

# First Communion



St. Monica Church  
May 2, 2026

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## PARISH EVENT LIST

**SUNDAY, MAY 3:**

- 9:00 a.m. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
PARISH BREAKFAST  
BUFFET — Community Bldg  
(after 8 & 9:30am Masses)
- 4:00 p.m. COME & SEE SUNDAYS  
(for teen & adult musicians)  
— Church

**MONDAY, MAY 4:**

- 10:00 a.m. PHILIP & MARY JANE SHANNON  
MEMORIAL — Church
- 6:00 p.m. OCIA — Community Bldg

**TUESDAY, MAY 5:**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6:**

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. PARISH PROLIFE MEETING —  
Community Bldg

**THURSDAY, MAY 7:**

- 9:00 a.m. MOM CO — Community Bldg
- 7:00 p.m. CHOIR REHEARSAL — Church
- 7:00 a.m. CATHOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL OF  
MICHIGAN — Community Bldg

**FRIDAY, MAY 8:**

- 6:30 p.m. MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP  
“BLESSED MOTHER” CELEBRATION —  
Community Bldg & Marian Garden

**SATURDAY, MAY 9:**

- 7:30 a.m. CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP — Rectory  
Meeting Rm
- 11:00 a.m. JOHN & JOAN ROBINSON FUNERAL —  
Church

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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.

**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

**MONDAY, MAY 4: Easter Weekday**

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4,15-16/Jn 14:21-26

- 8:00 a.m. †Albert & Ida Jefson — Family

**TUESDAY, MAY 5: Easter Weekday**

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13b,21/Jn 14:27-31a

- 8:00 a.m. †Richard Katula — Richard & Florence Nelson

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6: Easter Weekday**

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8

- 7:00 a.m. †Michael Hoef — Family
- 8:00 a.m. †Gracie Kavanaugh — John & Carol Stickney

**THURSDAY, MAY 7: Easter Weekday**

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3,10/Jn 15:9-11/

- 8:00 a.m. †José DeMelo — Family

**FRIDAY, MAY 8: Easter Weekday**

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-12/Jn 15:12-17

- 7:00 a.m. †Mary Lou Mutter — Transue Family
- 8:00 a.m. †Barbara Rourke — Rosalie Wright

**SATURDAY, MAY 9: Easter Weekday**

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2,3,5/Jn 15:18-21

- 5:00 p.m. †Gerald, Joan & Florence Wasik — Wasik Family

**SUNDAY, MAY 10: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 8:5-8,14-17/Ps 66:1-7,16,20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

- 8:00 a.m. †Joan Eaton — Friends
- 9:30 a.m. †Diane Gibbs — Family
- 11:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 7:00 p.m. †Sandra McAfee — Walbridge Family

## 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

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

You are cordially invited to a special time of Prayer on Wed, May 13, at 8:45am, (after the 8am Mass) at St. Monica Church, to honor Our Blessed Mother Mary on the Anniversary of Her apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. We will recite special **prayers** in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, including the **Consecration and Litany**, and the **Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary**.

**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](http://www.stmonicachurchkzoo.com).

**YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Come & See Sundays:** An afternoon for teen & adult musicians/vocalists interested in learning more about using their gifts to praise and adore the Lord as a band member. May 3 & May 24, 4-5pm in the Church.

High School volunteers needed to help with **Kzoo Right to Life Dinner** Set up & Teardown May 14.

**End of Year High School Youth Group Party:** Sun, May 17.

Use our QR code to RSVP or for HS Youth Ministry event info.

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION!  
ALL 2026 GRADUATES**

On Sun, June 7<sup>th</sup>, the 9:30 a.m. Mass will be said for the "Intentions of All Graduates" (all those who will, or have, graduated during the past year from grade school, high school & college). If you or a relative have graduated or will graduate, please call the Church Office at 345-4389 by 12 Noon, Tue, May 26<sup>th</sup>, and submit your/their Name, Graduate grade/degree, & Name of School, or fill out the form below and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. These will be printed on a special insert for that weekend.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE/  
DEGREE \_\_\_\_\_

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

*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:**

5/17 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**

6/14 must be in the office by 9am, Wed, June 3

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

*May 8th 6:30-8:30*

Join MS youth group on May 8th, 6:30-8:30pm as we celebrate our Blessed Mother with festivities, food and fun! This is the last youth group of the year, please join us! For more info and to be added to our email list contact [MSYouthGroup@stmonicakzoo.org](mailto:MSYouthGroup@stmonicakzoo.org)

## PARISH HAPPENINGS



**JOIN US FOR THE NEXT  
ST. MONICA KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET**  
Sun, MAY 3 After 8:00 & 9:30am  
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!

**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.



## St. Monica's Mercantile Market

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# Aug 30

**St. Monica Gym - At the Parish Picnic**

**Calling all Crafters!**

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Vendors scan to sign-up



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display  
your  
wares!**

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

**Knights of Columbus  
MEGA GARAGE SALE**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Save your items to donate!**

St. Monica's Knights of Columbus will be holding their Mega Garage Sale to raise funds for Parish and Diocesan charities.

