



# ANGELS



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**Mass Schedule:** Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Live-Stream Mass:** Nov 20 at 8:00a  
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*be vigilant at all times*  
LUKE 21:36



The Sanctuary candle burns this  
week for †Maureen Simms  
by Steve & Kathleen Waldron

## HOPE

### MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- Nov 26** 7:30a **Men's Group**  
5:30p **Mass** †Kirk Ryder  
by Jack & Christina Kelley
- Nov 27** 8:00a **Mass** †Bernard & Wilma Guido  
by Dcn Dave & Jane Guido  
**No Rel Ed Classes/Adult Study Group**  
11:00a **Mass** For the people of St. Martin
- Nov 28** 6:00p **Bible Study** with Msgr
- Nov 30** 9:00a **Mass** †Gerald Yearling  
by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann  
6:30p **Penance Serice** at St. Ann Gull Lake  
**Dec 01** 7:00p **RCIA**  
**Parish office** closed
- Dec 02** 8:00a **First Friday Adoration** till 9:00a  
9:00a **Mass** †Tony Sokolowski by Rita Sokolowski  
9:30a **First Friday Adoration** Till 7:00p
- Dec 03** 7:30a **Men's Group**  
5:30p **Mass** †Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley
- Dec 04** 8:00a **Mass** †Glayds Gilding by Margo Shick  
11:00a **Mass** For the people of St. Martin

### LECTOR/USHER/SCRIP

### DONUT & COFFEE SCHEDULE

- Dec 03** 5:30p **Lector:** Roger V  
**Ushers:** Jim /Monica R, Leandro F, volunteer  
**Raise Right:** Doorlag
- Dec 04** 8:00a **Lector:** Kathleen W  
**Ushers:** Al & MaryAnn K, Bill Z, volunteer  
**Raise Right:** Bloom
- Dec 04** 11:00a **Lector:** Kathi L  
**Ushers:** Mike & Kris B, volunteer, volunteer  
**Raise Right:** Goldsmith-Moore

### WORD OF LIFE

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.  
" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

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to the house  
of the Lord.

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Jack Kelley	Aiden Woodard
Christina Kelley	

### FOR IMMEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS

Email  
deena.christine@yahoo.com  
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our parish prayer line at  
269-303-8016.

### INSIDE OUR PARISH

**THE NEW LECTOR AND USHER SCHEDULES WILL SOON BE PREPARED.** Due to the fast approaching holidays, the schedules will be available the weekend before Christmas. Please turn in any changes of availability by no later than Monday, Dec. 5th. The next schedules will cover January 7th, 2023 through March 19th, 2023; Thank you for your service to St. Martin's!

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:** Our Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards in the narthex after all Masses this weekend.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION HOURS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2: 8:00A-9:00A AND 9:30A-7:00P

#### First Friday Devotion Prayers

The following prayers are recommended  
in the First Friday Devotion

Litany of The Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Act of Reparation to The Sacred Heart of Je  
Memorare to The Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Prayer of Adoration and Love to The Sacred  
Prayer of Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament  
Prayer of Trust in the Sacred Heart  
Prayer of Consecration

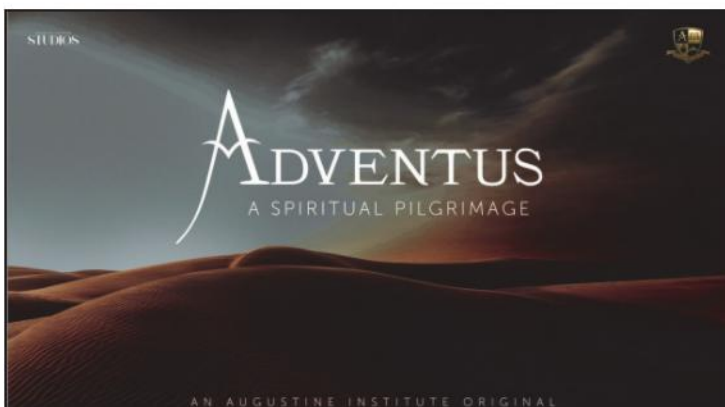


We have open hours for Adoration. Please consider  
signing up for one. A Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

