

Bulletin Announcements

It's normal to grieve...a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. Contact Project Rachel at (616) 340-1824 or mwalsh@ccwestmi.org if you or someone you know has been affected by abortion. Our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is scheduled for November 3-5, 2017.

Annual Family Day Mass and Picnic for Persons with Disabilities

Persons with Disabilities, their families and caregivers are invited to the 4th annual Diocesan Family Day Mass and Picnic, Saturday, August 19th from 11:00 am. - 2:00pm at Immaculate Conception Parish, 645 S. Douglas, Three Rivers. Individuals of all ages and with all ability types are invited. Gather at 11:00a.m. Mass with Bishop Bradley at 11:30. Food and fellowship follow Mass from 12:30 – 2:00p. There is no cost and the meal is provided. RSVP requested by August 11th. For more information or to RSVP contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org

Bulletin Announcements / Boletín de Anuncios - Trinity Dome Collection

Week of Aug. 13

This weekend we participate in the one-time national collection to complete the Trinity Dome at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States, the National Shrine has been a century in the making. Your donation leaves a lasting legacy for generations to come. For more information, please visit: www.trinitydome.org

Semana del 13 de Agosto

Durante esta semana participaremos en la colecta para terminar la construcción de la Cúpula de la Trinidad de la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, DC. Construido por y para los fieles de nuestra gran nación, el Santuario es en honor a nuestra Santísima Madre, la patrona de los Estados Unidos. El Santuario Nacional ha tomado un siglo en la construcción. Su donación dejará un legado para las futuras generaciones. Para más información, visite www.trinitydome.org

Week of Aug. 20

Thank you for your generous support of the Trinity Dome collection. Your participation will bring to completion the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, affectionately known as America's Catholic Church. Check on the progress at www.trinitydome.org.

Semana del 20 de Agosto

Gracias por su generoso apoyo a la colección de la Cúpula de la Trinidad. Su participación nos ayudará a terminar la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la

Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, DC, afectuosamente conocida como la Iglesia Católica de América. Vea el progreso que se está haciendo, visite www.trinitydome.org.

Communications Survey

Take our survey! Visit www.diokzoo.org/survey to voice your opinion on diocesan communication vehicles including the monthly publication, *The Good News*.

Discovering Our Deepest Desire – new session begins September 6th

The D.O.D.D. marriage enrichment series has been very well received by many married couples in the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Some comments from couples participating in the 12-week series help to emphasize the importance of providing these marriage enrichment opportunities in every parish: *“I gained more than I expected. I/we have a lot of tools to help our marriage grow and strengthen”* and *“I liked the emphasis of taking personal responsibility for making a marriage strong; instead of the blame game”* The sessions will be at St. Monica’s in the Community Bldg., every Wednesday, starting September 6th from 6:30-8:30 pm (except the Wednesday before Thanksgiving - skipping Nov 22) and finishing on Wednesday, Nov 29th, 2017. To register online: <http://www.diokzoo.org/marriage-enrichment> for more information, please contact Keith and Hope Marotti at 269-353-1213 or Socorro Truchan at 269-903-0199 – SPACES still OPEN!!!

Widowed Friends *and* Friends Trip to Shipshewana – LAST CALL!!!

“The largest flea market in the Midwest”

Join the widowed friends – whether you are widowed or not - for a day trip to Shipshewana and a nice dinner at Essenhaus. Date is Tuesday, August 22, 2017. Cost is only \$50 (includes dinner, gratuities and a fabulous air-conditioned bus ride there and back!). We will depart from St. Augustine Cathedral at 10:45 am and return around 6:30 pm. Pre-registration required. Please contact Socorro Truchan at 269-903-0199

Review “*Witness to Love*” for Free!

[Witness to Love](#) is a powerful new approach to marriage preparation and renewal at the parish level. As a priest/leader/marriage preparation coordinator in a parish, you now have the opportunity to review the program at no cost. We will provide you with a free set of materials that will enable you to review the entire program to see how it could impact your current marriage preparation offering at your parish. More details/questions on marriage mentoring? Please contact Socorro Truchan directly (anytime) at 269-903-0199 or via email struchan@diokzoo.org

What is “Witness to Love”?

