

Catholic Charities Connections

July 2025

A Quarterly Newsletter from Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo

We are God's hands providing housing, health, and hope to His children.

June 11, 2025 – an important milestone.

Catholic Family Services was established on this date in 1975, and later in 2012, became Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo.

We are thrilled and humbled to celebrate 50 years of service to the nine counties of Southwest Michigan.

With your continued support, we can continue to be a beacon of HOPE for the next 50 years.

Please join us on September 26, 2025 at St. Augustine Cathedral for a special mass honoring this milestone. Watch for additional details on our website and in future correspondence.



Our Locations:

Administration

1819 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Caring Network/Bridges

1441 S. Westnedge
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Ark Services

990 W. Kilgore
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Catholic Community Center

346 Catalpa
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Bread of Life Food Distribution Center

551 Romence Road
Portage, MI 49024

Baraga Manor

301 Washington Street
Otsego, MI 49078

CONTACT US AT:

(269) 381-9800

or info@ccdok.org



Our event goal this year is to raise **\$80,000** to continue our legacy of service to those in need, but we need your support to make it a success!

We are looking for sponsors to support the event or individuals to donate items (large or small) to be raffled off at the event.

Please go to our website at www.ccdok.org/stnicholas or use the QR Code below to sign up to become a sponsor or donate. There is also an Event Brochure with more details!



The 4th Annual St. Nicholas Fundraiser Event!

Saturday, December 6, 2025
Kalamazoo Country Club
Kalamazoo, MI

The event will raise awareness and funds for Catholic Charities and its outreach ministry to the nine counties of Southwest Michigan.



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND BENEFITS

Why Should I Become a Sponsor?
It is a great way to give back and gain exposure for your business. It helps Catholic Charities to raise more funds for our services and show community support of our agency!

The St. Nicholas Giver (\$5,000)

Be one of our main sponsors for the event:
Logo on event website for 1 full year
Logo included in all event advertising
Individual social media acknowledgement
Recognition during event
Includes 6 guest tickets to the event
Commemorative plaque

The Great Giver (\$2,500)

Includes 4 guest tickets to the event
Logo on event website
Logo included in all event advertising
Recognition during event

The Golden Coin Giver (\$1,000)

Includes 2 guest tickets to the event
Logo on event website
Recognition during event

Donate an Auction/Raffle Item

Donate an item, experience, trip or gift certificate/gift card to be used in the 2025 event silent auction and raffle. Receive the benefits listed above based on item value!

Save the Date

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

D.L. Gallivan will be hosting their Annual Golf Event, and part of the proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities.

We will keep you updated in the upcoming months!
You can also contact us today at 269-381-9800



(Photos are from last year's event!)

Meet Melissa Centofanti!



Thank you all for your generous support of Catholic Charities over the years. Because of your continued promotion of Catholic Charities, as well as the many donation drives and volunteer hours you have contributed, Catholic Charities is a thriving and vibrant agency.

As you can imagine, managing all that support takes time and a dedicated individual who is passionate about the work of the agency ... and believes spreadsheets are her friends! We are very fortunate that we have a volunteer who fits that role. Melissa Centofanti has graciously volunteered some of her precious free

time to help us coordinate with the parishes and the schools all the great work you all do for Catholic Charities.

In the coming weeks, Melissa will be reaching out to the parishes in the diocese. If you would like to contact her directly about a volunteer group activity or event, holding a donation drive, or anything else along those lines, her email address is melissacentofanti@ccdok.org.

Thank you again for your continued commitment to Catholic Charities!

Zhang Financial has agreed to continue their support of the Bread of Life food distribution program. They have renewed their commitment for another year at \$30,000. Thank you!



Coming Soon!!

Our special limited edition 50th anniversary wine from St. Julian Winery and details on how you can secure your bottle and support CCDO in the year to come!