamazoo

No child will be denied the opportunity of a Catholic education due to financial need. The Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo are offering all parishioners the Covenant Scholarship to make this possible. Please call the school offices with questions:

St. Monica School (269) 345-2444 ;

St. Augustine Cathedral Elementary (269) 349-1945;

Msgr. Hackett Catholic Prep High School (269) 381- 2646

Ningún niño se verá privado de la oportunidad de recibir una educación católica por motivos económicos. Las Escuelas Católicas del Área Metropolitana ofrecen a todos los feligreses la Beca del Pacto para que esto sea posible. Para cualquier consulta, comuníquese con las oficinas de las escuelas:

Santa Mónica (269) 345-2444

Escuela Primaria Catedral de San Agustín (269) 349-1945;

Preparatoria Católica Monseñor Hackett (269) 381-2646

Our Gifts for God

Week ending in.....11/16/25

Sunday Collection.....\$6,123.34

Online Collection.....\$2,453.20

Total Offertory received.....\$8,576.54

Offertory needed

weekly.....\$9,740.39

Shortage.....\$1,163.85

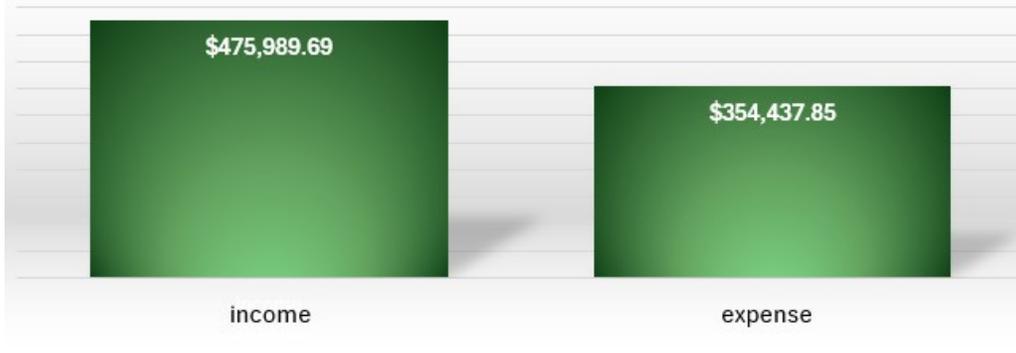
Second Collection: Archdiocese for Those in Military Service....\$3,328.83

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.
- Here is our QR code for our online giving link.



Year-to-Date Income vs Year-to-Date Expense 09 November 2025



Please remember these totals reflect ALL sources of income not simply what you donate each week and ALL expenses.

Keep it up, St. Joseph Parish!

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have not done so already please consider donating to the Bishops Annual Appeal, they fund very crucial assistance like Catholic Charities who has low cost immigration services among many others.

The Immigration Assistance Program provides the indigent immigrant population with low-cost, competent legal representation in their immigration matters.

Si aún no lo ha hecho, por favor considere hacer una donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo; financian ayuda crucial como la de Caridades Católicas, que ofrece servicios de inmigración a bajo costo, entre otros especialmente.

El Programa de Asistencia para Inmigrantes proporciona a la población indigente representación legal competente y de bajo costo en sus asuntos de inmigración.



Immigration Assistance

Catholic Charities
Diocese of Kalamazoo

Blessing Your Meals

V. Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty, through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

(Add for midday)

V. May the King of everlasting glory make us partakers of the heavenly table.
R. Amen.

(Add for evening)

V. May the King of everlasting glory lead us to the banquet of life eternal.
R. Amen.

Thanksgiving After a Meal

V. We give you thanks, almighty God, for all your benefits, who live and reign for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

V. May the Lord grant us his peace.
R. And life everlasting.
V. Amen.



Bendiga Sus Alimentos

V. Bendice nos, Señor, y bendice estos dones que vamos a recibir de tu generosidad, por Jesucristo nuestro Señor.
R. Amén.

(Añadir para el mediodía)

V. Que el Rey de la gloria eterna nos haga partícipes de la mesa celestial.
R. Amén.

(Añadir para la tarde)

V. Que el Rey de la gloria eterna nos conduzca al banquete de la vida eterna.
R. Amén.

Acción de Gracias Después De La Comida

V. Te damos gracias, Dios todopoderoso, por todos tus beneficios, Tú que vives y reinas por los siglos de los siglos.
R. Amén.

V. Que el Señor nos conceda su paz.
R. Y la vida eterna.
V. Amén.

Bazaar income total: \$10,071.57

What a tremendous gift to the Parish!

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Thank you to all who came out to support!



Side Altar Vigil Candle Intentions
Blessed Virgin Mary: For Intentions Of
St. Joseph: For Intentions Of

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 Intentiones De
San José: Para Intentiones De

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.



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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.