

Bulletin Announcements

On Saturday, May 13th, the Universal Church celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the first of several apparitions of our Blessed Mother to the three shepherd children in Fatima. Over the course of these 100 years, many graces, blessings, and conversions have taken place through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima. As we observe this very special anniversary here in our Diocese, all are invited to participate **in the 8:45 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral on Saturday, May 13th, celebrated by Bishop Bradley**, and immediately following the Mass to participate in a very special praying of the Rosary outdoors (weather permitting) to pray for peace in the world and an increase of Vocations here in our Diocese. All are welcome!

Did you know that Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Kalamazoo, is the only Diocesan cemetery? Check out www.diokzoo.org/mt-olivet-diocesan-catholic-cemetery for current pricing information.

May declared “Leave a Legacy” Month by Governor Snyder

Governor Rick Snyder has proclaimed May, 2017 as “Leave a Legacy” month for the State of Michigan. In the official “Certificate of Proclamation” the Governor cites that only 43 percent of Michigan residents have a will and only 21 percent of those who do have a will include a bequest to charity. During this month please consider making a legacy gift to your parish, the diocese or charity of your choice. If you’re interested in learning more about a bequest to the Diocese please contact: Annette Brennan, 269-903-0145; abrennan@diokzoo.org.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo is seeking candidates to serve as Director of Development.

Reporting to the Bishop of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, the Director of Development will manage the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, grow the assets of the diocesan Foundation, coordinate major fundraising initiatives and provide stewardship educational opportunities to parishes. The Director of Development will serve as a member of the Bishop’s Leadership Team (BLT) and be responsible for expanding, encouraging and enriching philanthropic giving in the Diocese. A full position description and contact information is available at www.diokzoo.org

Mudslides in Colombia

Extreme rainfall in southern Colombia has caused massive mudslides in the municipality of Mocoa. It is estimated that hundreds of people have been reported killed, along with 203 injured, 220 missing, more than 300 families and five schools affected. The Diocese has many ties to Colombia with several of our priests serving here from the area (The Diocese of Mocoa) as well as our religious sisters from a neighboring Diocese. While Catholic Relief Services (CRS) does not have programming or presence in the affected area, it is working with Caritas Colombia, who has activated an assessment team and has also received information from local Church partners that up to 19 neighborhoods in Mocoa have been swept away, there has been massive damage to infrastructure as well as public water and electricity systems. CRS is supporting church partners as they distribute emergency supplies, establish shelters and food pantries and providing trauma counseling, specifically to affected youth. We ask you keep our brothers and sisters in Colombia close in prayer and we invite you to contribute to effort. Visit www.crs.org to learn more.

From your KDCCW: “Planting the Seeds of Faith: Today and Tomorrow – A day of sharing and planting ideas.” What might you think about and develop for the future? Save the date, Wednesday, June 21, for a day with speakers, prayer, Mass, Newman’s Bookshoppe, and more. Topics include a history of our diocese with Fr. Bob Creagan, the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, and plants of the Bible.

Join us at St. Joseph Parish, 220 Church St, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Check in and light refreshments: 8:15-9:00am; Concludes: approx. 3:30pm.

Cost: \$20.00, includes lunch. Everyone is welcome and grants are available.

Registration: by June 14, with Sue Annis, (269)217-3678, sannis58@aol.com

Creighton Model and NaPro Technology for Fertility Awareness

Are you married and interested in learning how to postpone or plan a pregnancy, naturally? Would you like to learn about NFP and the Creighton Model for Couples? For more information, please contact Socorro Truchan at 269-903-0199 or via email at struchan@diokzoo.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Rekindle the romance in your marriage and make it even better! Join a Worldwide Marriage Encounter to renew and enrich your marriage and your faith, too! For more information on these and other Weekends or to apply, please visit www.wwme.org or call Harry & Karen Porter at (888) 628-7433.

