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Bulletin Announcements

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Bishop Bradley's Lenten Talk Series, "Our Call to Missionary Discipleship" will be held Monday, February 26th, Bart Hall, St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Please join Bishop Bradley for prayer, presentation and discussion. Additional dates follow- each evening begins at 6 p.m. and concludes by 7:30 p.m. :

March 5- Southern Deanery- Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edwardsburg

March 13- Western Deanery- Rose Center (301 Wayne Street), St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph

March 15- Eastern Deanery- St. Philip Parish, Battle Creek (Cafeteria)

March 19- Northern Deanery- St. Margaret Parish, Otsego

DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT: March 10-11, 2018 at Transformations Spirituality Center. Our facilitator is Elizabeth Gengle. This year's theme is *The Heart of the Desert: Discernment of Spirits*. The retreat begins with 9:00 am Mass on Saturday, March 10th and concludes after the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 11th. There are two options available when you register – one is with an overnight stay and the second is for those who would like to commute. The cost is \$125 for double occupancy, \$150 for single occupancy and \$85 for those commuting. Deadline for these prices is February 23rd. After that there is an additional \$20 added on. All registrations are due by March 2nd. To register contact Tim McNamara at tmcnamara@diokzoo.org or visit www.diokzoo.org .

Young Adult Retreat 2018 - Becoming a Great Saint in Everyday Life: Looking to get away to spend some time with the Lord during the season of Lent? Join us from Friday March 16th at 7 pm - Sunday March 18th and take this time for prayer, presentations, recreation, reflection, and fellowship at Pretty Lake Camp (9123 West Q Ave., Mattawan, MI 49071). Cost is \$50 per participant. Contact Tim McNamara at tmcnamara@diokzoo.org; or visit www.diokzoo.org for registration form and payment instructions.

REGISTER NOW for the DIOCESAN Trauma Recovery Program

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. RIGHT NOW, the Diocesan Trauma Recovery Program is accepting participants for the winter/spring series of classes, which begin at the end of February. For further information or to register, please call the Trauma Recovery Program @ 269-903-0134 and leave a message.

Widowed Friends in 2018

Women and men who have lost a spouse, gather on a regular basis to offer accompaniment, engage in conversations that are intended for support, spiritual growth and practical ideas to help one another. Each meeting has a different theme. If you are a widow or widower, please

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join us this Wednesday, February 28th from 4:00-5:30 PM when we will talk about “Time for Silence” during Lent. Questions? Contact Socorro Truchan at 269-903-0199

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat, Feb. 23-25, 2018.

Designed for women and men, the weekend is a great opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. Held in a private location in the Kalamazoo area, the process is a way to experience the mercy and compassion of God, surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, and guilt, and grieve the loss of an unborn child or children. For more information or to register, call 800-800-8284 or email mwalsh@ccwestmi.org. Financial assistance is available. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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

Discovering Our Deepest Desire – new session begins March 1, 2018

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. Some of the comments are: “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” and “I feel I have a lot of practice to do to change the patterns and will need to be patient with my spouse as we move forward in our sacramental life of marriage. Thank you all!” The sessions will be at St. Ann Parish in Augusta, MI, every Thursday, starting March 1st (except Holy Thursday - skipping March 29) and finishing on Thursday May 24, 2018. 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 – Limited to 12 couples.

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 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: March 3-4 (CLOSED), May 19-20, July 7-8, September 22-23, and November 17-18. Visit the website to download a registration

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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.

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.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL — One of the latest most up to date Catholic teaching for people facing and struggling with a failed marriage developed and produced by Rose Sweet over a 10 year period after her own experience with divorce and recovery. It is 12 separate units dealing with the recovery experience for Catholics and hopefully some support from others going through a similar loss. The cost is \$35 for materials including a book (and accompanying journal) for each participant. The sessions will be facilitated by deacon joe schmitt at St. Thomas More Catholic Student Parish, 421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, on six Wednesday evenings beginning February 21 at 6:30 p.m. (dates include February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28.) Each session is approximately 90 minutes in length. Sign up for Catholic Divorce Survival by calling 381-8917 ext. 274 or email deacon joe at jhschmitt@charter.net.

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.wvme.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 pricing information.

CRS Rice Bowl (English and Spanish)

Weeks of Feb. 3/4 and 10/11

ENCOUNTER LENT: Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from [LOCATION] on [DATE]. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

Para la semanas del Febrero 3/4 y 10/11

UN TIEMPO DE ENCUENTRO Únete a nuestra comunidad de fe—y a casi 14,000 comunidades católicas en los Estados Unidos—en una jornada de Cuaresma de encuentro que cambia vidas con Plato de Arroz de CRS. Consigue la cajita de tu familia en [LUGAR] el [FECHA]. Durante los 40 días de Cuaresma, como compañeros en el camino, nos encontraremos con nuestros prójimos.