9:30a-10:30a  
10:30a-11:30a  
11:30a-12:30a  
4:30p-6:00p  
6:00p-7:00p

**YOUTH ENCOUNTER!** Encounter is open to all middle and high school aged students and offers an intentional time to experience our beautiful Catholic faith outside of the worship we do at Mass or within the religious education classroom. This evening event features a time of food and fellowship, praise and worship music, a presentation with small group discussion, and closes with a time of adoration. Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 16th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Msgr. Martin Parish Hall and get ready to encounter our Lord Jesus Christ! For questions, please reach out to Tim at [dre@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto:dre@stmartinvicksburg.org).

**REMINDER:** No Religious Ed classes or Adult Study group this Sunday, Nov 27th.



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**St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church**

**Mass Schedule:** Saturday 5:30 PM  
 Sunday 8:00 and 11:00 AM  
 W.F 9:00 AM

**Reconciliation:** 10:00-11:00AM Sat. or by appointment

# DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> Second Sunday of Advent	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> St. Nicholas	<b>7</b> St. Ambrose	1 7PM R.C.I.A.	2 8-9AM, 9:30AM-7PM First Friday Adoration	3 St. Francis Xavier 7:30AM Men's Group
9:30AM-10:45AM: Religious Ed. Classes & Adult Study Group	6PM Bible Study with Msgr. Martin	10AM H.A.L.O.S.-Parish Hall Kitchen Clean-up Day	6PM Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception @St. Martin 6PM Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction @St. Edward-TBA	8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 9AM Mass at St. Edward 6PM Mass at St. Martin 7PM R.C.I.A.	8-9AM Adoration	7:30AM Men's Group
<b>11</b> Third Sunday of Advent	<b>12</b> Our Lady of Guadalupe	<b>13</b> St. Lucy	<b>14</b> St. John of the Cross	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
9AM-1PM Farmer's Breakfast 9:30AM-10:45AM: Religious Ed. Classes & Adult Study Group	10AM Caring Hands 6PM Bible Study with Msgr. Martin 6:30PM St. Vincent DePaul			7PM R.C.I.A.	8-9AM Adoration 6-8PM Encounter with M.S. & H.S. Students	7:30AM Men's Group
<b>18</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> St. Peter Canisius	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> St. John of Kanty	<b>24</b> Vigil of the Nativity
9:30AM-10:45AM Religious Ed. Classes & Adult Study Group	6PM Bible Study With Msgr. Martin		6:30-7:30PM Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction & St. Martin	NO. R.C.I.A.	8-9AM Adoration Parish Office Closes at 12 Noon & will remain Closed through January 1 <sup>st</sup> .	No Men's Group <b>Masses:</b> 4PM & 10PM @St. Martin 6PM @St. Edward
<b>25</b> The Nativity of the Lord	<b>26</b> St. Stephen	<b>27</b> St. John	<b>28</b> The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	<b>29</b> St. Thomas Becket	<b>30</b> The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	<b>31</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Day within the Octave of the Nativity
No Religious Ed. Classes & Adult Bible Study Masses: 9:30@St. Edward 11:00@St. Martin (No 8AM Mass)	Parish Office Closed Through January 1st No Bible Study with Msgr. Martin	7PM Knights of Columbus	9AM Daily Mass as usual	No R.C.I.A.	8-9AM Adoration	No Men's Group Regular Mass Schedule: 4PM @St. Edward 5:30PM @St. Martin

# 2022

## Kalamazoo Area

### Advent Penance Services



Priests in the Kalamazoo area parishes are working together during the Advent 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 seven services throughout the area, and priests will be available at the end of each service for individual confessions.