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH monthly electronic newsletter

The Domestic Church Newsletter is a monthly publication from the Secretariat for Parish Life and Lay Leadership – Domestic Church Ministry. It offers resources in three important areas: Marriage, Family and Prayer. It is also a place where you can share news/events going on at your family and parish community. If you have news about marriage and family activities/events and would like to subscribe to this newsletter (also available in SPANISH = “La Iglesia Domestica”) – please contact Socorro Truchan at struchan@diokzoo.org or (269) 903-0199

LA IGLESIA DOMESTICA boletín mensual

“La Iglesia Doméstica” es una publicación mensual de la Secretaría para la Vida Parroquial y Liderazgo Laico – Iglesia Doméstica Ministerio. Ofrecemos recursos en tres áreas importantes: Matrimonio, Familia y la oración. También es un lugar donde usted puede compartir noticias y eventos de su parroquia. Si usted tiene noticias de actividades para enriquecimiento matrimonial y familiar o desea suscribirse a este boletín mensual (también disponible en INGLES = “The Domestic Church”) - por favor póngase en contacto con la Sra. Socorro Truchan al correo electrónico struchan@diokzoo.org o por teléfono al (269) 903-0199

JFM and married couples

Are you married and living a joy-filled marriage? Would you like to learn about the JFM way to marital holiness? We need mentor couples to walk with those planning to marry in the Catholic Church. We need you! Please contact Socorro at 269-903-0199 or via email at struchan@diokzoo.org

JFM preparation weekends for the engaged

The *Joy-Filled Marriage* is a comprehensive marriage preparation program rooted in virtues as well as the *Theology of the Body*. The program incorporates rich Catholic theology with sound psychology. If you are planning to marry in the Catholic Church, one of the components for marriage preparation is experiencing a JFM weekend before the wedding day. Please register early because spaces fill up fast. Weekend dates in **2017** are: **May 20-21, and July 15-16**. Visit the website to download a registration form: <http://www.diokzoo.org/marriage-preparation>
Questions about this marriage preparation program? Contact Socorro Truchan at (269) 903-0199 or via email: struchan@diokzoo.org

A report of sexual misconduct can be initiated at the Diocese of Kalamazoo's Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line: (877) 802-0115. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding sexual misconduct will be returned, usually within one hour. This toll-free telephone number has been established as a part of the Diocese's effort to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within Diocesan institutions and ministries only. If you have some other concern about Diocesan schools, parishes or ministries, please contact the appropriate Diocesan school, parish or office directly.

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent. Your Lenten sacrifices will change many lives. Please be sure to turn in your Rice Bowl donations to your local parish as soon as possible.

Announcements for The Catholic Relief Services Collection (English and Spanish)

ENGLISH

Weeks of May 7th and 14th

On May 21st our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Six Catholic agencies use funds from this collection to aid victims of persecution, war and natural disasters, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all who are poor and marginalized at home and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Please give generously.

Week of May 21st

Today we participate in The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help six different Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Week of May 28th

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world.

SPANISH

Semanas del 7 y 14 de mayo

El 21 de mayo nuestra parroquia tomará la Colecta de Catholic Relief Services. (CRSC). Seis agencias católicas utilizan fondos de esta colecta para ayudar a las víctimas de persecución, guerra, desastres naturales, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y dan el amor y respeto de Cristo a todos los pobres y marginados en el país y en el extranjero. Aprenda más acerca de la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Por favor contribuya generosamente.

Semana del 21 de mayo

Hoy participamos en la colecta de Catholic Relief Services para ayudar a seis diferentes agencias católicas a proporcionar ayuda y apoyo a las comunidades que trabajan hacia la paz y la reconciliación de nuestros hermanos y hermanas marginados aquí y en todo el mundo. Por favor considere en oración como puede usted apoyar esta colecta. Aprende más en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Semana del 28 de mayo

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo a la colecta de Catholic Relief Services. Sus contribuciones harán una diferencia en los pobres y marginados alrededor del mundo.
