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## Bulletin Announcements

**Join hundreds for Kalamazoo United event on October 29 [please consider using bulletin insert sent separately]**

Earlier this year a group lead by Bishop Bradley and Jeff Wenke, pastor, The Bridge Church, Portage, began planning for a joint gathering called Kalamazoo United to express unity in conjunction with the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. The event will be held at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo on October 29, 2017 at 4 p.m. Join together with our Christian and Protestant sisters and brothers for a time of prayer, praise and discussion. For more information visit: [www.kalamazooisunited.org](http://www.kalamazooisunited.org)

**Immaculée Ilibagiza coming to Kalamazoo October 19**

**LEFT TO TELL – A Story of Forgiveness, Faith & Hope, Presented by Deacon Louis Zemlick with blessing of Bishop Bradley & the Diocese of Kalamazoo.** Immaculée Ilibagiza is a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide that took the lives of nearly one million Tutsi men, women and children, including her entire family except for one of her brothers. She found shelter at a pastor's home, where she and seven other women hid from deadly rebels in a 3 x 4-foot bathroom for 91 days. During those days of unimaginable suffering, she found her faith and taught herself English using only a bible and dictionary. Remarkably she committed herself to a life of peace, hope and forgiveness, even for those who had murdered her family. **Thursday October 19, 2017 – 7 pm, Miller Auditorium, 2200 Auditorium Dr. Kalamazoo, MI 49008**  
**Tickets:** \$10 Students, \$15 Regular. **Purchase tickets at the box office, over the phone (269)387-2300 or online:** [www.millerauditorium.com](http://www.millerauditorium.com)

**An invitation for Persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers:** You are invited to an informal gathering to share the experiences, challenges and joys of your faith life with members of the Diocesan Commission on Ministry to Persons with Disabilities, on **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the narthex of St. Therese of Lisieux Church, 128 Cedar St., Wayland, MI. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP appreciated, especially if accommodations are needed. Contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or [lirwin@diokzoo.org](mailto:lirwin@diokzoo.org) We look forward to meeting you!

**Healing from abortion-Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in November**

If you or someone you know has been struggling because of an abortion experience help is available. Our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held November 3-5 in the Grand Rapids area. The following is a testimonial from a past retreatant: *I experienced a great inner healing as a result of attending this post-abortion retreat. I highly recommend this retreat to anyone who has felt the void and shame of the abortion experience. It is a wonderful way to forgive yourself, find the unconditional love of Christ and grieve the loss of your child.* For more information or to register contact Maggie Walsh at (800) 800-8284(MI only) or [mwalsh@ccwestmi.org](mailto:mwalsh@ccwestmi.org). All inquiries are confidential. Financial aid is available..

**GOOD NEWS AND BREWS:** *Good News and Brews features dynamic speakers, engaging topics on popular issues, and fellowship for married and single young adults from college through their 30s. We will meet on the second Thursday of each month. Our next offering is November 9th from 7 - 9 pm at Arcadia Brewing Company (701 E. Michigan Ave.,*

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**Kalamazoo, MI 49007).** Contact Tim ([tmcnamara@diokzoo.org](mailto:tmcnamara@diokzoo.org)) with any questions. Bring a lawn chair/blanket, invite a friend, and enjoy the awesome atmosphere! God bless!

### **Responding to Hurricane Maria and the earthquakes in Mexico**

Those wishing to make donations to assist people living in areas impacted by Hurricane Maria or the earthquakes in Mexico are encouraged to do so on the websites of Catholic Charities USA (US and US Territories) or Catholic Relief Services (Caribbean). Donations can also be sent to the USCCB Office of National Collections, P.O. Box 96278, Washington, DC 20090-6278, with the check written to USCCB and the specific disaster (Hurricane Maria or Mexican earthquakes) noted.

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### **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](mailto: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**

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](mailto:struchan@diokzoo.org)

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### **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](http://www.wwme.org) or call Harry & Karen Porter at (888) 628-7433.

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### **Check out the NEW Domestic Church (Marriage & Family) monthly Newsletter**

The Domestic Church Newsletter is a monthly publication from the Secretariat for Parish Life

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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](mailto: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](mailto:struchan@diokzoo.org) o por teléfono al (269) 903-0199

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### **Joy Filled Marriage mentoring and married couples**

We are inviting married couples (5 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](mailto:struchan@diokzoo.org)

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### **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. Remaining weekend dates in **2017-2018** are: **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 weekend? Contact Socorro Truchan at (269) 903-0199 or via email: [struchan@diokzoo.org](mailto:struchan@diokzoo.org)

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**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.

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

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