



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO**

# NEWS

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## **Catholic Funeral rites for Bishop Emeritus James A. Murray set for June 10 and June 11, 2020**

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (June 5, 2020): The Catholic funeral rites for [Bishop Emeritus James A. Murray](#), third bishop for the Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo, who passed away today, will take place next Wednesday, June 10th and Thursday, June 11th, at St. Augustine Cathedral, 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Due to the current restrictions for capacity, attendance at the Mass of Christian Burial is limited with preference seating for family, friends and clergy. The public are encouraged to pay their respects during the Visitation hours. The Mass will be live streamed on the diocesan website: [www.diokzoo.org](http://www.diokzoo.org) and simulcast to the diocesan Facebook page.

Additionally, the Diocese will hold a special diocesan-wide Memorial Mass in honor of Bishop Murray on Sunday, August 2nd at 2 p.m., St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage (due to construction at St. Augustine Cathedral). More details on the Memorial Mass will be released later.

MOST REV. JAMES A. MURRAY (1932-2020):

### **Wednesday, June 10, 2020:**

Reception of the Body of Bishop Emeritus James A. Murray, 10 a.m.

Public Visitation: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Evening Prayer for Priests and Deacons of the Diocese, 5 p.m.

Praying of the Rosary, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, June 11, 2020:**

Visitation, 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial, 2 p.m. (seating is limited and preference seating for family and friends)

Interment will be held immediately following the Mass at Mt. Olivet Cemetery

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**The Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo** is the territory of Catholic churches and community led by Bishop Paul J. Bradley. The diocese was founded in 1971 when the Second Vatican Council called for the creation of smaller dioceses so that bishops could be more available to the people they serve. Today the diocese encompasses 5,337 square miles of nine counties in southwest Michigan: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch and includes 59 parishes as well as 21 Catholic schools.