

Respect Life Ministry

THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN WILL RUN FROM SEPTEMBER 23-NOVEMBER 1. Join the Kalamazoo 40 Days for Life campaign – prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Sign up to pray beginning the weekend of September 12. St. Mary Parish will be praying in front of Planned Parenthood on Mondays.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 TO KICK-OFF THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN. We will meet on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood (4201 W. Michigan, Kalamazoo) at **8:00 pm**. Please park on the dead-end street, two blocks from Planned Parenthood (toward Drake Road next to Sundberg Chiropractic). We will be following social distancing guidelines while on the sidewalk. Candles will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated **40-day campaign that aims to end abortion** locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

ST. MARY PARISH PRO-LIFE T-SHIRTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. Get yours at the 40 Days sign up table in the back of church.

PRAYER AND FASTING ARE THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPONS WE HAVE TO END ABORTION IN OUR COMMUNITY. Get involved by becoming a prayer warrior or a prayer partner.

A **PRAYER WARRIOR** commits to praying in front of Planned Parenthood in Kalamazoo. A **PRAYER PARTNER** commits to saying a rosary from home on specific day(s) during the campaign.



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



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Resources

The Diocese of Kalamazoo offers resources and liturgical guidelines during the COVID-19 closures. Please see the Diocesan website at:

<https://www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org/public-return-to-mass>
(updates are made frequently).

Emergency Food Distribution

In this chaotic time, many find themselves at risk for their food supplies and others wish to help out. Here are a few opportunities.

1. Loaves & Fishes
 - To arrange for boxed food pick up at L&F HQ, 901 Portage St., call: 269- 343-3663. For questions: info@kzoolf.org
 - To arrange for boxed food pick up at the Eastside Pantry @ Sunnyside Methodist, 2800 Gull Rd. on Thursdays 6-7:30 PM, call (269) 488-8918 after 9:00 AM.
 - L&F Mobile Food Initiative food drop off sites: <http://kzoolf.org/mobile-food-initiative/>
 - L&F delivery to Eastside seniors and disabled persons who cannot get out. Call Candy at the Eastside N’hood Assn @ 269-381-0700.
2. Catholic Charities Emergency Food Distribution
 - For those in need, contact Toni Newell, Supervisor of Community Outreach, at toninewell@ccdok.org or the Hot Line at 269-910-3390
 - To volunteer, contact Jeannine Boehm, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at jeannineboehm@ccdok.org or 269-382-1234
3. Fresh Food Initiative
 - Every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am. Eastside Neighborhood Association Center, 1301 E. Main St. and Charlotte Ave. Bulk fresh produce trucked in. Bring your own boxes and bags.
 - Diapers are provided too (and wipes) every Tuesday 11:30 - noon at the neighborhood center. One sized bag of diapers and wipes per family.

May the Lord protect you and may you serve as an instrument of His Grace ~ Dcn. Pat (269-744-5136)

St. Mary’s Weekend of September 5/6

<u>Weekly Collection</u>	<u>Mass Attendance</u>
Weekly Goal \$5,675.00	Saturday, 4:15 pm 40
Collection \$4,358.00	Sunday, 8 am 65
Goal Percentage 76.8%	Sunday, 10 am 117
	Sunday, 12 Noon 99
	Weekend Total 321
<i>This week in 2019. \$4,853.02</i>	<i>This week in 2019 340</i>

St. Mary Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am (EF)

Daily Mass and Devotion times are subject to change depending on feasts and Holy Days. Every 12th of the month (M-F only) Mass will be at 7:00 pm with devotions to Our Lady of Guadalupe. (Live streaming of Daily Masses will be as per Fr. Jose’s availability)

Saturday Anticipatory Mass:

4:00 pm (English); this Mass will be for our “High Risk” parishioners. Use of face masks and hand sanitizer will be mandatory. If you can not wear a mask please attend one of our three Sunday Masses.

Sunday Mass:

8:00 am (EF); 10:00 am (English); 12:00 Noon (EF)

Confessions:

Saturday: 10:00 am – 11:45 am (outside)

Sunday: 30 minutes prior to the beginning of each Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday (Vocations & Sanctification of Clergy): 5 - 6 pm
First Friday (Sacred Heart): 5 – 6 pm



St. Mary Church invites you to join our parish community.



Please fill out this form if you wish to register or have our parish Priest or Deacon contact you. Place your completed form in the collection basket or mail it to us:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ I would like to enroll as an active parishioner.

_____ Please change my address to that shown above.

_____ I would like to learn more about parish activities.

_____ I would like to offer the name of a Catholic who is homebound or seriously ill and is not being visited:

_____ I would like to speak with a Priest about a vocation to the priesthood.

You may also visit: www.stmarykazoo.org

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

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

DIocese of Kalamazoo

After a brief delay, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal 2020 has officially begun. Given our current circumstances, Bishop Bradley has approved a significant change for this year’s appeal: after each Parish has reached 50 percent of its goal, all additional gifts will be returned to the parish. The hope with this change is to allow parishes to remain strong centers of worship, faith formation and service to their communities because, as we know, strong parishes equal a strong diocese. This year’s theme of “Living the Mission of the Eucharist” is powerfully expressed in the three diocesan priorities: 1) Fostering Priestly Vocations; 2) Accompanying Families toward Holiness; and 3) Activating Missionary Disciples. Learn how your donation to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports these priorities at diokzoo.org/bishops-annual-appeal. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration and financial support.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Next week our diocese will hold the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection. More than 40 million people in the US live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>.

Envelopes will be in the back of the church.