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DIOCESE EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES

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.

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.

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.

Young Adult Board Game Night, Saturday, March 21 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 (939 Charlotte Ave. Kalamazoo) in the Our Lady of Czestochowa meeting room. Bring yourself, bring a friend, and enjoy an evening out! Each week more gamers have played adding to the fun. Pizza will be available (bring cash to share cost) and board games provided (feel free to bring you favorite), but please bring a snack and/or a drink to share. Next dates are **April 18th, May 16th and June 20th** (3rd Saturday). For more info, contact April at 612-867-9831.

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.

I AM A KNIGHT

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much work to be done in this world. Good work. Necessary work. And that's what the Knights do. Every day. Assisting the sick and disabled. Protecting those who can't protect themselves. Whether they are next door or halfway around the world. This is the journey we are on. Our path. We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and Catholics. We invest our time, our effort, and our resources into our values: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism. We come from many places. And backgrounds. And stages in our lives. But we are all of one faith. A fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and our world.

It's one thing to say who you are. It's another to live it. To put your values into action. That's what we do at the Knights of Columbus.

That's who we are.

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.



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RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

THANK YOU FOR SHOWERING AARICE AND HER UNBORN BABY HARLEY WITH LOVE. Due to YOUR generosity, we were able to provide Aarice with an amazing baby shower. Thank you to all who came to the shower, donated, or helped in any way. Aarice was very appreciative of the support

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.

LENTEN BAGS were passed out at all the Masses last weekend. If you did not get a chance to pick one up, they are still available.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF IS THIS WEEKEND. It runs from Feb 26-Apr 5. We will have a candlelight kick-off event on Monday, Mar 2 at 7:00 PM 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 unborn babies in our community.



"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

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.



All Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from eating meat. Ash Wednesday (February 26) and Good Friday (April 10) are obligatory days of both fasting and abstinence.

Readings for the week of Feb 23 - Mar 1

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
Monday	Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday English: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 EF: Lesson: Joel 2:12-19 Gospel: Matthew 6:16-21
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11
	Extraordinary Form: The First Sunday in Lent Epistle: II Corinthians 6:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



The St. Mary Knights of Columbus will host two **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!



The Diocese of Kalamazoo encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults – no matter when the abuse occurred. If abuse by anyone connected to the Church is suspected, please contact the police. You are also encouraged to contact the Diocesan Sexual Abuse Report line at (877) 802-0115. Every effort will be made to return the call within an hour. If the suspected abuse is by a bishop, please contact the police, as well as Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Christophe Pierre at (202) 333-7121 and Archbishop Allen Vigneron, the Archbishop of Detroit at (313) 237-5800. The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation 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. For any other questions pertaining to protecting our children, please contact the Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator Marina Hentz Shoup at (269) 903-0171, mhentz@diokzoo.org. More information and resources regarding the Diocese of Kalamazoo's efforts to address child sexual abuse and create safe environments for all, may be found at <https://protect.diokzoo.org>