**DROP OFF DATES:** Mon, July 20; 12 Noon to 5pm  
Tue, July 21 & Wed, July 22, 9am to 5pm.

**SALE DATES:** Thu, July 23 & Fri, July 24, 9am-5pm  
Sat, July 25, 9am to 12 Noon

**WHERE:** St. Monica's Parish Community Building

**The Knights need your HELP! To offer their Sale, they need volunteers to help with the set-up, Sale & clean-up. Great service hours for high school students!**

Contact John Biever, 269-903-8133  
with questions or to volunteer.

**MEGA  
GARAGE  
SALE**

## Euchre Tournament

**Presented by Third Place**

# -June 19-

Swiss Style Tournament • No Eliminations  
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**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, 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

## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



**Enrollment is open at the Catholic Schools of Greater Kalamazoo! Students from preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> 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://stmonicakzoo.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.**

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Last week St. Monica parishioners began pledging to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. A heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who made a pledge or contribution! If you have not yet contributed, we encourage you to make a commitment decision this week. Your gift, together with those of others across our diocese, will support essential ministries and programs of our Church. **To give online** scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.osvhub.com/diocesefofkalamazooappeal/giving/funds>.

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## WEEKLY OFFERING

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| WEEKLY BUDGET:                     | \$18,715.00  |
| PARISH OFFERING (4/19/26):         | \$20,248.40  |
| ONLINE GIVING (4/16/26 - 4/22/26): | \$3,400.00   |
| YEAR TO DATE VARIANCE:             | +\$67,789.85 |

**If you are interested in setting up an account for online giving, visit [www.stmonicachurchkzoo.com](http://www.stmonicachurchkzoo.com)** and select Online Giving at the top of the page. For help/questions call 269-345-4389 x223.



## UPDATED POLICIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The following requirements **MUST** be fulfilled before working with children and youth in any capacity:

## ALL VOLUNTEERS



- Initial and periodic renewals of both state and national background checks
- Completion of diocesan abuse prevention training, remaining current with ongoing education

NEW

- Clearance from the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth
- Signed Statement of Intent for Compliance to the Diocesan Policies for the Protection of Children and Youth

**Contact your Parish Safe Environment Coordinator to get the process started**



[WWW.DIOKZOO.ORG/PROTECT](http://WWW.DIOKZOO.ORG/PROTECT)

## SERVER SCHEDULE SCHEDULE (Please see Parish website for updated schedule)

| May 9/10   | 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 &amp; 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](http://www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org/marriage-preparation).

## MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

Join the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 522 for the Death of a Gangster Murder Mystery Dinner on **May 9, 5:30pm**. We will be solving the mystery at the Knights of Columbus Hall (32373 E Red Arrow Hwy, Paw Paw). Schedule: 5:30pm Social Hours (cash bar available), 6:30pm Dinner with murder mystery following, presented by the Murder Mystery Company. Get into character by wearing Roaring 20's or Al Capone style clothing. Don't wait to help us discover the criminal. Tickets are limited. Cost \$60/person. Contact John Byrnes at (269) 779-3669 to secure your spot.



## PARKING LOT MARKET —

## St. Joseph, Kalamazoo

St. Joseph Parish, 936, Lake St., Kalamazoo, will have a Parking Lot Market, Sat, May 16, 10am-3pm. 20+ vendors; flats of flowers for sale; tamales to go! Concessions: popcorn, sloppy joes, chips, water, soda.



## 13-WEEK GRIEFSHARE — 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](mailto:pwhitenc@mac.com). To register go to [www.GriefShare.org](http://www.GriefShare.org) or contact Paula White.

## SOLANUS CASEY PILGRIMAGE



The Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invite all women and their friends to join us for an unforgettable pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit on Wed, June 17. \$75/person, includes deluxe motorcoach transportation to and from the Center (+\$10 suggested donation for the docent led tour) a catered lunch and light meal on the return trip home. Sign up before it fills up! **All registration fees must be received no later than May 14.** Fliers with more info are by the back Church entrance. Register at: <https://kdccw.flocknote.com/signup/252424> or contact [KDCCW.reg@gmail.com](mailto:KDCCW.reg@gmail.com) for more information.

## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY &amp; 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](http://www.proximotravel.com). Registration lines are open 7 days a week! Space is limited — reserve your spot today for this unforgettable spiritual journey.

## 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)

**PARISH STAFF** Extension

|                                               |     |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
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**SCHOOL:** Principal Jennifer Crawford 345-2444

**HACKETT CATHOLIC PREP:** 381-2646

**WEBSITE:** [www.stmonicachurchkzoo.com](http://www.stmonicachurchkzoo.com)

**OFFICE ADDRESS: 4408 S. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49008**

## MASS SCHEDULE

|                             |                                             |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 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

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