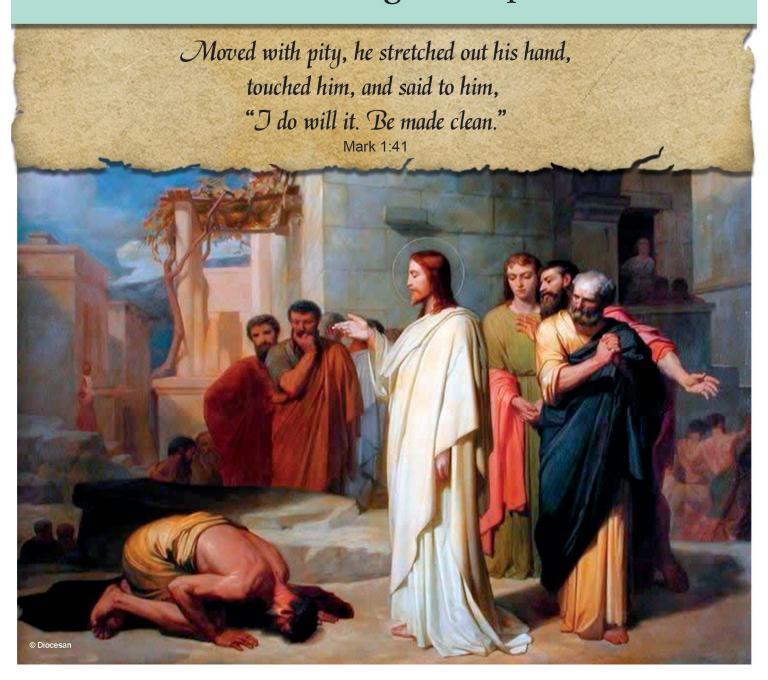


The Cleansing of a Leper



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

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PARISH & MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. Mass †Judy Weidler by Len Jaworski

10:00 a.m.—11:15 a.m. Religious Ed classes & Adult Study Group

11:30 a.m. Mass For the people of St. Martin Monday, February 12

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

Bible study with Msgr. Martin 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Martin†Larry Houghtaling by Joe & Lynn Timko 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Edward

7:30 p.m. Mass at St. Martin†Vicki Shearer by R. Richardson

Thursday, February 15

7:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, February 16

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Friday Adoration

9:00 a.m. Mass †Richard Sokolowski by Rita Sokolowski

Stations of the Cross followed by 6:00 p.m. Soup & bread supper in the Parish Hall

Saturday, February 17

7:30 a.m. Men's Group 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Confessions

1:00 p.m. Nelson/Pearl Wedding & Reception

5:30 p.m. Mass For the people of St. Martin

Sunday, February 18

(Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15)

†Kate Thole by the Thole family 8:00 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. Mass †Alma Thamann by the Thamann family

February 14 - March 25 DAYSFORLIFE

A new Kalamazoo 40 Days for Life campaign begins Feb. 14th forty days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion

You're invited to stand and peacefully pray during our local 40day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood in Kalamazoo and help spread the word about this important community outreach. Get more information from:

Brenda Sinkovitz 269.491.0377 40daysforlife.com/kalamazoo

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mary Bleeker, Margaret Kerchief. Andy Lewis. Fran Morseau.

Heather Thompson, Mark Vogler,

SCRIP CARDS: 8 families participated & the building fund net was \$41.70. Scrip is sold after every Mass in the narthex or can be purchased at the church office during weekdays.

PARISH SUPPORT FOR February 04, 2018

Envelopes: Current balance on our loan with the Collection: \$6,880.11 Diocese of Kalamazoo:\$255,933.90 Weekly Goal: \$6.827.00

Three Church Collections: \$\$3,252.00

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30p Sunday 8:00a & 11:30a Wed. & Fri. 9:00a Reconciliation on Saturdays 10:00-11:00a Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00a-4:00p

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH STAFF

Pastor Msgr. Thomas A. Martin

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Receptionist T-Th & Bulletin Editor Kathy Laske

Scrip Coordinator Dave Kosacek



III - MARK NELSON AND ANGELA PEARL

Please call our Parish office six months prior to your wedding date to make arrangements. A marriage preparation program is required.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE **FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Martin of Tours 6:00 p.m. Mass at St Edwards 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. Martin of Tours

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS:

Msgr. Martin has invited three priests to join him on Sunday, February 18 at 5:00 p.m. Consider making a commitment this Lent to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive the healing grace of God's forgiveness and love.

MSGR MARTIN LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

All are welcome to join us at St. Martin of Tours on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. on: February 21,28, Mar 07,14, 21

St. Martins Community Lenten breakfasts will now be Lenten Luncheons The luncheons will begin at 12:15 p.m. A Speaker will be introduced at 12:30 p.m. All can be on their way at 1:00 p.m. Join us on the following dates:

February 27: Vicksburg United Methodist Church Lakeland Reformed, Vicksburg March 06:

March 13: St. Martin of Tours

March 20: Chapman Memorial (Nazarene)

Friday's of Lent at St. Martin of Tours will begin on February 16th. We serve simple "Soup and Bread" suppers following Stations of the Cross. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the parish office. We are asking for donations of large pots of meatless soup and bread. We are also in great need of a hostess each week. See the spot to sign up. The hostess is responsible to come in and set up the serving table and make coffee. We will leave a list in the kitchen to make it easier. Please sign up. If you have any questions, ask in the office or see a HALO member, who are sponsors of the suppers. Thank you for your generosity!