[Witness to Love](#) is a virtues-based, *Catechumenate* model of marriage renewal and preparation at the parish level that integrates modern principles of psychology and the virtues to help couples facilitate an authentic dialogue about their relationship on a one-on-one couple basis. What makes *Witness to Love* unique is that the engaged couple chooses their own mentor couple. This is a couple they both admire and see as a source of faith formation. This mentor couple gives them a concrete connection and integration into the parish. Through the sharing of the mentor couples’ own marriage journey, the engaged couple inherits a “lifeline” of support in their commitment to Jesus and His Church. NOTE: *Married authors of Witness to Love, Mary-Rose and Ryan Verret, will be coming to our area in August 2017 - to offer a unique opportunity to learn more about this wonderful way of accompanying couples in marriage. Stay tuned for more!!!*

DIOCESAN Trauma Recovery Program News

Do you have childhood memories that are painful? Do you have a history of abuse, neglect, or other trauma? Are you currently struggling in your relationships, social functions, work situations? You may be eligible for this free program, to help you find the tools that will enhance your quality of life. Currently the Diocesan Trauma Recovery Program is accepting participants for the fall series of classes, which begin at the end of September. For further information or to register, please call Phyllis Florian @ 269-903-0134 (leave a message).

Trauma Recovery Program en Español

La Diócesis de Kalamazoo continúa con el Programa de Trauma Recovery en español. Si usted conoce a alguna persona que en el pasado o en el presente sufrió cualquier tipo de trauma (físico, sexual, negligencia, etc.), por favor remítalo para ayuda a las siguientes personas, Lisette Mira-Amaya (269) 929-7084. El programa consta de dos sesiones personales con la consejera una al comienzo y otra al final y diez sesiones en terapia grupal. El nuevo grupo de apoyo en español, se reunirá comenzando el **22 de agosto del 2017** con una sesión cada semana hasta el 24 de octubre. Es indispensable hacer cita personal lo más pronto posible, antes del 19 de agosto, con la consejera Mira-Amaya antes de ser admitido al programa. Si tiene alguna pregunta llame al Ministerio Multicultural e Hispano de la Diócesis al (269) 903-0197

Trauma Recovery Program in Spanish

The Diocese of Kalamazoo continues with the Trauma Recovery Program in Spanish. If you know someone who has suffered any type of trauma (physical, sexual, neglect, etc.) either in the past or present, please refer them for help to Lisette Mira-Amaya (269) 929-7084. The new Support Group in Spanish will begin on **August 22, 2017 with a weekly session** thru October 24th. It is necessary to make an appointment as soon as possible, before August 19th before the

program begins, with the counselor Lissette. Any questions please call the Office of Multicultural and Hispanic Ministry at (269) 903-0197.

Registration is open for Catholic Charities' 3rd Annual Ark In The Dark Firefly 5K
This fun, family event will be August 19th and is a great way to "get your glow" on and celebrate the end of summer. The 5K is on Hackett's campus and is followed by a delicious meal and great music! All proceeds benefit The Ark Services for Youth -- sheltering hundreds of youth and helping thousands of families in crisis each year. Please visit our website (ccdok.org) and click on the link at the top to learn more and register. We hope to see you there!

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

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

DIOCESAN 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: A special Mass for couples of the Diocese of Kalamazoo who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversaries in 2017 will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2017, 2:00 pm at St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo. Couples celebrating their 50th Anniversary any time in 2017 are asked to contact their parish office rectory so that their names can be submitted for a personal invitation from Bishop Bradley to participate in this celebration. Invitations will be mailed beginning August 21.

CELEBRACIÓN DIOCESANA DE MATRIMONIOS QUE CUMPLEN 50 AÑOS DE CASADOS "BODAS DE ORO": Una misa especial para parejas de la Diócesis de Kalamazoo que celebran sus 50 años de bodas en 2017 se llevará a cabo el domingo 1 de octubre de 2017 a las 2:00 pm en la Catedral de San Agustín en Kalamazoo. Las parejas que celebran su 50 aniversario en cualquier mes durante el 2017 se les pide que se pongan en contacto con la oficina en sus parroquias para que sus nombres se puedan presentar para una invitación personal de parte del +Obispo Bradley, para participar en esta celebración anual. Las invitaciones se enviarán por correo a partir del 21 de agosto de 2017.

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 INGLÉS = “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

Joy Filled Marriage mentoring and married couples

We are inviting married couples (4 years and longer) who would like to train as ‘mentors’ to walk with and/or accompany engaged couples who are planning to marry in the Catholic Church. 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: **September 23-24, November 11-12. 2018 dates are: January 20-21, March 24-25, May 19-20, July 7-8, September 22-23, and November 17-18.** 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.

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.

Is Hurt Plaguing Your Marriage

Separation and divorce is impacting West Michigan. In 2015 alone 4,575 families are now living separate.

Are you losing the ability to communicate effectively with your spouse? Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse?

Rediscover healing and love and find hope by attending Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i). The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. **The next Retrouvaille weekend is September 29, 2017.** Seating is limited; please reserve your spot today.

For more information, to register or to sponsor a couple: Phone 616.752.7004 | email retrograndrapids@gmail.com | retrouvaille.org | P.O. Box 26 Grandville Michigan, 49468