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**\*DIOCESE EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES\***

**The Annual Collection for the Churches in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, and Latin America will take place this weekend, February 2nd.** Your support will help provide pastoral care, catechesis, clergy formation, lay leadership training, evangelization and other programs to reach out to those who long to hear the Good News of Christ in each region. Please give generously to this collection. *Collection envelopes are included in your 2020 collection envelope box.*

**Young Adult Board Game Night, Saturday, February 15 at 6 PM:** College age through 30s are invited to gather for games and community in a shared Catholic environment. We will gather in the Fr. Bart Hall, Our Lady of Czestochowa meeting room, at 6 pm. Bring yourself, bring a friend, and enjoy an evening out! Pizza and board games provided, but please bring a snack and/or a drink to share. Next date: March 21, (3rd Saturday). For more info, contact April at 612-867-9831 or Tim McNamara at [TMcNamara@diokzoo.org](mailto:TMcNamara@diokzoo.org).

**Come join us for our annual St. Stanislaus "Sweetheart Soup Dinner" on Sunday, February 16, 2020 at 1861 136th Ave, Dorr, MI.** Dinner includes a choice of seven different homemade soups, salad, rolls, homemade desserts and beverages. Take out is available. Serving from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Adult \$10, 7-13 yrs \$5, 6 and under free. Our event includes a Money and Basket raffle!

**Diocesan Annual Lenten Retreat 2020 - Join us on Saturday, Feb 29th through Sunday, Mar 1st 2020 at Pretty Lake Camp (9123 Q Ave., Mattawan, MI 49071)** as we explore the question "How Do You Encounter Jesus?". Our facilitator is Fr. Jose Haro, who serves the Diocese as Director of Vocations. The retreat begins at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 29th and concludes at 12:00 pm on Sunday, March 1st. There are two options available when you register – one is with an overnight stay and the second is for those who would like to commute. The cost for either option is \$50 per participant. Deadline to register is February 24th. For more information, please contact Tim McNamara at [tmcnamara@diokzoo.org](mailto:tmcnamara@diokzoo.org) or George Dragan at [gdragan@diokzoo.org](mailto:gdragan@diokzoo.org).

**Diocesan Confirmation Retreat, Saturday, March 14, 9 AM–8:30 PM at the Gull Lake Ministries Retreat Center.** "Let Jesus in the Holy Eucharist ignite the fire of his love within you" is the theme of this day-long retreat open to all students preparing for confirmation. Students will have the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The retreat will conclude with the celebration of Holy Mass. Cost is \$60, lunch and dinner will be provided. Group leaders can find registration forms for students and chaperones at [diokzoo.org/confirmationretreat](http://diokzoo.org/confirmationretreat).

**Now Hiring Substitute Teachers - Hackett Catholic Prep**

is looking to hire energetic, responsible individuals to work as substitute teachers for the 2019-20 School Year! You can choose your days to be called and whether you are open to last-minute or only prearranged subbing. We are very much in need, so please consider applying. We can work around your schedule!

**Requirements** - Interested candidates must have a minimum of 90 college credits or an Associate's Degree. Proof of VIRTUS-training/fingerprinting and background checks, as well as a copy of college (unofficial) transcripts or diploma, required upon point of hire. If interested, please contact Principal Brian Kosmerick [bkosmerick@hackettcp.org](mailto:bkosmerick@hackettcp.org) and Shelly Germinder [sgerminder@hackettcp.org](mailto:sgerminder@hackettcp.org).



**Hackett Catholic Prep invites you to the Shamrock Celebration on Saturday, March 7. Hosted in the Western Michigan University Bernhard**

**Center Ballroom**, the evening includes dinner, drinks, dancing, raffles and games, and silent and live auctions. The Shamrock Celebration is Hackett's biggest annual fundraiser and our opportunity to celebrate with alumni, school families, and friends. We would love to have you join us! For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [hackett20.givesmart.com](http://hackett20.givesmart.com).

**K of C, Council 1616, Lenten Fish Fries begin Friday, February 28, 2020 and every Friday through April 3, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 930 Lake St, Kalamazoo.**



*"Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death." ~Heb 2:14-15*

**Adopt a Poinsettia**

Please!?!?