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK FEBRUARY 17/18

DATE	MASS	CANDLE-BEARER	CANDLE-BEA	RER CROSS-BEARER
Feb 17	5:30p	Robert VanDam	Sue Maneikis	Janet Haas
Feb 18	8:00a	Sylvia Swager	Simon Swager	Jane Guido
Feb 18	11:30a	Jessica Laske	Sidney Chenie	r Angelina Loriso
DATE	MASS	LECTOR	BODY	BLOOD
Feb 17	5:30p	Jacqueline Pora	Deacon	Scott Cline
		Tammy Ramlow	Pam Thamann Toni Dibble	Pat Cline

USHERS: Nick & Berb Ostrosky, Sue Knudsen, Mike Van Noorloos
Feb 18 8:00a Beth Russell Deacon Amy Swager
Janet Kosacek Deb Stacey Katie Guido
Linda Crawford

USHERS: Al & MaryAnn Koenigsknecht, Bill Zeman, Volunteer

Feb 18 11:30a Lisa Irwin Deacon Richard Szwaja, Volunteer David Sirotti, Alan Puplis , Karen Szwaja , Volunteer

Janet Haas
USHERS: Chad, Mary, Madison & Eric Hessling
FEBRUARY 18: FARMER'S BREAKFAST

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director of Religious Education: Clare Zemlick 269-649-1629 ext 1003 or dre@stmartinvicksburg.org

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE THIS LENT! Sign up for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent! Each day, you'll receive an email with • Inspirational Videos • Practical Tips • Encouraging Stories. Sign-up at DynamicCatholic.com/40Days Lenten Quotes of the Week on Fasting: (I'm going to try to do one every week during Lent)

"The ultimate goal of fasting is to help each one of us to make a complete gift of self to God." ~Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

"Fasting is most intimately connected with prayer. For the mind of one who is filled with food and drink is so borne down as not to be able to raise itself to the contemplation of God, or even to understand what prayer means."

— Catechism of the Council of Trent

ST. MARTIN YOUTH

Youth Minister: Matthew Montgomery 269-649-1629 ext 1001, ym@stmartinvicksburg.org

YouCat Question of the Week:

How can Sacred Scripture be "truth" if not everything in it is right?

The Bible is not meant to convey precise historical information or scientific findings to us. Moreover, the authors were children of their time. They shared the cultural ideas of the world around them and often were also dominated by its errors. Nevertheless, everything that man must know about God and the way of his salvation is found with infallible certainty in Sacred Scripture.

Youth Group is Back: Come join us Feb 18 at 5P. We will meet at Jenni & Hugh Swager's home to share a meal together while sharing our faith. All middle school & high school students are welcome. Please bring your friends. Visit our webpage!

Please Help Please think about supporting our youth group. We are planning on experiencing our Catholic faith this summer by going on several field trips. We will be going to a discalced convent, experiencing masses of other Catholic rites, etc., & are in need of funds to do these things. If you wish to help our youth experience our unique Catholic faith, please give a donation in the office. Any donation will greatly be appreciated!

INSIDE THE PARISH & AROUND THE DIOCESE

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be hosting a farmer's breakfast next Sunday, Feb 18 from 9A - 1P. It has been brought to the attention of the council that the parish is in need of new chalices. The council will be purchasing 6 new chalices & the proceeds from this next breakfast will go toward that purchase so please come & enjoy a delicious breakfast while helping your parish at the same time.

VOCATIONS CROSS IS BACK! We have a beautiful "traveling" crucifix that you & your family are able to sign out for the purpose of praying for an increase in vocations to religious life in our Diocese, & in the whole Church. The sign-out sheet is available along with the crucifix on the Rel. Ed table in the Narthex. Take the opportunity to pray with your family for vocations this Lent!

THE NEXT SCHEDULES for lectors, ushers & Extraordinary Ministers are being prepared. If there will be any changes in your availability between Mar 3 - May 13, please turn them into the parish office no later than Feb 14. Plastic bags needed The HALOS are requesting plastic bags to make more sleeping matts. A box is provided for your donations by the HALOS's display in the narthex. Men's Lenten Retreat – Faithful, Challenged, Astounded – Living the Life of St. Joseph. A day devoted to spiritual growth with presentations, reflection, adoration, & fellowship. Feb 24, 8:30A - 4P. Cont. breakfast, lunch, afternoon soft drinks provided. \$10 registration; scholarships available; all men are welcome. Registration after Masses Feb 10/11 & 17/18 at both St. Martin's & St. Edwards. SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE TRAINING Are you interested in a peaceful, prayerful method of reaching out to women & men entering the local abortion facility & helping them to choose life? If so, Sidewalk Advocates for Life might be for you! This new "sidewalk counseling" program uses a very compassionate, woman-oriented method to save lives & help women in unplanned pregnancies by offering them more life-affirming options. Our next training will be held on Feb 17, 8:30A - 12:30P at St. Augustine Cathedral's Crawley Center Cafeteria. If you would like to learn this method, check out our program &/or sign up for the training, contact the Program Director, Mary Jeske at 219-393-0644 or 20mlj13@gmail.com. More information at www.sidewalkadvocates.org

Diocesan Annual Open Retreat 2018 - March 10-11, 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 9A Mass on March 10 & concludes after the 9:30A Mass on March 11. There are two options available when you register — one is with an overnight stay & the second is for those who would like to commute. The cost is \$125 for double occupancy, \$150 for single occupancy & \$85 for those commuting. Deadline for these prices is Feb 23. After that there is an additional \$20 added on & rooms given on a first come, first serve basis. All registrations are due by Mar 2. For more information, including how to register, visit www.diokzoo.org/adult-ministry or contact Tim McNamara at tmcnamara@diokzoo.org.