



YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Mass Schedule and Intentions Horario de Misas e Intenciones

Saturday, February 07, de febrero, Sábado

4:30 p.m. For The People Of The Parish / Por Los Feligrese De La Parroquia

Sunday, February 08, de febrero, Domingo

8:30 a.m. World Peace / Paz Mundial

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

1:00 p.m. † Alfredo Morales Req Familia Gómez

Monday, February 09, de febrero, Lunes

8:30 a.m. Benjamin & Isabel Saliwanchik

Tuesday, February 10, de febrero, Martes

6:00 p.m. † Ernestina Lopez & † Carmelo Flácido López Req Hijos & Hermanos

Wednesday, Febrero 11, de febrero, Miércoles

8:30 p.m. † Beth Mero Req Mary Mero

Friday, February 12, de febrero, Viernes

8:30 a.m. † Patrick Caporal Req Mary Mero

Saturday, February 13, de febrero, Sábado

4:30 p.m. Mark Theresa Krajewski 50th Wedding anniversary Req From Friends

Sunday, February 14, de febrero, Domingo

8:30 a.m. † Carmen Frybarger Req Family

10:30 a.m. For The People Of The Parish / Por Los Feligreses

1:00 p.m. † Kevin Toledo Req Felicitas Sweet

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are the most meaningful gifts to give on a birthday or special occasion. Great for anniversaries and those who have departed, It helps the church create a sense of community and gathering. Please consider a week day Mass Intentions.

Las intenciones de Misa son uno de los regalos más significativos para un cumpleaños o una ocasión especial. Son ideales para aniversarios y para recordar a los seres queridos fallecidos, y ayudan a la iglesia a fomentar el sentido de comunidad y unión. Considere ofrecer intenciones de Misa durante una Misa entre semana.

St. Joseph Church

08 February , 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5to Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

USTEDES SON LA LUZ
DEL MUNDO

From the Desk of Fr. Leo ●

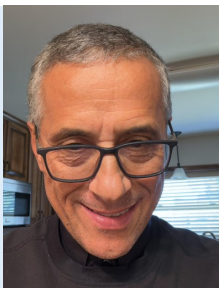
These Sundays the liturgy offers us the so-called Sermon on the Mount, in the Gospel of Matthew. After presenting the Beatitudes last Sunday, today [Matthew] emphasizes Jesus' words describing his disciples' mission in the world. (cf. Mt 5:13-16). He uses the metaphors of salt and light, and his words are directed to the disciples of every age, therefore also to us.

Jesus invites us to reflect his light. He says: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (v. 16). We are recognizable as true disciples of the One who is the Light of the World, not in words, but by our works. Therefore, we have a duty and a responsibility towards the gift received: the light of the faith, which is in us through Christ and the action of the Holy Spirit; and we must not withhold it as if it were our property. Instead, we are called to make it shine throughout the world, to offer it to others through good works. How much the world needs the light of the Gospel which transforms, heals and guarantees salvation to those who receive it! We must convey this light through our good works.

The light of our faith, in giving of oneself, does not fade but strengthens. However, it can weaken if we do not nourish it with love and with charitable works. In this way the image of light complements that of salt. The Gospel passage, in fact, tells us that, as disciples of Christ, we are also "the salt of the earth" (v. 13). Salt is an ingredient which, while it gives flavor, keeps food from turning and spoiling. Thus, Christians' mission in society is that of giving "flavor" to life with the faith and the love that Christ has given us, and at the same time, keeping away the contaminating seeds of selfishness, envy, slander, and so on. These seeds degrade the fabric of our communities, which should instead shine as places of welcome, solidarity and reconciliation. To fulfil this mission, it is essential that we first free ourselves from the corruptive degeneration of worldly influences contrary to Christ and to the Gospel; and this purification never ends, it must be done continuously; it must be done every day!

Each one of us is called to be light and salt, in the environment of our daily life, persevering in the task of regenerating the human reality in the spirit of the Gospel and in the perspective of the Kingdom of God. May the protection of Mary help us to let ourselves always be purified and enlightened by the Lord, to become, in our turn, "salt of the earth" and "light of the world".

Fr. Leo



Del Escritorio de Pd. Leo ●

Estos domingos, la liturgia nos ofrece el llamado Sermón de la Montaña, en el Evangelio de Mateo. Después de presentar las Bienaventuranzas el domingo pasado, hoy [Mateo] subraya las palabras de Jesús que describen la misión de sus discípulos en el mundo (cf. Mt 5,13-16). Utiliza las metáforas de la sal y la luz, y sus palabras están dirigidas a los discípulos de todas las épocas, por lo tanto, también a nosotros.

