

2ND SUNDAY OF
LENT



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

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Mass Schedule: Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Live-Stream Mass:** Mar 13 at 9:30a
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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Mar 12 5:30p Mass †Greg Pula
by Laske family
Mar 13 8:00a Mass For the people of St. Martin
9:30a Religious Ed & Adult Study
Parish Cenacle in church till 10:30a
11:00a Mass †Eric Gilbert
by Leo & Devon Swiat
3:00p **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**
in the Parish Hall till 5:00p
Mar 14 10:00a **Caring Hands**
Mar 15 11:00a **HALOS**
7:00p **Bishop Barron Creed** series till 8:30p
Mar 16 9:00a Mass †Joe Marusin
by Nick & Barb Ostrosky
6:00p **Middle School Youth in YC**
6:30p **Adoration & Benediction/Holy Hour**
Mar 17 6:00p **Stations of the Cross at St. Edward**
7:00p **RCIA**
Mar 18 8:00a **Friday Adoration** till 9:00a
9:00a Mass †Elizabeth Sehy
by Leo & Devon Swiat
6:00p **Stations of the Cross followed by
Soup & bread supper** in Parish Hall
Mar 19 8:00a **Men's group**
10:00a **First Reconciliation**
5:30p Mass †Trisha DeWolff
by Mom, Dad & Jennifer
Mar 20 8:00a Mass For the people of St. Martin
9:00a **Farmer's Breakfast** till 1:00p
9:30a **Religious Ed & Adult Study**
Parish Cenacle in church till 10:30a
11:00a Mass †Elizabeth Sehy by M/M Lezotte

INSIDE OUR PARISH

SOUTH COUNTY FOOD PANTRY requests for March: canned chicken, beef stew, condensed tomato soup, Rice-A-Roni, & toilet paper. Thank you for your generosity!
CARING NETWORK'S PARISH PLAYPEN
Caring Network is the Diocese of Kalamazoo pro-life agency, providing vulnerable pregnant women & their families life-affirming, compassionate care & services to build a future with hope. Visit www.ccdok.org to donate or for more info. A needed items list is in the narthex by the playpen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jody Cunningham, Cassidy Evans, Karen Garcea, Ethel Markan, Marge Rice, Susan Sirna, Jennifer Stocki, TJ Williams, Aiden Woodard. Add names email bulltin@stmartinvicksburg.org or call 269-649-1629.

FOR IMMEDIATE & CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS
Email_deena.christine@yahoo.com or call our parish prayer line at 269-303-8016

LECTOR/USHER/SCRIP SCHEDULE

Mar 19 5:30p Lector: Nancy H
Ushers: Leandro F, Sandy Y, Ken & Gail D
Scrip: Doorlag
Mar 20 8:00a Lector: Sue M
Ushers: Al & Mary Ann K, Bill Z, volunteer
Scrip: Bloom
Mar 20 11:00a Lector: Michelle J
Ushers: Ellen & Sidney C, Chad & Mary M
Scrip: Van Dalen



The Sanctuary candle burns for **Tom Kelley** Mar 13-19 by Vickie Kelley

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

Luke 9:28, 29

JUBILEE YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

March —Call to bear the fruit of Gentleness and activate the sixth gift of Reverence

Throughout the month, our prayer asks the Holy Spirit to bear in us the fruit of Gentleness and activate in us the gift of Reverence.

Jubilee Year of the Holy Spirit—Gift of the Month, Reverence

This month we ask the Holy Spirit to activate and strengthen within us his gift of Reverence, also called, Fear of the Lord. In our day and age, we don't like to think of God as fearful, or maybe, deep down that is exactly how we think of him, and because when we think of God, we think of a scary out-of-control Supreme Dictator Puppet Master orchestrating every evil in the world and in our lives, out to get us at every turn, or at least waiting patiently for the end of our lives so that when we show up at his Judgment seat, he can finally say, "GOTCHA!" Jesus and his Saints through the ages reveal a different reality about God. Saint Thomas Aquinas defines love as "Seeking the good of the other," a bit sterile, perhaps, but on the mark. The Greek word for love ascribed to Jesus is agape—it is the supreme word of love in the Greek. It is a sacrificial love that puts the other before ourselves. This is what Jesus did for us by allowing weak, inferior people to humiliate, beat, and crucify him for sins he never committed so that we might be able to share in God's eternal divine joy. THAT is why we reverence God, because when we didn't deserve it, and still don't, he embraces us always seeking our good first, from what he commands us not to do, to what commands us to do, in order to perfect us, that we may fulfill the destiny for which the awesome love of God created us for—joining as one with Him in blissful love for all eternity. That is the "GOTCHA!" He desires.

Jubilee Year of the Holy Spirit: Focus on Bearing the Fruit of Gentleness

This month we also ask the Holy Spirit to stir up within us the fruit of gentleness. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest in your souls" --Mt. 11:29. What is gentleness? Servant of God, Fr. John Hardon, S.J., whose cause is up for canonization states: "Where anger flares up, gentleness calms down. Where anger is a bursting flame gentleness is a gentle rain. Where anger asserts itself and crushes, gentleness embraces, quiets, and soothes. Yet, if gentleness is meekness, it is not weakness. A gentle person is a meek person, but not a weak person. It is just the opposite. In order to be truly gentle, one must be strong. Only one who is strong can be gentle, because gentleness restrains strength by love. There are then two qualities that belong to the quality of gentleness, strength and love."

