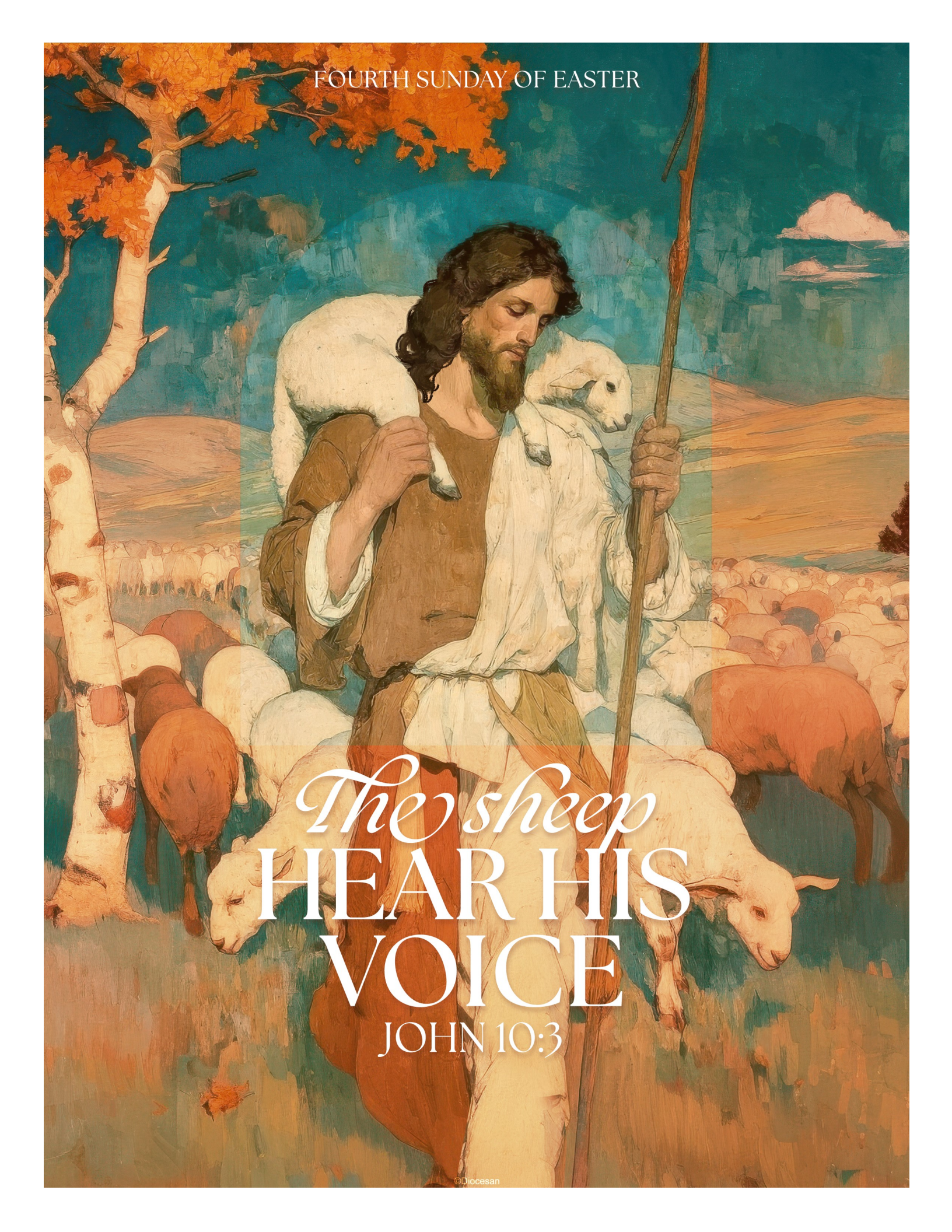


A painting of Jesus with a beard and long hair, wearing a brown tunic and a white shawl. He is holding a wooden staff in his left hand and has a white sheep resting on his right shoulder. He is surrounded by a flock of sheep in a landscape with rolling hills and a tree with orange autumn leaves on the left. The sky is a deep blue with some white clouds.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The sheep
**HEAR HIS
VOICE**

JOHN 10:3

PARISH EVENT LIST

MONDAY, APRIL 27:

6:00 p.m. OCIA — Community Bldg

TUESDAY, APRIL 28:

