

# Holy Thursday Prayer and Pilgrimage

This Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024, Bishop Lohse is inviting all the Faithful to participate in an age-old custom of prayer and adoration. The custom is commonly called, The Seven Churches Visitation; however, the intended goal is to meditate on the seven movements of Jesus while visiting various altars of repose. This prayerful practice may be done individually or with a group of family or friends. The number of churches visited is not as important as the emphasis on prayer and devotion time.

This tradition can be traced to St. Philip Neri in the 1500's who is said to have started with visiting the seven basilicas in Rome. On this night, after the conclusion of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist is processed to an altar of repose in every church for visitation and adoration on the night of His passion. St. Philip and those who followed this tradition would process from church to church to "remain" with Jesus commemorating the beginning of His passion. A meditation on the journey of Jesus is done at each of the Churches. The seven movements of Jesus remembered include:

1. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Lk 22:39-46)
2. Jesus before Annas (Jn 18:19-22)
3. Jesus before Caiaphas (Mt 26:63-65)
4. Jesus before Pilate (Jn 18:35-37)
5. Jesus before Herod (Lk 23:8-9,11)
6. Jesus before Pilate again (Mt 27:22-26)
7. Jesus' crucifixion and death (Mt 27:27-31)

This tradition spread throughout the world as immigration spread. It was brought to the Americas by Italian and Polish immigrants and is still practiced in larger cities. As this practice came to the Americas and was practiced here it was adapted to visit multiple churches, not specifically seven, especially in an area where churches are more geographically distanced from one another. In this regard, you can map your course to visit seven churches or you can complete multiple meditations at one church.

This Holy Thursday take some time to visit Jesus throughout the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

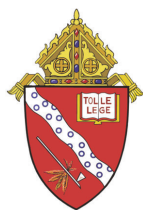
See map and accompanying Mass and Adoration times.

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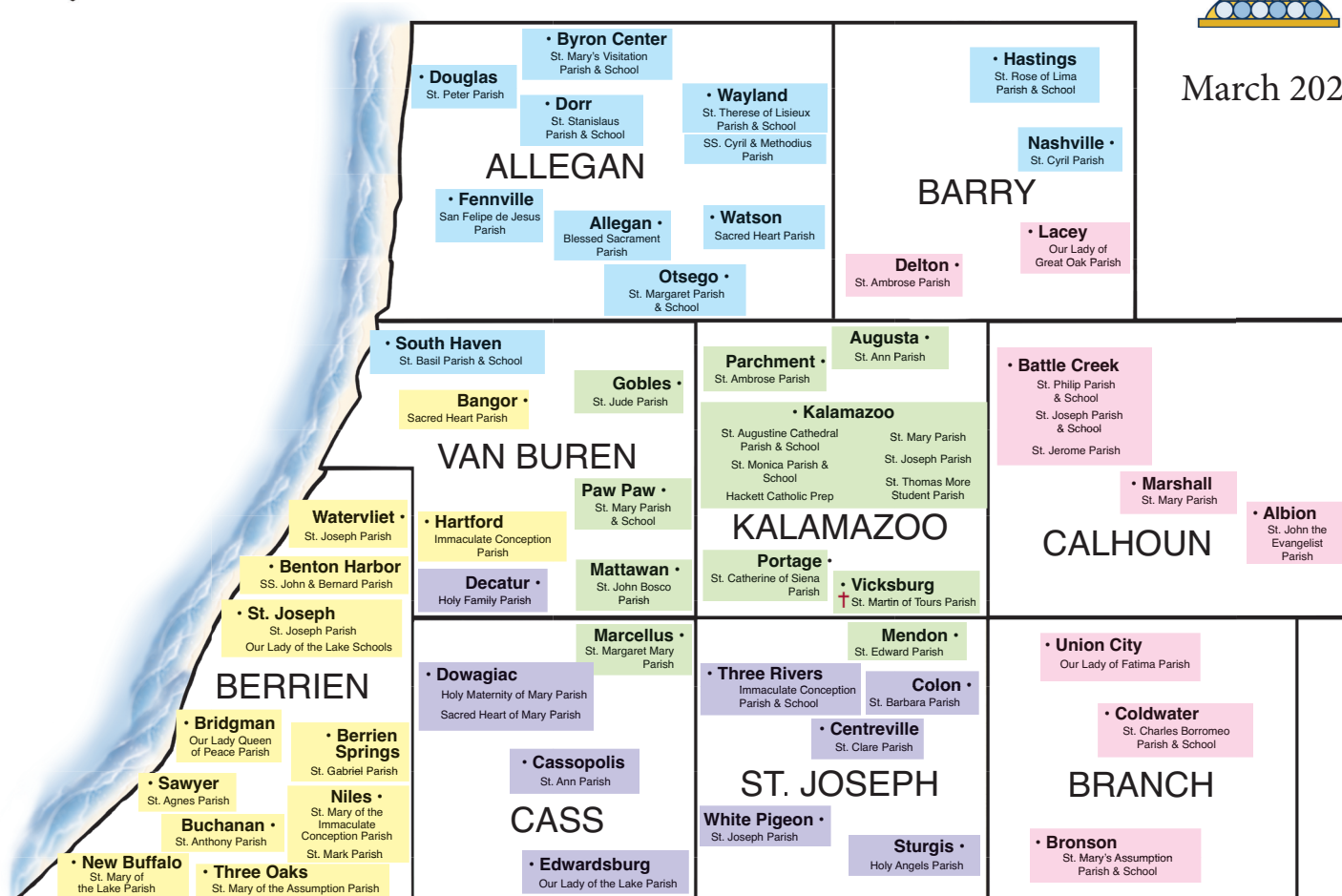


# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO

## PARISH SCHEDULE FOR HOLY THURSDAY MASS & ADORATION



March 2024



### Central Deanery

- **St. Ambrose, Parchment** – Mass at 6 pm; Adoration until 11 pm
- **St. Ann, Augusta** – Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight (chapel)
- **St. Augustine Cathedral** – Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight
- **St. Catherine of Siena, Portage** – Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until 9:30 pm (in Marian Hall)
- **St. Edward, Mendon** – Mass at 6 pm; Adoration until 9 pm (in church basement through east side door)
- **St. John Bosco, Mattawan** – Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until 9 pm
- **St. Joseph, Kalamazoo** – Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight
- **St. Jude, Gobles** – Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight (northwest corner inside of church)
- **St. Martin of Tours, Vicksburg** – Mass at 6 pm; Adoration until 10 pm
- **St. Mary, Kalamazoo** – Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight
- **St. Mary, Paw Paw** – Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until 9:30 pm
- **St. Monica, Kalamazoo** – Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight (Adoration Chapel)
- **St. Thomas More, Kalamazoo** – Mass at 6 pm; Adoration until Midnight (Cougar Room)
- **Hackett Catholic Prep, Kalamazoo** – Adoration in the Hackett Catholic Prep Chapel from 8 pm - Midnight

\*n/a St. Margaret Mary, Marcellus



## Eastern Deanery

- **St. Ambrose, Delton** — Mass at 6 pm; Adoration immediately following Mass for 30 minutes
- **St. Charles Borromeo, Coldwater** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until 11 pm
- **St. Jerome, Battle Creek** — Mass at 4 pm; Adoration until Midnight (parish hall)
- **St. John, Albion** — Mass at 6 pm
- **St. Joseph, Battle Creek** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight (school gym)

- **St. Mary, Marshall** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until 11:45 pm
- **St. Mary's Assumption, Bronson** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until 11 pm
- **St. Philip, Battle Creek** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight

\*n/a **Our Lady of Great Oak, Lacey;**  
**Our Lady of Fatima, Union City**



## Northern Deanery

- **Blessed Sacrament, Allegan** — Mass at 6 pm; Adoration until Midnight
- **St. Basil, South Haven** — Mass at 7:30 pm; Adoration until 11 pm
- **St. Margaret, Otsego** — Mass at 8 pm; Adoration until Midnight (chapel)
- **St. Mary's Visitation, Byron Center** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight
- **St. Peter, Douglas** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight

- **St. Rose of Lima, Hastings** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight (Adult Education Room)
- **St. Stanislaus, Dorr** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight
- **St. Therese of Lisieux, Wayland** — Mass at 6 pm; Adoration until Midnight

\*n/a: **Sacred Heart, Watson; St. Cyril, Nashville;**  
**SS. Cyril & Methodius, Gun Lake;**  
**San Felipe de Jesus, Fennville**



## Southern Deanery

- **Holy Angels, Sturgis** — Mass at 8 pm; Adoration until Midnight
- **Holy Family, Decatur** — Mass at 6 pm; Adoration until 11:45 pm
- **Holy Maternity, Dowagiac** — Mass at 6 pm; Adoration until 11:45 pm
- **Immaculate Conception, Three Rivers** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Noon on Good Friday

- **Our Lady of the Lake, Edwardsburg** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until 10 pm
- **Sacred Heart, Silver Creek** — Mass at 6 pm; Adoration until 11:45 pm
- **St. Ann, Cassopolis** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until 9 pm
- **St. Joseph, White Pigeon** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight

\*n/a: **St. Barbara, Colon; St. Clare, Centreville**



## Western Deanery

- **Immaculate Conception, Hartford** — Mass at 6 pm; Adoration until 5 am Good Friday
- **Our Lady Queen of Peace, Bridgman** — Mass at 6 pm; Adoration until Midnight
- **Sacred Heart, Bangor** — Mass at 6 pm; Adoration until Midnight (Parish Hall)
- **SS. John & Bernard, Benton Harbor** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight
- **St. Agnes, Sawyer** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until 9 pm
- **St. Anthony, Buchanan** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight

- **St. Gabriel, Berrien Springs (Spanish)** — Mass at 8 pm; Adoration until Midnight
- **St. Joseph, St. Joseph** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight
- **St. Joseph, Watervliet** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until Midnight
- **St. Mark, Niles** — Mass at 6:30 pm; Adoration until 10 pm
- **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Niles** — Mass at 7 pm; Adoration until 10 pm

\*n/a **St. Mary of the Lake, New Buffalo;**  
**St. Mary of the Assumption, Three Oaks**