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Mass Schedule: Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Live-Stream Mass:** Jan 22 at 9:30a
Reconciliation: Sat 10a or by appt. **Office Hours:** Mon—Fri 9a-4p
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The Sanctuary Lamp burns to declare that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present: body, blood, soul and divinity in the tabernacle. This week the candle for our Sanctuary lamp is provided in memory of
 †Leo Swiat by Devon Swiat.

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Jan 28 5:30p **Lector:** Nancy H
Ushers: Jim & Monica R, Brian C, Volunteer
Raise Rite: DeWolff
Jan 29 8:00a **Lector:** Thomas R
Ushers: Bill Z, Larry & Judy L, volunteer
Raise Rite: Kosaced
Coffee & Donuts: Loriso family
Jan 29 11:00a **Lector:** Lisa I
Ushers: Coleen V, Cindy J, 2 volunteers
Raise Rite: Goldsmith
Coffee & Donuts: Sirotti family

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Jan 21 10:30a **Brunch and tour of St Martin's**
Jan 21 5:30p **Mass** †Timothy Wolff
 by Ron & Janet Gingerich
Jan 22 8:00a **Mass** For the people of St. Martin
Jan 22 9:30a **Rel Ed Classes & Adult Study Group**
Jan 22 11:00a **Mass** †Leo Swiat by Pat Brumleve
Jan 22 12:00p **Pray: The Story of Fr. Patrick Peyton**
Jan 23 6:00p **Bible Study** with Msgr Martin
Jan 25 9:00a **Mass** †Carol Wunderlin
 by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann
Jan 26 7:00p **RCIA**
Jan 27 8:00a **Friday Adoration** till 9:00a
Jan 27 9:00a **Mass** †Tom Kelley
 by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann
Jan 27 6:00p **Encounter** for Middle & High School
Jan 28 7:30a **Men's Group**
Jan 28 5:30p **Mass** †Elgin & Verna Rasmussen
 by Jim & Monica Rasmussen
Jan 29 8:00a **Mass** For the people of St. Martin
Jan 29 **Coffee & Donuts** after 8a & 11a Masses
Jan 29 11:00a **Mass** †Leo Swiat
 by St. Martin choir

WORD OF LIFE

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life & the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt & how best to apply them. But for citizens & elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always & radically incompatible with the love of God & the dignity of the human person created in His image." United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB

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3rd
 Sunday
 in
 Ordinary
 Time

He said to them,
 "Come after me,
 and I will make
 you fishers
 of men."
 At once they
 left their nets
 and followed him.
 Matthew 4:19-20

INSIDE OUR PARISH

FATHER PATRICK PEYTON (1909- 1992) COINED THE PHRASE “THE FAMILY THAT STAYS TOGETHER, PRAYS TOGETHER,” and devoted his priestly life to spreading and encouraging family prayer, especially the rosary. There is a movie called PRAY: The Story of Patrick Peyton, which shares the powerful story of Father Peyton’s life and ministry. He reached millions through radio, television, film, and 540 rosary rallies worldwide. Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting a viewing of this 71-minute film in our parish hall after the 11a Mass on January 22. Hot dogs & Lemonade will be provided. We encourage you to bring the whole family and get fired up about praying as a family again.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL news This time of year moves us to ponder our New Year’s resolutions. “This year (2023) I’m going to be a better person; more compassionate, more patient, more disciplined, more giving of my time to others.” A suggestion is to consider volunteering on the St. Vincent de Paul Society conference here at St. Martin of Tours’ parish. Be a “Vincentian.” Come see us after Mass at the table in the narthex January 21-22, or call Mary Evelyn Wills at (269) 327-0808, or Janet Kosacek at (269) 329-1947.

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, January 27th 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.

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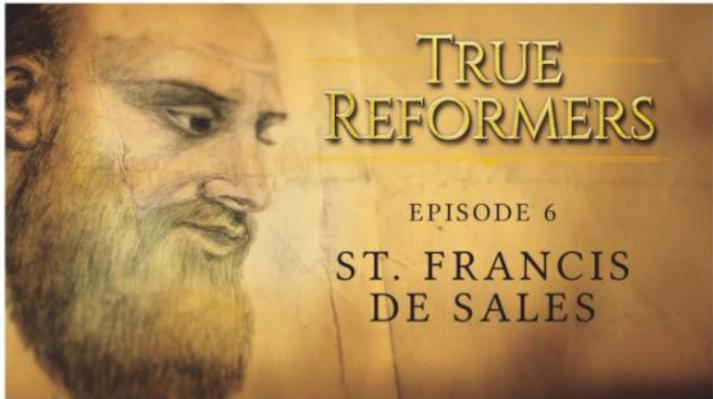
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INSIDE OUR DIOCESE

SAVE THE DATE Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Lenten Retreat--HEALING THROUGH THE EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION Saturday, March 18. 8—3p Saint Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo. All ladies of the Diocese are invited to join their sisters in Christ to a day of **Healing through the Eucharist and Reconciliation**. Dynamic speakers will present testimonies on the healing power of Jesus to transform our lives through the sacraments and ministries of the Catholic Church. The focus of the retreat will be the eighth station of the cross: Jesus meets the weeping women. Come let Jesus console you! Registration will open soon. Questions? Contact KDCCW President- Becky Borglin at becky.borglin@gmail.com or call 269-325-1354 and leave a message.

