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DIOCESE EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES

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.

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 or George Dragan at 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.

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.

2020 Lenten Luncheon Talks

The annual Lenten luncheons will be held at St. Jerome Parish Hall in Battle Creek every Wednesday from February 26th through April 1st. There will be a Mass celebrated by Father Andrew on Wednesday, February 26th (Ash Wednesday) at 10:30 a.m. with the distribution of ashes. The other Lenten luncheon Masses will begin at 10:45 am. The speaker of the day will begin his address at 11:30 am with a light lunch following the presentation. There is no charge for these events, but a free will offering would be appreciated.

2020 Speakers

- Feb 26: Father Andrew Raczkowski
(St. Jerome & St. Joseph Parishes, B C)
- March 4: Father Christopher Ankley - Celebrant
(St. Jerome & St. Joseph Parishes, B C)
Deacon Al Bell - Speaker (St. Philip Parish)
- March 11: Father Kenneth Schmidt
(Advocate for Priestly Ministry/ Support & Trauma Recovery - Kalamazoo)
- March 19 Lunch with Bishop Bradley - Noon
(Diocese of Kalamazoo)
- March 25 Father Maximilian Nightingale
(St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo)
- April 1 Father Joseph Xavier
(St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw)

Please join us for these inspirational talks about the Lenten season and enjoy food and fellowship.

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.



St. Augustine Cathedral School in Kalamazoo is hosting **Once in a Blue Moon Garage Sale** in the Crowley Center on Friday, Mar 13 at 4-8 pm and Saturday, Mar 14 at 8 am-2 pm. Donations will be accepted Mar 9-12.

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.presenceretreat.com>

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RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all who participated or contributed in any way to the *Unplanned* movie event. We had a very nice turnout and were able to raise funds for the upcoming baby shower. If you would like to see this powerful true story of Abby Johnson's conversion and have not had a chance, please let us know.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF IS THIS WEEKEND. It runs 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 WARRIOR OR PRAYER PARTNER? You are invited to join the 40 Days for Life Campaign. Become a PRAYER WARRIOR and commit to praying outside Planned Parenthood any time during the 40 days. Become a PRAYER PARTNER and commit to praying a rosary at home. Please sign up for either OR both. Your participation is vital to the saving of babies in our community.

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: This Saturday, February 15. Doors open at 5:00 pm for concessions, socializing, and strategizing. Game **STARTS** at 5:30pm sharp, so get there no later than 5:15 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 16 - Feb 23

- Sunday** **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28,
33-34a, 37
- Extraordinary Form: Sexagesima Sunday**
Epistle: II Corinthians 11:19-33; 12:1-9
Gospel: Luke 8:4-15
- Monday** **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**
Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76;
Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday** Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday** Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday** Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday** **Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mk 8:34—9:1
- Saturday** **Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle**
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
- Sunday** **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
- Extraordinary Form: Quinquagesima Sunday**
Epistle: I Corinthians 13:1-13
Gospel: Luke 18:31-43



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!



**To the Parents
of Our Youngest Disciples:**

Sometimes children wiggle. Sometimes children make noises. Don't worry! Children are a gift to the Church and we are so pleased they are with us at Mass!

Here are some suggestions for you:

- ⇒ Sit towards the front of the church. It's easier for young ones to see and hear what's going on.
- ⇒ Young children learn what's expected of them at Mass by watching you. Sing the hymns. Voice the responses. Follow the homily.
- ⇒ If you have to leave Mass with your child, please feel free to do so, but come back! We need to see your smiling faces!