Week of Feb. 17/18

ENCOUNTER MAJD In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Para la semana de Febrero 17/18

UN ENCUENTRO CON MAJD En Irak, nos encontramos con Majd y su familia, gente obligada a huir de la violencia, en busca de estabilidad. ¿Cómo estamos llamados a acoger al forastero en medio de nosotros? ¿Cómo puedes apoyar a los que se ven obligados a huir de sus hogares para encontrar seguridad o mejores oportunidades? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

Week of Feb. 24/25

ENCOUNTER CESIA We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Para la semana de Febrero 24/25

UN ENCUENTRO CON CESIA Nos encontramos con Cesia en Nicaragua, donde, a pesar de la falta de oportunidades económicas, los jóvenes persiguen sus sueños construyendo negocios para mejorar sus vidas. ¿Cómo puedes trabajar para mejorar la vida de otros esta Cuaresma? ¿Cómo puedes apoyar a los que se ven obligados a huir de sus hogares para encontrar seguridad o mejores oportunidades? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para más información

Week of March 3/4

ENCOUNTER SAFIATA In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those,

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worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Para la semana de Marzo 3/4

UN ENCUENTRO CON SAFIATA En Burkina Faso, nos encontramos con Safiata, una madre, abuela y agricultora que depende del dinero que gana de sus cultivos para enviar a sus hijos a la escuela. ¿Cómo pueden nuestras compras de esta Cuaresma apoyar a los agricultores y artesanos? ¿Cómo puedes apoyar a los que se ven obligados a huir de sus hogares para encontrar seguridad o mejores oportunidades? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

Week of March 10/11

ENCOUNTER ANDRISE We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community—and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Para la semana de Marzo 10/11

UN ENCUENTRO CON ANDRISE Nos encontramos con Andrise, una maestra en Haití que sabe la importancia de enseñar a los jóvenes a responder con agradecimiento a la comunidad y a su país. ¿Cómo puedes apoyar a los que se ven obligados a huir de sus hogares para encontrar seguridad o mejores oportunidades? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

Week of March 17/18

ENCOUNTER ALEFA We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Para la semana de Marzo 17/18

UN ENCUENTRO CON ALEFA Nos encontramos con Alefa en Malawi, donde las semillas están ayudando a su familia a sobrevivir un clima incierto. ¿Cómo puedes cuidar la creación de Dios esta Cuaresma? ¿Cómo puedes apoyar a los que se ven obligados a huir de sus hogares para encontrar seguridad o mejores oportunidades? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

Week of March 24/25

ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Para la semana de Marzo 24/25

UN ENCUENTRO CON NUESTRO PRÓJIMO Nos encontramos con Jesús esta semana en Jerusalén, una comunidad que conocía bien. Entramos en oración a nuestras propias comunidades, también, saliendo al encuentro de los que tienen hambre y sed, los que necesitan nuestra ayuda. ¿De qué manera la jornada cuaresmal nos motiva para servir a los que encontramos en nuestra vida diaria? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

Week of Mar. 31/April 1

ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We

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reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at [LOCATION] on [DATE].* (Please include your community's preferred method)

Para la semana de Marzo 31/Abril 1

UN ENCUENTRO CON CRISTO RESUCITADO Rezamos, ayunamos y donamos—¡y ahora celebramos la alegría de la Pascua! Nuestra jornada de Cuaresma con Plato de Arroz de CRS termina cuando nos encontramos con nuestro Señor resucitado. Reflexionamos sobre nuestros hermanos y hermanas con los que hemos caminado, y nos comprometemos a llevar la alegría de la Pascua a cada persona que encontramos. No olvides entregar tu Plato de Arroz de CRS en [LUGAR] el [FECHA].* (*Puede ser útil incluir el método preferido de su comunidad para entregar donaciones de Cuaresma).

Weeks of April 7/8 and 14/15

THANK YOU! We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at [LOCATION] on [DATE]. (Please include your community's preferred method)

Para la semanas del Abril 7/8 y 14/15

¡Cambiamos vidas esta Cuaresma gracias a ustedes! No olvides entregar tu Plato de Arroz de CRS en [LUGAR] el [FECHA].* (*Puede ser útil incluir el método preferido de su comunidad para entregar donaciones de Cuaresma)

2018 Annual Collection for the Churches in Africa, Eastern and Central Europe, and Latin America

For the week of Feb. 10/11:

Many thanks for your generous contributions to the Annual Collection for the Churches in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, and Latin America. Your gifts help provide for the physical and spiritual needs of the people in each region, and ensure that present and future generations have the opportunity to live and grow in our beautiful Catholic faith.

Para la semana de Febrero 10/11

Muchas gracias por sus generosas contribuciones a la Colecta Anual para las Iglesias en África, Europa Oriental y Central, y América Latina. Sus donaciones ayudan a atender las necesidades físicas y espirituales de aquellos en cada región, y asegurar que las generaciones presentes y futuras tengan la oportunidad de vivir y crecer en nuestra hermosa fe católica