A Dating Retreat and Study Series for single Catholics! NCSC is hosting a FREE online Dating Retreat with guest speaker Fr. Robert Spitzer (January 27 & 28). Currently there are almost 400 single Catholics from around the world signed up and we're expecting 500+. Don't miss the opportunity to meet other like-minded singles and go deeper in your faith! Starting the week of February 6th, NCSC will also be hosting a 6-week study series - "Relationship Ready: A Single Catholic's Roadmap to Marriage" that will cover topics such as the meaning of love, communication, conflict resolution, male/female complementarity and much more. To sign up for these programs, visit NationalCatholicSingles.com.

DIOCESAN SYNOD UNDERWAY - Faithful invited to complete online survey As you know our Diocese is underway for planning our first-ever Diocesan Synod. Our Synod theme is "Priestly Life and Ministry." Parishes will be hosting listening sessions much like those that were held for the Synod on Synodality. To provide the opportunity to all in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, we are also offering the convenience of completing online surveys. There are 2 options: an essay or a short answer survey to complete. For more information or to fill out a survey, visit diokzoo.org/diocesan-synod.

A NEW ERA OF HOPE

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17

In Matthew's Gospel, from which we read today, we hear the first words spoken by our Lord as He begins His public ministry: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Up until this point, Matthew's Gospel presented us with Jesus' genealogy, His birth, the story of the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, the slaughter of the Holy Innocents, Jesus' baptism, the preaching of Saint John the Baptist and Jesus' forty days in the desert. Now, after these introductory stories of Jesus' life, we enter into His public ministry.

Recall that John had just been imprisoned, thus concluding his public ministry. Therefore, the time for the preaching and ministry of the Son of God had arrived. And though Jesus continues the theme of repentance started by John, Jesus takes John's words further. Jesus adds something that John could not: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Since we are still at the beginning of the season of Ordinary Time, it's important to understand this transition from the Old Testament prophets, of which John was the last, to the New Testament preaching of our Lord. The difference is that all that had been prophesied and pointed to in the Old Testament had now arrived. Saint Jerome, in commenting upon this passage, says that as the Old Testament Law ceased, the Gospel commenced. And, of course, the fulfillment of this new era of the Gospel was only a few short years away when our Lord would offer up His life for the salvation of many.

As Jesus begins His preaching, His words are challenging but also very hopeful. By saying that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Jesus stirs interest and holy curiosity among His first listeners. His call to repentance was softened by His new proclamation about the Kingdom.

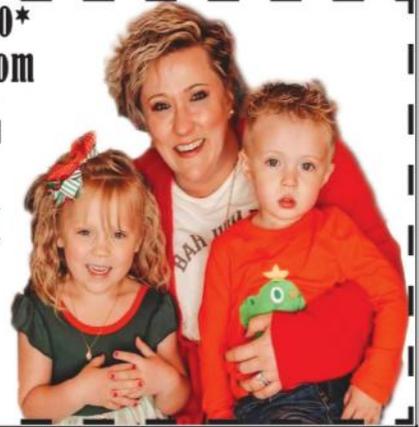
One helpful insight we can take from these first words of Jesus' public ministry is that this is the best way to share the Gospel with those who do not yet follow Christ. Oftentimes, when we see someone living in serious sin, we want to judge and condemn. But usually what they need the most is hope—hope that there is something much greater that comes from repentance. Certainly we need to speak against sin. But one of the most effective ways to do so is by initially offering the listener hope of something much better than the sin with which they struggle—specifically, the hope of the Kingdom of God.

Reflect, today, upon the newness of the ministry of Jesus, the newness of the first proclamation of the Gospel. As you do, try to imagine the holy curiosity that many would have had as they first listened to Jesus preach. Soon He would follow up His preaching with many signs and wonders that would confirm His message. But at first, Jesus simply instilled a hope in His hearers. As you ponder this, think about those in your life who also need this initial sense of hope and holy curiosity about the Gospel and pray that God will inspire you and use you to be an instrument of this merciful message.

Lord, as You began Your public ministry of proclaiming the Kingdom of Heaven, You instilled hope and a holy curiosity in the minds and hearts of Your first hearers. Please continue this good work and use me as You will to be an instrument of this hope in those I encounter every day. Jesus, I trust in You.

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