**Everyone is invited to come to the location that suits your needs.**

St. Ann Gull Lake	Wednesday	30-Nov	6:30 pm
St. Thomas More	Monday	5-Dec	6:30 pm
St. Martin of Tours	Sunday	11-Dec	3 pm
St. Catherine of Siena	Wednesday	14-Dec	6:30 pm
St. Monica	Thursday	15-Dec	6 pm
St. Augustine Cathedral	Sunday	18-Dec	following 4pm Vespers
St. Joseph Kalamazoo	Monday	19-Dec	5 pm
St. Ambrose Parchment	Tuesday	20-Dec	7pm



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**JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE RETREATS ANNOUNCE 2023 DATES** Planning to get married in 2023? A marriage formation weekend for engaged couples. The Joy-Filled Marriage process is a comprehensive marriage preparation program rooted in virtues as well as Theology of the Body. The program incorporates rich Catholic theology with sound psychology. 2023 Dates: JANUARY 7-8, MARCH 25-26, MAY 6-7, JUNE 10-11 (in Spanish), SEPTEMBER 16-17, To register, visit [diokzoo.org/marriage-preparation](http://diokzoo.org/marriage-preparation)

**DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO CAREGIVERS CONNECTION** - Now meeting at 2 p.m.! Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability? Do you sometimes feel alone or overwhelmed? You are invited to a virtual gathering on the first Sunday of the month (when date falls on a holiday weekend we move to the second Sunday) from 2 to 3 p.m. on Zoom. The focus is to build relationships, share faith and experiences, and create a supportive community. To learn more or to register go to <https://diokzoo.org/caregivers> or contact Lisa Irwin at the Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo 269-381-9800 x227 or by email at [lisairwin@ccdok.org](mailto:lisairwin@ccdok.org). Zoom link will be sent to those who register. 2022 dates: Dec. 4

## WAKE UP!

### First Sunday of Advent

“Jesus said to his disciples: “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.” Matthew 24:37–39

Are you awake? Spiritually speaking? As we begin the liturgical season of Advent, we are given the future coming of the Son of God to ponder. As this passage goes on, Jesus says, “Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

By the “day your Lord will come,” we should understand three things. The first coming of Christ is obviously that which we most clearly ponder in Advent and Christmas. The unity of human nature with divine nature, in the Person of Jesus, is truly awe-inspiring. But that already took place long ago.

Thus, a second coming of Christ that we must continually ponder is His coming by grace, every moment of every day of our lives, once we have chosen to freely give our lives over to His service, for His glory, in accord with His will. When we live with such an interior disposition by which we seek His ongoing “coming” by grace, then we will find that we need to continually “stay awake!” If we do not, then we can be certain that we will miss countless opportunities to become more united to Christ every day and to be used as an instrument of that very grace for His service and glory. If we do not diligently build a habit of becoming attentive to every prompting of grace in our lives, then we will, unquestionably, begin to become “drowsy” and will fall asleep, spiritually speaking.

A wonderful measure of our daily attentiveness to the innumerable gifts of grace given to us every day is to also consider how attentive we are to the final and glorious coming of Christ at the end of time. Just as Jesus explains, most people will pay little attention to this final coming, presuming it will not even be in their lifetimes. But if you have that attitude, then you have completely missed the point. The point is preparedness—today, tomorrow and always. True preparedness for the final coming of Christ will not only help you enter the mysteries of these Advent and Christmas seasons by which we ponder the first coming of Christ, it will also help you form a habit of daily attentiveness to grace.

Reflect, today, upon how ready you are for the final coming of Christ at the end of time. Are you ready if Christ were to come today? If not, understand that a lack of preparedness for the final coming also means a lack of preparedness to celebrate His first coming at Christmas long ago, as well as His daily comings by grace. Prepare today. Do not wait. If you do, God will daily transform you in ways that are glorious beyond comprehension.

My ever-present Lord, You come to us, day and night, calling to us, leading us and offering to enter our lives. Please help me to always be attentive to You and to always open my heart fully to Your daily coming by grace.

Jesus, I trust in You.

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