Jesús nos invita a reflejar su luz. Dice: «Que brille vuestra luz ante los hombres, para que vean vuestras buenas obras y glorifiquen a vuestro Padre que está en los cielos» (v. 16). Somos reconocibles como verdaderos discípulos de Aquel que es la Luz del Mundo, no por las palabras, sino por nuestras obras. Por lo tanto, tenemos un deber y una responsabilidad con respecto al don recibido: la luz de la fe, que está en nosotros a través de Cristo y la acción del Espíritu Santo; y no debemos retenerla como si fuera nuestra propiedad. Al contrario, estamos llamados a hacerla brillar en todo el mundo, a ofrecer a los demás a través de las buenas obras. ¡Cuánta necesidad tiene el mundo de la luz del Evangelio que transforma, sana y garantiza la salvación a quienes la reciben! Debemos transmitir esta luz a través de nuestras buenas obras.

La luz de nuestra fe, al entregarse, no se apaga, sino que se fortalece. Sin embargo, puede debilitarse si no la alimentamos con amor y con obras de caridad. De esta manera, la imagen de la luz complementa la de la sal. El pasaje del Evangelio, de hecho, nos dice que, como discípulos de Cristo, también somos «la sal de la tierra» (v. 13). La sal es un ingrediente que, además de dar sabor, evita que los alimentos se echen a perder. Así, la misión de los cristianos en la sociedad es dar «sabor» a la vida con la fe y el amor que Cristo nos ha dado, y al mismo tiempo, alejar las semillas contaminantes del egoísmo, la envidia, la calumnia, etc. Estas semillas degradan el tejido de nuestras comunidades, que deberían brillar como lugares de acogida, solidaridad y reconciliación. Para cumplir esta misión, es esencial que primero nos liberemos de la degeneración corruptora de las influencias mundanas contrarias a Cristo y al Evangelio; y esta purificación nunca termina, debe hacerse continuamente; ¡debe hacerse todos los días!

Cada uno de nosotros está llamado a ser luz y sal en el entorno de nuestra vida cotidiana, perseverando en la tarea de regenerar la realidad humana según el espíritu del Evangelio y en la perspectiva del Reino de Dios. Que la protección de María nos ayude a dejarnos purificar e iluminar siempre por el Señor, para convertirnos, a nuestra vez, en «sal de la tierra» y «luz del mundo».

Padre. Leo

In Other Parishes / En Otras Parroquia

Vive Tu Cursillo



MEN- LIVE A CURSILLO WEEKEND

What a great way to enhance your Lenten journey by living a Cursillo Weekend. This 3 day "short course" in Christianity, with Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and presentations by Clergy and Laity is perfect to energize your spirituality. Please join us!

Men's Cursillo Weekend
February 26-March 1, 2026 – Men's #81 Cursillo weekend, Amigo Center Sturgis.

Informational flyers and forms are available on our website.

<https://kalamazoocursillo.com/forms>

Questions? For more information contact Amy Hackman, Pre Cursillo Coordinator, 269-625-1512, ahackman85@yahoo.com

Deacon Andy Boyd, Rector, 260-350-8597, dcnandyboyd@gmail.com

Pilgrimage from Kalamazoo to Rome

Italy PILGRIMAGE

October 5 - October 16, 2026

Rome Monte Cassino Assisi
Orvieto Bolsena

Father Jose Haro
Pastor of St. Mary,
Director of Vocations

Discover the heart of the universal Church on this handcrafted pilgrimage to Italy with St. Mary Parish. From the timeless streets of Rome, to the peaceful city of Assisi, to the rich history of Monte Cassino, walk in the footsteps of saints and encounter firsthand the ever-unfolding story of the Church!

Learn more:
VersoMinistries.com/st-mary-kalamazoo-italy-2026

VERSO MINISTRIES

St. Augustine Blue Moon Rummage Sale – 30th Year!!!

Join us for our one-day only Blue Moon Rummage Sale on ****Friday, February 27, from 1–8p.m.**** in the Father Crowley Center. For 30 years, this much loved event has been a favorite destination for great finds, featuring clothing, children's toys, housewares, sporting goods, bedding, furniture, and a curated mix of vintage and holiday décor.

We welcome community drop-offs within the Father Crowley gymnasium during the following dates:

- Monday, February 23, 2026, from Noon – 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 24, 2026, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 25, 2026, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.+

Thank you for your donations that continue to keep our standards high!

Details: <https://www.stakalamazoo.org/blue-moon-rummage-sale>

ST. MARY KALAMAZOO
PREPARING for LENT

These 40 days invite us to step back from the noise of everyday life and refocus our hearts on Christ.

Tuesday, February 17
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join us for the Rosary at 6:30 pm in the Church, followed by a talk by Fr. Haro.

Everyone is invited to a POLISH DINNER from 5:00 PM to 6:15 PM in Fr. Bart Hall. A freewill offering will be appreciated to help offset the cost.