Must be to a warm, loving home, with lots of sunshine and water as needed.

(they will be available in the foyer over the next few weeks)

**A weekend encounter with the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist-** Everyone wants to know who they are and where they are going in life.

**The Presence** helps young people on this journey. Open to high school students. New Location: Miracle Camp, **February 21-23**. Only \$90 for the entire weekend. For more information and registration forms visit <https://www.presencetreat.com> Hurry!

**-Registration deadline January 31<sup>st</sup>!!**



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**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for Saturday, February 15 at 10:00 am. St. Mary Parish will be hosting a baby shower for Aarice who is a brave young woman choosing to bring her child into the world amid all the challenges that face them. Aarice is due to have her baby, Harley, in April. All are invited to come celebrate. Please bring a wrapped gift if you are able. Aarice is registered at [www.amazon.com/baby-reg/aarice-april-2020-kalamazoo/2R6VYHDAQLDFQ](http://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/aarice-april-2020-kalamazoo/2R6VYHDAQLDFQ) If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute, donations will be accepted and will be used to purchase a gift from registry. To RSVP or for more information, please contact [kathyrick3@gmail.com](mailto:kathyrick3@gmail.com) or 269 628-2001.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN** will run from February 26-April 5. We will have a candlelight kick-off event on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 in front of Planned Parenthood (4201 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo 49006). Candles will be provided. **ONLY** Parking Option: Park on dead-end street, two blocks from Planned Parenthood (toward Drake Road next to Sundberg Chiropractic).

**WILL YOU BECOME A 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER PARTNER?** We would like to extend an invitation for you to join the 40 Days for Life Campaign by becoming a prayer partner. Prayer Partners commit to prayer time on the sidewalk of Planned Parenthood or prayer time at home. More details will be coming soon

**THE RESPECT LIFE TEAM** is very excited to partner with the Knights of Columbus to provide baby bottles for a fundraiser to benefit Caring Network. Starting the weekend of February 15, you will have an opportunity to take a Lenten bag with the baby bottle and other items to enhance your Lenten journey.

**Caring Network** offers services for pregnant and parenting teens and women and their families. Their goal is to help women chose life for their baby, deliver a healthy baby, and assist parents providing a good life for both themselves and their child.



*“For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”*  
Psalm 139:13-14

**What: Trivia Night Fun**

**Who:** All Teens 13-18

**Where:** Fr. Bart Hall



**When:** Next Sunday, February 9. Doors open at 6:00 pm for concessions, socializing, and strategizing. Game **STARTS** at 6:30pm sharp, so get there no later than 6:15 pm to get your table together.

**The details:** Teams are no more than 4 players to a table. You can plan to come with a group already formed, or come and join a table at the event. Fr. Richardson will be our emcee. Go to the St. Mary website for more details.

**\*Readings for the week of Feb 2 - Feb 9\***

- Sunday** **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32
- Extraordinary Form: The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Candlemas)**  
Epistle: Malachias 3:1-4  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-32
- Monday** **Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop**  
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ;  
Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday** **Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**  
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday** **Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**  
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday** Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday** **Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**  
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14;  
Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday** **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;  
Mt 5:13-16
- Extraordinary Form: Septuagesima Sunday**  
Epistle: I Corinthians 9:24-27; 10:1-5  
Gospel: Matthew 20 : 1 – 16

**Training to be a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

will take place in the church sanctuary on Wednesday, February 12 following the 6pm Mass. Per Fr. James' request, the time has come to send a list of names to the Bishop for approval. This training is open to all, whether you have been participating in this ministry for years or have never done it before. You are welcome to sign up for one or both of these ministries. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Aurelia Vaiana at [avaiana@nd.edu](mailto:avaiana@nd.edu)



**The St. Mary Knights of Columbus will host two Pasta-Pasta Dinners during Lent this year.** Please join us at Fr. Bart Hall on Fridays, March 6 and March 27. Dinner will be from 5-7 pm. We will be adding some items to the menu this year, but will still serve the two pastas, two sauces (marinara and clam), meatless lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. All you can eat!! The cost is the same at \$8.00 per person; \$6.50 for seniors and children under twelve; maximum of \$40 per family. Please join us and invite a friend!