2022 KALAMAZOO AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES



Priests in the Kalamazoo area parishes are working together during the Lenten season to offer a schedule that meets the needs and convenience of many people. Rather than every parish having its own service and trying to find priests to assist at each one, we are going to offer several services throughout the area and priests will be available at the end of each service for individual confessions.

Everyone is invited to attend at the location that best suits your needs.

St. Thomas More Monday 21 March 6:30 pm
 St. Monica Wednesday 23 March 6 pm
 St. Martin of Tours Sunday 27 March 3 pm

St. Ambrose Parchment Tuesday 29 March 7 pm
 St. Joseph Sunday 3 April 6 pm
 St. Augustine Cathedral Sunday 10 April 2 pm

WORD OF LIFE

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life"

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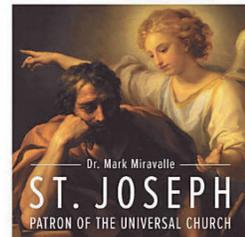
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 13, 2022

LISTEN

ST. JOSEPH: PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH BY MARK MIRAVELLE

St. Joseph, the holiest of the patriarchs, serves as a model of fatherhood, obedience, chastity, and so many other virtues. Join Dr. Mark Miravalle as he shares incredible lessons found in the hidden life of Joseph.



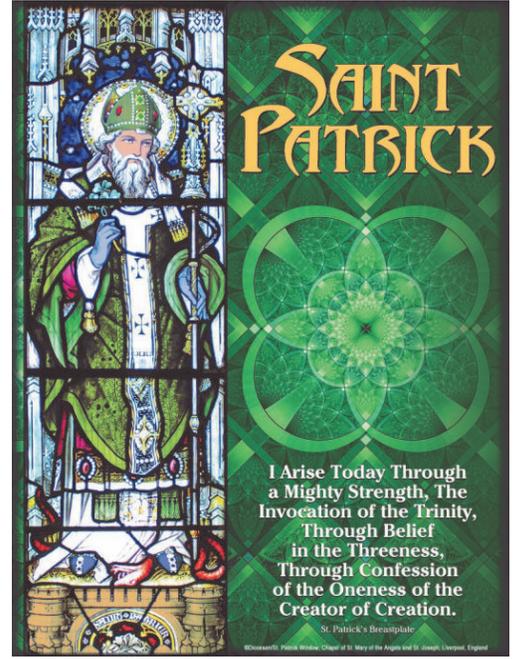
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AROUND OUR DIOCESE

NEWS INSIDE OUR DIOCESE CRS RICE BOWL: PERSEVERENCE TO SUCCEED Raúl and Lilian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you being challenged to serve others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

MARCH 2 TO APRIL 10 - 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The next 40 Days for Life campaign runs from March 2 to April 10. We will pray in front of the Planned Parenthood, 4201 W. Michigan Ave., on the public sidewalk. Join with our brothers and sisters from area churches to help to end abortion in Kalamazoo. Our prayers and fasting make a difference by changing hearts. Please consider signing up for one hour a week. You can sign up online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/kalamazoo> or by emailing 40daysKALAMAZOO@gmail.com.



JOY AT THE TRANSFIGURATION Second Sunday of Lent

Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Luke 9:33

Peter was excited, perhaps beyond any excitement he had experienced before. In fact, to say he was excited is most certainly an understatement. It may be more appropriate to say that he was overwhelmed! Why was this the case? Because he had just been given a very small glimpse of the glory and splendor of God!

This is the Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John and they went up a high mountain together. These three Apostles had no idea what was coming. Most likely while on the way they were complaining interiorly, wondering why they had to go up the mountain. But the mountain is a symbol of our upward journey to Heaven. It takes focus and drive, commitment and resolve to go there, and it's an elevated place, a place away from the ordinary occurrences of life.

So they were on this difficult climb up the mountain and suddenly they stopped in shock and awe. They saw before their eyes Jesus changed in a glorious way, His clothing being whiter than any white they had ever seen. And Moses and Elijah, the great Law-giver and the great Prophet, were there before them conversing with Jesus.

And what was going on in Peter's head? What was he experiencing? He was experiencing a small glimpse of the glory and splendor of God. Jesus, who up until this moment had kept His divinity veiled, lifted the veil ever so slightly. And with the lifting of that veil, His divinity shone through brighter than anything this world could ever contain. And Peter, James and John did not know what to think. But Peter cried out that he wanted to build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah! For within that momentary experience, he experienced the desire to remain there forever.

So why did Jesus give these Apostles this very brief experience of His glory? Because they would need that taste of His goodness for the road ahead. They would need to forever remember what their final destiny was. They would need to hold this experience close as they endured the many crosses and sufferings ahead. And they would use this experience to remind themselves that whatever they had to endure on the journey up the mountain of life is worth it. Because on the summit is a glory so great that no hardship they would have to endure would ever prove to be too big.

God wants to give that message to us through them. He wants us to ponder this experience they had and He wants us to try to enter into it so that we too can willingly press on during the journey.

Reflect, today, at the beginning of Lent, on the glory of God that makes the crosses we endure all worth it. Take advantage of this experience of Peter, James and John and try to make their experience your own. Be consoled by God's glory and never forget that this is the ultimate promise He gives to all who press on.

My transfigured Lord, may I be consoled by Your glory and splendor. May I believe in this glory and keep it ever in my mind as I press on through the hardships and challenges I face. You travel the road ahead of me and You will lead me on my journey if I only trust in You. Jesus, I do trust in You!

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