Please RSVP for dinner only by including your last name and the number of attendees. Note that there will not be a return call. You can **RSVP by calling 269-342-0621**. No RSVP is needed for the presentation.

Hosted by The Legion of Mary

THE KALAMAZOO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN INVITES ALL TO ATTEND

MAGIC CARPET THEATRE DRAMA MINISTRY
performs

At His Feet
women in scripture

Register Now!

February 21st 2026

Lent is an invitation to encounter Jesus and open our hearts to God's grace!

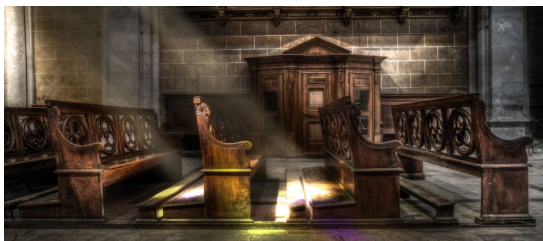
We invite all our Catholic ladies, mothers, daughters, and religious sisters throughout the Diocese and their guests to join us for a meaningful and healing Lenten experience.

Register at: kdccw.flocknote.com/signup/235496
Questions? email: KDCCW.reg@gmail.com

WHERE
St. Phillip Roman Catholic Church and Parish Center
112 Capital Avenue, NE
Battle Creek, MI

DETAILS

- Doors open at 8:30 AM
- Program starts at 9:00 AM
 - Bishop Lohse will present the Golden Rose
 - Award to the Nominees
 - Lunch
 - Drama presentation in Church 1:00
 - Closing 3:00
 - Confessor and Vigil Mass Available after Closing
- Adults \$40 • Students \$20



Scripture Readings

Lecturas Diarias

For the Week of February 08, 2026

Para la Semana de Febrero 08, 2026

Sunday • Domingo

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Monday • Lunes

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday • Martes

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday • Miércoles

1 Kings 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday • Jueves

1 Kings 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday • Viernes

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday • Sábado

1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday • Domingo

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

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
- Amy Harrington
- Roxanne Reister
- Francisca Zuniga
- Mary Nash
- Sean Mills

Activities in Our Parish
Actividades en Nuestra Parroquia

Sunday, February 08 • Domingo 08 de febrero

- 8:00am—4:00pm Religious Ed / Catecismo
- 8:30am—11:30am Donuts / Donás
- 2:30pm—3:30pm Clase Pre Bautismal
- 5:00pm—7:00pm Clases Pre Matrimonial

Monday, February 09 • Lunes 09 de febrero

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

Tuesday, February 10 • Martes 10 de febrero

- 4:00pm—6:00pm Adoration / Adoración
- 6:30pm—8:30pm Religious Ed / Catecismo
- 7:00pm—9:00pm Youth Women Volleyball

Wednesday, February 11 • Miércoles 11 febrero

- 6:00pm—9:00pm Religious Ed / Catecismo

Thursday, February 12 • Jueves 12 de febrero

- 6:00pm—8:00pm Narcotics Anonymous / Narcóticos Anónimos
- 7:00pm—9:00pm Volleyball Masculino / Mens Volleyball

Friday, February 13 • Viernes 13 de febrero

- 6:00pm—8:00pm Religious Ed / Catecismo
- 7:00pm—8:00pm Rosario
- 7:30pm—9:00pm Young Adult Basketball / Baloncesto Juvenil

Saturday, February 14 • Sábado 14 de febrero

- 7:30am—9:00am Catholic Men / Hombres Católicos
- 11:00am—12:00pm Religious Ed / Catecismo
- 4:00pm—9:00pm Retiro de Parejas

Sunday, February 15 • Domingo 15 de febrero

- 8:00am—4:00pm Religious Ed / Catecismo
- 11:00am—4:00pm Kermes
- 5:00pm—7:00pm Clases Pre Matrimonial

Happy Birthday!!! • ¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

Aylin Avilez Avila
Lupita Mejia Garcia
Frances Mills
Nancy Valera
Marlynn Cloney
John McCarty
Xiarah Ortiz Ponce
Imelda Sanchez
Adalberto Cruz
Santiago Garcia Sanchez
Mark Johnson
Roberto Leo
Julie Sinon
Maria Ascencio
Kara Hudson
Fabio Lopez Morales

David Munson
Mariana Vega
Elena McCauley
Paul Fitzpatrick
Meah Hameed
Jose Jaimes
Andres Ponce
Paula Eldridge
Alan Gervacio
Trevor Pellerito
Jonathan Ponce
Elisabeth Scheuer
Sarah Smith
Javier Torres
Julian Alcaraz
Moises Duran
Ysabella Garcia
Teresa Hernandez
Marvin Hoffman
Karina Deering

Kevin Jusick
Matthew Fleck
Catherine Hurley
Richard Mahoney
Allison Pellerito
Sunday Arnold
Juan Garcia
Valentin Hernandez
Valentine Juarez
Arevalo
Sergio Mejia
Lesly Mordles
Brayhan Rodriguez
Rosa Angelica
Catherine Connors
Leo Macilla-Rojo

Side Altar Vigil Candle Intentions

Blessed Virgin Mary: For Intentions Of George Daleiden
St. Joseph: For Intentions Of George Daleiden

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 \$10.