7:00 p.m. DIACONATE FORMATION — Community Bldg

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29:

8:30 a.m. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT — Church (8:30am-2:30pm)

10:00 a.m. LAP ROBE WORKERS — Community Bldg

5:00 p.m. MILLIONS OF MONICAS — Church

6:30 p.m. THIRD PLACE "ASK THE FATHERS" EVENT — Community Bldg

THURSDAY, APRIL 30:

6:00 p.m. FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE — Church

7:00 p.m. CHOIR REHEARSAL — Church

7:00 a.m. CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN — Community Bldg

FRIDAY, MAY 1:

8:45 a.m. BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MAY CROWNING — Mary Garden

SATURDAY, MAY 2:

7:30 a.m. CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP — Rectory Meeting Rm

**THE FIRST SATURDAY
MASS FOR PEACE**

May 2, 9am, To "bring peace to the world," Our Lady told us to pray the Rosary; to offer the sacrifice of living each day well, and to make "the First Saturday Communions of reparation." Please join us for the 9am First Saturday Mass, followed by the Rosary, and pray with us for peace in our families and in our world.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25: ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17/Mk 16:15-20

5:00 p.m. †Melanie Turansky (and) †Katherine Dempsey — Tony & Bobbi O'Brien

SUNDAY, APRIL 26: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a,36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. †Pauline Curtis — Family

11:00 a.m. Intentions of Constanca Cesar — Jim & Kris Adams

7:00 p.m. †Fr. Bartholomew Paytas — John Mathew

MONDAY, APRIL 27: Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18/Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:11-18

8:00 a.m. †Aaron Sibly — Rosalie Wright

TUESDAY, APRIL 28: Easter Weekday; St. Peter**Chanel, priest, martyr; St. Louis****Grignon de Montfort, priest**

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Cindy & Chuck Bieberle — Jacob & Myla Kovacic

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29: St.**Catherine of Siena,
virgin, doctor of the
Church**

Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8/Jn 12:44-50

7:00 a.m. Intentions of St. Monica Pro-Life Team & Pro-Life Intentions

8:00 a.m. †Amanda Munoz — Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30: Easter Weekday; St. Pius V,
pope**

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27/Jn 13:16-20/

8:00 a.m. †Herm Laudenslager — Family

**FRIDAY, MAY 1: Easter Weekday; St. Joseph the
Worker**

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11b/Jn 14:1-6

7:00 a.m. †Aimee Kucab — Family

8:00 a.m. †Lissa James — Deacon Walt & Judy Brockmeyer

**SATURDAY, MAY 2: St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor of
the Church**

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14

9:00 a.m. †Philip & Mary Jane Shannon — Bede Family

12:00 p.m. Intentions of our First Communicants

5:00 p.m. †Donna Marr — Becky Slater

SUNDAY, MAY 3: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

8:00 a.m. †Mary Ann Crawford — John Burhans Family

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. †Lissa James — St. Monica Knights of Columbus Council #12998

7:00 p.m. †Deacon Jason Aiello — Deacon Gene & Margie



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH



If you would like to enroll, change your address, or simply have questions about our parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Church Office: 4408 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, 49008.

Name _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Phone _____

- ☐ I would like to enroll as an active parishioner.
☐ Please change my address to the one shown above.
☐ I would like to learn more about school/parish activities.
☐ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.
☐ I would like to offer the name of a homebound or seriously ill Catholic who is not being visited:

- ☐ I would like to speak with a priest about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I write this letter to invite you join me in support of the 2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal, themed "Bringing People to Jesus: Planting seeds of hope." We are called together to action, to reflect the light of Christ in the love and good works that we offer others.

My friends, the Bishop's Annual Appeal is one opportunity to exhibit discipleship, to participate personally in the many good works of our Church in communion with fellow Catholics. I ask you to join me, and come together, in support of the good works of our Catholic Church. Our contributions are put to work, right away, in a multitude of ministries to offer direct assistance to individuals and families and to parishes, Catholic schools, and Catholic Charities agencies.

Please prayerfully consider making a Bishop's Annual Appeal contribution this year. To make a Bishop's Annual Appeal gift via credit card or electronic funds transfer from a bank account visit <https://www.osvhub.com/diocesefkalamazooappeal/giving/funds>. In pew envelopes will also be provided at liturgies on Bishop's Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend, April 25/26 or you can fill out and mail in your personalized pledge card that you will receive in the mail.

