

Bulletin Announcements

Diocese hosts Memorial Day Mass at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery

A Diocesan Memorial Day Mass will be held May 28th at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery, 2003 Mt Olivet Rd, Kalamazoo Township, at 10 a.m. This year Mt. Olivet will once again participate in the national Catholic Cemeteries celebration, "Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to our Heroes." Active and veteran military members are invited to participate in the liturgy. Rev. James Richardson, VF, Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo and Dean of the Central Deanery, will be the celebrant. The Knights of Columbus will provide an honor guard and participate in laying a wreath at the Veterans Memorial immediately after Mass. Veterans and military are invited to serve as flag and candle bearers during the opening and closing processions at Mass and also are invited to serve as lectors, participate in the presentation of the gifts. For more information contact: Mike Emmons, memmons@diokzoo.org.

If you are struggling from an abortion experience, whether recent or long past, consider participating in our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend to be held June 1-3.

Comments like the following from a past retreatant are common: *The retreat was an awesome expression of the love of Jesus. It was very freeing and gave me a sense of closure on a part of my past that I couldn't let go. This ministry is of great benefit...* Contact Maggie at Project Rachel for more information or to register. 616-340-1824 or mwalsh@ccwestmi.org All inquiries are confidential. Financial aid is available.

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the "good news" of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to a priest and/or counselor, or to participate in a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The next retreat will be held June 1-3. Contact Maggie at Project Rachel for more information or to register. Call 616-340-1824 or email mwalsh@ccwestmi.org All inquiries are confidential. Financial assistance is available.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection

Week of May 20th

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.

Semana del 20 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 tienen dificultades y 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.

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Week of May 27th

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.

Semana del 27 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.

Trauma Recovery Program en Español

La Diócesis de Kalamazoo continúa con el Programa de Trauma Recovery (Recuperación de un Trauma) 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 la siguiente persona, 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 **25 de abril del 2018** con una sesión cada semana hasta el 27 de junio. **Es indispensable hacer cita personal entre el 26 de marzo y el 20 de abril con la consejera Mira-Amaya (269-929-7084) antes de ser admitido al programa.**

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 **April 25, 2018** with a weekly session thru June 27th. **It is very important to make an appointment with the counselor Mira-Amaya (269-929-7084) between March 26th and April 20th before being accepted to the program.**

Hope for Marriages in Crisis: 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 begins March 23, 2018.** Please don't wait. The next weekend is not scheduled until September 28, 2018.

For more information, to register or to sponsor a couple:

Phone 616.752.7004 | retrograndrapids@gmail.com | retrouvaille.org
P.O. Box 26 Grandville Michigan, 49468

Joy Filled Marriage preparation weekends for the engaged 2018 dates

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

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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. 2018 weekend dates are: 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 weekend? Contact Socorro Truchan at (269) 903-0199 or via email: struchan@diokzoo.org

SPANISH - Joy Filled Marriage preparation “Matrimonio Lleno de Alegria”

Only three weekends in 2018 for couples preparing for marriage: March 17-18, June 9-10, August 4-5. Solamente tres fechas en 2018 para parejas preparándose para el Sacramento de Matrimonio: 17 & 18 de Marzo, 9 & 10 de Junio, 4 & 5 de Agosto. Llenar el formulario de registro para reservar su lugar. **Formulario para inscribirse**

Para más información, pregunte en su parroquia o llame a la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano al 269-903-0197 o al 269-903-0199.

DIOCESAN 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: A special Mass for couples of the Diocese of Kalamazoo who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 will be held on **Sunday, October 14, 2018**, 3:00 pm at St. Augustine Cathedral in Kalamazoo. Couples celebrating their 50th Anniversary *any time* in 2018 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 20th.

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.

Creighton Model and NaPro Technology for Fertility Awareness

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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.

Check out the NEW Domestic Church (Marriage & Family) monthly 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 (5 years and longer) who would like to share their life stories, and walk with 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

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

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pricing information.