Lector and Server Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Server</i>	<i>Lector</i>
Feb. 07, 4:30pm	James Johnson	Analia Avila
Feb. 08, 8:30am	Katie Jones	Dave & Donna Barry
Feb. 08, 10:30am	Dagoberto Castro Jr	Brian Thompson
Feb. 08, 1:00pm	**	**
Feb. 14, 4:30pm	Darlene Smith	Jan Collins
Feb. 15, 8:30am		Tracy Buck
Feb. 15, 10:30am	Stephanie Thompson	Mickey Sykes
Feb. 15, 1:00pm		

THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD PANTRY!

“Blessed are the poor in spirit” – these are familiar words to us and we recently heard them in Sunday’s gospel reading. Who are the poor in spirit? They live all around us – especially in our neighborhood. They are the people who have more month than money, whose car (if they have one) has no heat or is overdue for new tires, whose kitchen has an oven that does not work. They are our brothers and sisters that we serve at the Food Pantry. Even though we are open for only three days a week, we served 40 families in the last week of January. The snow was high, the temperatures were low but the needs were great. THANK YOU for being that helping hand! Your donations during Advent and throughout the year have enabled us to be generous with “extras” – things we take for granted. A cake mix in the pantry, toilet paper, snacks for the little ones. We are so grateful for your generosity and prayers. With your help, this ministry will continue to flourish in the new year.

Monaguillos Altar Servers & Lectores Lectors

Estamos buscando a niños o jóvenes que tengan su primera comunión, completada para ayudar en Misa durante el fin de semana. Se les dará adiestramiento, es una manera de ayudar a nuestra iglesia.

Niños en Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo están animados a participar al igual que sus padres.

We are looking for children or young people who have already received their First Communion and would like to help at Mass on the weekends.

Training will be provided, and it's a great way to serve our church.

Children attending Catholic Schools in the Greater Kalamazoo area are encouraged to participate, as are their parents.

Our Gifts for God

Week ending in.....02/02/2026

Sunday collection.....\$7,533.40

Online Collection.....\$1,238.50

Total Offertory

Received.....\$8,771.90

OFFERTORY NEEDED

WEEKLY.....\$9,740.39

SHORTAGE.....\$968.49

Second Collection Three

Churches.....\$ 1,459.25

*Thank you for your
generosity to your parish*

God Bless You!!

Online Giving

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



Catholic Schools Of Greater Kalamazoo

Covenant Scholarship

*Covenant Scholarship available to students preschool-8th grade

No child will be denied a
Catholic Education
due to financial need

*Must be an active and registered Parishioner
of one of the 8 supporting parishes

IGLESIA SAN JOSE

DIA DE SAN VALENTIN

Mini Retiro y Cena de Parejas

Sábado, FEB 14


4:00 pm a 9:00 pm
Gimnasio de la Iglesia

DONATIVO: \$60
por pareja

*Para registro contacte a Maggie al 269-447-3949
cupo limitado*

Reminder / Recordatorio
Ash Wednesday is on February 18th!
Miércoles De Ceniza es el 18 de febrero!
Mass at 8:30am
Ash Distribution at noon
Misa 6:00pm en Español

Stations of the cross will begin on Friday February 20th.
English Stations of the cross will start at 7:15pm
El Vía Crucis comenzará el viernes 20 de febrero.
El Vía Crucis en español comenzaran a las 6:30pm



COFFEE AND DONUTS

FEBRUARY 8
1/2 DOZEN TAKE-OUT DONUTS \$2.00 PER BAG

From the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:
You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."
(Mt 5:13-16)

ST. JOSEPH
Knights Of Columbus
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LENTEN Fish Fry




Join us for our annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinner
Friday February 20th
Bennett Building
Gymnasium Doors open at 4pm Dinners are served from 5-7pm
Dinner includes: Fried and baked codfish, french fries, coleslaw, chowder rolland coffee or punch. Cash bar will be available as well.
Price 15.00 ATM Available.
Take-Out available, Call to order:
269-720-7302



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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.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

Teresa's Kitchen

To view their full advertisement, see the back page of the bulletin. And please, remember to patronize

Teresa's Kitchen

and all of our sponsors. They make our bulletin possible.

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.