Our Bishop's Annual Appeal parish goal for 2026 is **\$164,208**, and with your help, I am confident we can reach that goal. Once we reach our goal, 100% of any contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned to our local parish.

Thank you for your generosity. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Daniel Hyman
Pastor

2026 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

BRINGING
PEOPLE
TO JESUS

Planting Seeds
of Hope

PARISH HAPPENINGS

ASK THE FATHERS

Wed, April 29 — 6:30-8pm
Community Building

All adults, age 18 and over, are invited to join us at Third Place for our next event, "Ask the Fathers". We will have a panel of priests that evening to answer questions about the Catholic faith. **Submit your questions before the event for the priests.** Please know these questions will be screened before sending to the priests! Just scan the QR code to submit your questions.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

HALLELUJAH!!

With your help, the MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THE EUCHARIST will be returning to St. Monica Church after a five year hiatus. We need volunteers (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) to distribute the Precious Blood at the **Sunday, 11am Masses, starting on July 5, 2026.** There will be a short training with Fr. Dan on Sun, May 17, following the 11am Mass at 12:15pm. To sign up, please see Dan VanSweden after the 11am Mass or add your name and contact information to the sheet on the table by the back Church entrance. With your help, we will once again celebrate with the Most Precious Blood at the 11am Masses, and hopefully be able to expand to ALL of the Masses. Thank you for your help!



BAPTISING YOUR CHILD

The next available baptism is
SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

12:00 pm (after the 11:00 am Mass).

Baptism class required for parents.

Please call the office @345-4389 at least three weeks prior to Baptism date to register and arrange a time for the class.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE DATES:

5/10 must be in the office by 9am, Wed, April 29

5/17 must be in the office by 9am, Wed, May 6

5/24 must be in the office by 9am, Wed, May 13

5/31 must be in the office by 9am, Tue, May 19

6/7 must be in the office by 9am, Wed, May 27

NOW HIRING: PARISH SECRETARY

Our parish is seeking a friendly, organized, and service-oriented individual to serve as Parish Secretary. This position provides administrative support to the pastor and staff, manages parish communications and records, and serves as a welcoming presence to parishioners and visitors. More information is available on the parish website: www.stmonicachurchkzoo.com.



PARISH HAPPENINGS



Your St. Monica Knights of Columbus Council 12998 wishes to thank all those who attended our April 12 Sunday Breakfast. A total of \$575 was raised to support the St. Monica High School Youth Group to attend Catholic Heart Work Camp in Memphis, TN this summer. Thank you all for your very generous donations!

**JOIN US FOR THE NEXT
ST. MONICA KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET -
SUN, MAY 3 AFTER 8:00 & 9:30 A.M.
MASSES IN THE COMMUNITY BLDG**



The net proceeds will go to support **"Hackett at Damascus"** -- a group of Hackett Catholic Prep students attending Camp Damascus in Brighton, MI this summer. If you cannot make it to our May 3 Sunday Breakfast, but would still like to donate to a worthy cause, you can mail a monetary donation to Ed Robinson, 7362 Marfield St, Portage, MI 49024 (check payable to St. Monica K of C Council 12998 with "Hackett at Damascus" on the memo line). Thank you!

St. Monica's Mercantile Market

Presented by Third Place

Catholic Makers & Antiques

Aug 30

St. Monica Gym - At the Parish Picnic

Calling all Crafters!

\$25 per table

Vendors scan to sign-up



**Come
display
your
wares!**

PARISH HAPPENINGS

The St. Monica Fr. Adolph Nadrach Knights of Columbus Council #12998 will award one \$3,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior student



who will be attending college, university, community college, or trade school for the 2026/2027 school year. The student must be a practicing member of St. Monica Parish. Interested students must fill out a scholarship application (obtained at church office or the website, stmonicachurchkzoo.com). Scholarship applications should be turned in no later than May 1, 2026. Contact Scholarship Committee Chairman, Tony Cipich, with questions, at t_kcipich@yahoo.com.



