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DIOCESE EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES

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.

Monthly Energizer, Saturday, March 14, 6-8 PM at St. Mary Parish, Paw Paw. The Energizer consists of food and fellowship, praise and worship music from the band Kleen Sl8, a 25 minute presentation covering a topic from the beautiful Catholic faith for youth and adults alike, a coinciding craft lesson for kids under 12, and closes with prayer as we adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The cost is free with a free will donation being accepted. Please join us, bring your family and friends, as together we get energized about our faith!

Gaudium Christi East, Friday, March 20, 7:30-9 PM at St. Joseph Parish Chapel, Battle Creek. Gaudium Christi (the joy of Christ) is an opportunity to spend time with Jesus Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament. Offer this time (whether it is 5 minutes or the entire time) to God so you might grow in greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This is a time for you, in the quiet of your heart to listen and speak with the God who loves you.

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.



Diocesan priests live independently during their retirement, and they use their pension for basic needs, such as food, housing and transportation. As is the case with pension plans in today's world, our priests' retirement program is not fully funded. **Last weekend's special collection** will help to bridge the gap. If you haven't yet, please give generously to ensure adequate retirement and health coverage will be available for our priests in retirement.

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. 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

- 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.

2020 Kalamazoo Area Lenten Penance Services

Priests in the Kalamazoo area parishes are working together during the Lenten season to offer a schedule that meets the needs and convenience of many people. Rather than every parish having its own service and trying to find priests to assist at each one, we are going to offer several services throughout the area and priests will be available at the end of each service for individual confessions.



Everyone is invited to attend at the location that best suits your needs.

- St. Catherine of Siena Tuesday, 10-Mar, 6:30 pm
- St. Ambrose, Parchment Tuesday, 17-Mar, 7 pm
- St. Monica Wednesday, 18-Mar, 6 pm
- St. Joseph, Kalamazoo Friday, 20-Mar, 6 pm
- St. Ann Gull Lake Wednesday, 25-Mar, 6:30 pm
- St. Mary Kalamazoo Thursday, 26-Mar, 6:30 pm
- St. Martin of Tours Sunday, 29-Mar, 2 pm
- St. Thomas More Monday, 30-Mar, 7 pm
- St. Augustine Cathedral Sunday, 5-Apr, 3 pm

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

INTERCESSIONS:

For all whose hearts ache from the sin of abortion: that God will soothe and heal us with the balm of his mercy, We pray to the Lord.

For mothers broken by the memory of a child lost to abortion:

that through the intercession of the Mother of God, the gentle and merciful love of God may heal their innermost being, We pray to the Lord.

For everyone who is haunted by the memory of abortion:

that they might know repentance, mercy, and peace, We pray to the Lord.

THANK YOU to all who have signed up to pray on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood or from home during the 40 Days for Life Campaign. We still have many prayer times available. Please check the sign-up sheet and give one hour if you are able. Your prayers are vital to ending the tragedy of abortion in our community.

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

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER is a great way to incorporate Lenten almsgiving while helping mothers in need in the Kalamazoo area. During these 40 days of Lent, put extra change or dollars in the baby bottle. All proceeds will be given to Caring Network. Bottles should be returned by Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday). **If you would prefer to donate by check, please make check payable to Caring Network.** We would love to have 100% of the bottles returned even if you are unable to give at this time. There will be a collection box for the baby bottles in the vestibule for all bottles (filled or unfilled).



“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 Mar 8 - Mar 15

- Sunday** **Second Sunday of Lent**
Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
- Extraordinary Form: The Second Sunday in Lent**
Epistle: I Thessalonians 4:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
- Monday** **Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**
Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;
Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday** **Third Sunday of Lent**
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Extraordinary Form: The Third Sunday in Lent**
Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9
Gospel: Luke 11:14-28



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!



BYE BYE BIRDIE
A Musical Comedy

Book by Michael Stewart
Music by Charles Strouse
Lyrics by Lee Adams
Originally Produced by Edward Padula

HACKETT CATHOLIC PREP
March 13, 14, 20, 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Tickets: www.hackettcatholicprep.org
1000 W. Kilgore Rd. Kalamazoo

Hackett Catholic Prep High School Presents: BYE BYE BIRDIE

Bye Bye Birdie is a rocking musical look at small-town life in 1958 Sweet Apple, Ohio. Music producers, Albert and Rosie hire Conrad Birdie and promote his song, “One Last Kiss” before he enters the army. Kim MacAfee, the Conrad Birdie Fan Club leader, is chosen to receive the final kiss on the Ed Sullivan Show; however, boyfriend Hugo has other thoughts about the last kiss. Come enjoy a nifty retrospect of teenagers, telephones, and an answer to “Whatever Happened to Kids Today.” **Showtimes:** Friday and Saturday March 13, 14, 20, 21, all shows at 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door or the following website: <https://hacketttheatre.ludus.com/>