**SAVE THE DATE -
ST. MONICA
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #12998 GOLF OUTING
Sat, Aug 1, States Golf Course
More info to come in next week's
bulletin.**

Euchre Tournament

Presented by Third Place

-June 19-

Swiss Style Tournament • No Eliminations
Cash Prize • Food For Sale
St. Monica Community Building

**5:45p Check-In
6:30-9:30p Play-Time**

All Ages Welcome - \$20 Per Team
Under 18 Parents Must Be Present



Scan To Sign-Up

PARISH PRAYER LIFE

CONTACT THE OFFICE @345-4389 TO HAVE A NAME ADDED OR REMOVED FROM EITHER LIST. NAMES ARE KEPT ON THE LIST FOR THREE WEEKS UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE. PLEASE CALL IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER WILL BE ENTERING THE HOSPITAL & WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A VISIT & COMMUNION WHILE THERE.



**PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING
PEOPLE FROM OUR PARISH IN YOUR
PRAYERS:**

Tom Fewless, Sally Smith, Mary Malone,
Carolynn Kimberly, Gregory & Sharon
Kilburn, Diane Gibbs, Philip Kimberly, Mike Batterson, Katie
Kincaid, Jo Sullivan, Leora Hofer-Pitt, Sally Navarre, Mary
Stevens, Elizabeth Vollbach, Rhonda Smith, Roger
Northrup, Kate Hatfield, Mary Ann Cochrane, Linda Kirby,
Yahna Greyeagle, Amy Harrington & John Petersen



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR
PRAYERS ALL THOSE
WHO SERVE IN THE
MILITARY:**

Joseph Waurio, Charles
Brown, Ryan Kilway, Ashley Roodbergen, Raymond Kilway
II, Jason Flanders, Kaelan Redmond, Harrison Walker,
Colin Sehy, Benjamin Walker, Nathan Sehy, Mark Nguyen,
Crystal Nguyen, A.J. Kilway-Peterson, Andrew Stafford
& Bryan Bult

JUST FOR KIDS (and kids at heart)

**THE SHEPHERD
AND HIS SHEEP**

"His sheep follow him
because they know his
voice."

(John 10:4b)

LEADS	THIEF
ROBBER	STRANGER
PEN	GATE
WATCH-	VOICE
MAN	STEAL
TRUTH	SHEPHERD
FOLLOW	NAME
DESTROY	SHEEP

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WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY BUDGET:	\$18,715.00
PARISH OFFERING (4/12/26):	\$14,817.00
ONLINE GIVING (4/9/26 - 4/15/26):	\$1,460.00
GOOD FRIDAY (pass thru collection)	\$1,850.50
YEAR TO DATE VARIANCE:	+\$62,856.45

If you are interested in setting up
an account for online giving, visit
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and select Online Giving at the top of
the page. For help/questions call 269-
345-4389 x223.

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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Enrollment is open at the Catholic
Schools of Greater Kalamazoo!
Students from preschool through 12th
grade can register now for the 2026-
2027 school year at St. Monica, St.
Augustine, & Hackett Catholic Prep.

Enroll today at <https://csgk.org/>
admissions, or schedule a visit to tour the
school and meet the teachers and staff. Tuition rates are
determined by your family income, and scholarships and
tuition assistance are available at all three schools.

Website: <https://stmonickazoo.org>

No child will be denied the opportunity of a
Catholic education at St. Monica due to financial
need. Scholarships and tuition assistance are
available. Contact principal, Jennifer Crawford, 345-
2444, or our pastor, Fr. Daniel Hyman, for details.

SERVER SCHEDULE (Please see Parish website for updated schedule)

May 2/3	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTOR	EMHC	USHERS
5:00 P.M.				
8:00 A.M.				
9:30 A.M.				
11:00 A.M.				
7:00 P.M.				

**ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS, EMHC'S, USHERS —
PLEASE REFER TO THE SCHEDULE E-MAILED TO
YOU OR TO THE PARISH WEBSITE.**

DIOCESAN & AREA HAPPENINGS

KRTL ANNUAL "FOCUS ON LIFE" BENEFIT DINNER

Please join us for our 2026 Annual Benefit Dinner on Thu, May 14, featuring guest speaker: Prof. William Wagner. He currently serves as President and Chairman of Salt & Light Global as well as President of the Great Lakes Justice Center (GLJC). He holds the academic rank of Distinguished Professor Emeritus. Professor Wagner is an internationally recognized expert in constitutional law and good governance. He and the GLJC authored an amicus curiae brief on behalf of Right to Life of Michigan calling for the overturn of Roe v. Wade in a 2019 case before the U.S. Supreme Court. His total Curriculum Vitae is truly impressive.

Please join us **May 14** at Kalamazoo First Assembly of God (5550 Oakland Dr, Portage). Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner & program at 6:30pm. Tickets: \$25 students/disabilities, \$50 individuals, and \$400 (Table of 8). For info visit <https://rtl.org/event/kalamazoo-right-to-life-benefit-dinner/> or call Rob at 269-599-4954.

MARRIAGE FORMATION FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

A marriage formation weekend for engaged couples. The *Joy-Filled Marriage* process is a comprehensive marriage preparation program rooted in virtues as well as the *Theology of the Body*. The program incorporates rich Catholic theology with sound psychology. 2026 JFM Weekends held in **English**: May 30-31, Sept 12-13. **Spanish**: June 13-14. Visit www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org/marriage-preparation

KENTUCKY DERBY DINNER — St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine Knights of Columbus will host their annual Kentucky Derby Dinner on Sat, May 2. Doors open 5pm. Purchase tickets at St. Catherine's front office. Ticket sales are cash & checks only (\$50 - payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6980). Feast begins at 5:45pm. Catered meal including carved roast beef and apple bourbon chicken, DJ music & dancing, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, cash bar (including mint juleps) and more race day excitement. Direct any questions to Nidal Shomali 269-532-5522 or Joe Magalski 989-992-6085.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & SWITZERLAND**

Join Fr. Robert Creagan on a faith-filled pilgrimage through the beauty of Italy and Switzerland. Visit sacred sites and breathtaking locations including Sorrento, Capri, the Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence, Venice, Milan, Lake Como, and the Swiss Alps. Dates: Sept 23 – Oct 5, 2027. Cost: \$5,999 per person (includes airfare and all except lunches and travel insurance) For more info or to register, contact: (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370 or visit www.proximotravel.com. Registration lines are open 7 days a week! Space is limited — reserve your spot today for this unforgettable spiritual journey.

13-WEEK GRIEF SHARE — St. Catherine of Siena

Join us on Tuesdays, May 12 thru Aug 4, 6:30-8:30pm, Rooms 9/11 for our 13 week Griefshare program. This program is for anyone who has lost a loved one and is seeking to learn more about how to successfully navigate the grief journey. Registration fee: \$25, includes program book. Payable at the first session. For questions about the program contact Paula White, (269) 330-3762 or pwhitenc@mac.com. To register go to www.GriefShare.org or contact Paula White.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**FOR FAITH-FILLED COLLEGE STUDENTS**

The Keeping the Catholic Faith Scholarship Fund held at the Catholic Foundation of Michigan provides scholarships to graduating seniors who desire to live, grow, and share their Catholic faith after high school. Thanks to the generosity of a local Kalamazoo family, the fund will provide \$1,000 financial scholarship grants renewable up to four years. To learn more and apply, please visit <http://www.bit.ly/KTCF>

SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS

In this high-energy, family-friendly musical comedy, (presented by Backwoods Players & directed by Danny Shultz and Ursi Engebretsen), a determined woman tries to find wives for her six backwoodsmen brothers-in-law. This play blends Wild West frontier charm with singing, dancing and runs from May 1-2 at Freshwater Community Church in Paw Paw. Tickets: \$10 for age 10 & up, \$5 for children under 10. Reserve tickets at <https://bwplayerskzoo.wordpress.com/#tickets> or scan the QR code!



PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

CHURCH ADDRESS: 534 W. Kilgore, Kalamazoo, MI 49008**PARISH OFFICE** Phone 345-4389 Fax 345-5211

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to Noon & 12:45 to 3:00 p.m. (Mon-Fri)

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Sunday Vigil: (Saturday)	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses:	8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday & Friday	7:00 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.
First Saturday	9:00 a.m.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Chapel open 24 hours day – 7 days a week

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP: Tuesday after 8am Mass**ROSARY:** Mon-Fri 7:30am; Mon 6pm; Sat 4:30pm; Sun 9am.**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Call Office for date and time**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Tue 6-7pm & Sat 3-4pm.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Parish membership, preparation and regular Faith practice are required.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Ron Van Houten) 929-2609**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** 381-9800**CARING NETWORK** 381-1234 **THE ARK** 343-8765**PRAYER CHAIN** 345-4389