



# ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

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## DRE & COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

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**Mass Schedule:** Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Live-Stream Mass:** Feb 05 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  
**†Larry Houghtaling**  
by Jackie Houghtaling



## MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

**Feb 04** 5:30p **Mass** †Linda Tache by Pat Brumleve  
**Blessing of the throats after Mass**  
**Feb 05** 8:00a **Mass** For the people of St. Martin  
**Blessing of the throats after Mass**  
**Feb 05** 9:30a **Rel Ed Classes & Adult Study**  
**Feb 05** 11:00a **Mass** †J & J Escamilla by Vickie Kelley  
**Blessing of the throats after Mass**  
**Feb 06** 6:00p **Bible Study** with Msgr. Martin  
**Feb 07** 6:00p **Adult Ed Metting**  
**Feb 08** 9:00a **Mass** †Mary VanderBeek  
by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann  
**Feb 09** 7:00p **RCIA**  
**Feb 10** 8:00a **Friday Adoration** till 9:00a  
**Feb 10** 9:00a **Mass** †Kenneth Kalvig  
by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann  
**Feb 11** 7:30a **Men's Group**  
**Feb 11** 5:30p **Mass** For the people of St. Martin  
**Feb 12** 8:00a **Mass** †Tim Kosacek by Barb Sanders  
**Feb 12** 9:30a **Rel Ed Classes & Adult Study Group**  
**Feb 12** 11:00a **Mass** †Leo Swiat by Vickie Kelley

## PARISH SUPPORT JANUARY 29, 2023

<u>Envelopes:69</u>	<u>Weekly Goal:\$6,730</u>
Collection envelopes:	\$3,866.00
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Total Collection:	\$4,679.60
Purchase Raise Right cards after all Masses and in the Church office M-F 9a-4p.	

## LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

**Feb 11** 5:30p **Lector:** Tammy R  
**Ushers:** Ken & Gail D, Doug & Deb S  
**Raise Rite:** DeWolff  
**Feb 12** 8:00a **Lector:** Priscilla S  
**Ushers:** Al & MaryAnn K, Joe S, volunteer  
**Raise Rite:** Bloom  
**Feb 12** 11:00a **Lector:** Sidney C  
**Ushers:** Ellen & Meredith C, 2 volunteers  
**Raise Rite:** Van Dalen

## WORD OF LIFE

"A society is all the more human to the degree  
that it cares effectively for its most frail and  
suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love.  
Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one  
will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." Pope  
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Sunday  
in  
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Time

"Your light must  
shine before others,  
that they may see  
your good deeds  
and glorify your  
heavenly Father."

Matthew 5:16

## INSIDE OUR PARISH

**TICKETS FOR THE ANYTHING GOES PARTY ON SALE THIS WEEKEND.** See insert in this bulletin.

**FARMER'S BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY,** February 12 Proceeds are for wheelchairs! Please see this weeks bulletin insert for details.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** Beginning on Feb 12 (& continuing on Feb 19 & 26), Deacon David Guido will begin training interested 5th - 12th grade students in the reverent service of the Mass as an Altar Server. These training sessions will be from 8:30 am - 9:30 am, beginning in the Manning Center 1 & then transitioning to the church. Msgr. Martin is working toward easing back into servers at the Mass, offering the 11a Mass as the initial Mass to have servers so long as interest and commitment are consistent. So, whether you have never served before or were trained to serve before the pandemic, these sessions are for you! If your son and/or daughter are interested in being trained as an Altar Server, please kindly RSVP to Tim at [dre@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto:dre@stmartinvicksburg.org). Thank you each very much for considering! God bless!

**REMINDER NEXT WEEK WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15** Adoration at St. Martin's 6:30p-7:30p

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO STOPPED TO ASK** questions about St. Vincent DePaul activities and to all those who contributed to our donation box. There are so many "Friends in Need." Thanks also to Msgr. Martin for his support of the mission to help the poor. Those interested in membership in SVDP are invited to our Feb.13 meeting, 6p at St. Martin of Tours east classroom.

**THE FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT THIS YEAR IS FEBRUARY 24.** The Stations of the Cross during the Fridays of Lent are at 6p. After the Stations we share a simple meatless soup & bread dinner. There is a sign-up sheet on the west bulletin board by the office. If you can donate a pot of soup or bread/biscuits, please choose a date, and enter your name. There is also a place to sign for a weekly hostess to come in early to set up and make coffee. We appreciate all volunteers and please join us for dinner.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jody Cunningham  
Karen Garcea  
Jennifer Goldberg  
Christina Kelley  
Tony Pearl  
Jennifer Stocki  
Steve Vogler  
TJ Williams  
Aiden Woodard

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269-303-8016.

**THE NEXT 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN** will start on Feb 22 - Apr 2. We are again participating in Kalamazoo along with many other cities globally. We pray outside of Planned Parenthood located at 4201 W. Michigan. Our campaign is Mon-Sat; 8a-8p. You can come out at any time but it is preferred that you sign up by doing one of the following: Sign up through your church contact (if you have one) Sign up directly at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/kalamazoo>. Email [40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com](mailto:40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com). Or call Joe at 989-992-6085.

**ST MARY'S KALAMAZOO** is having a candlelight prayer vigil on Feb 19 at 6p at Planned Parenthood; all are welcome to come. Candles will be provided. Thanks in advance for your support of 40 Days for Life. Our prayers & fasting make a difference. By the power of God, hearts are changed & lives are saved.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and gnosis press

## INSIDE OUR DIOCESE

**ON FEB 21 FROM 6:30-8:30P ST. CATHERINE'S** will begin a 13-week GriefShare program. This is for anyone who has lost a loved one & is seeking to learn more about how to successfully navigate the grief journey. We meet on Tuesday evenings for 13 consecutive weeks. There is a workbook which accompanies this program. Participants view a video, may take notes, & share in a discussion of the video which addresses different aspects of the grieving process. Sharing is voluntary! Over the course of the 13 weeks, we create a sacred space for the work of grieving which is often not found in our everyday lives. The registration fee is \$20 & includes the workbook which is ordered online at the time of registration. Register online at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org). St. Catherine's will come up if you enter the zip 49024. Questions? Call Paula White at 269-330-3762 or [pwhitenc@mac.com](mailto:pwhitenc@mac.com). For additional information please take a pamphlet found in the narthex on the table by the window.



## INSIDE OUR DIOCESE CONTINUED

**SHAMROCK CELEBRATION** Feb 11 from 5:30p-11:00p at Hackett Catholic Prep Gymnasium. You can register & find more info on the Live Auction and Irish Champion items online at <http://bidpad.net/2023shamrock>

**KALAMAZOO CURSILLO MOVEMENT** The Diocese of Kalamazoo will be hosting the annual Men's Cursillo Mar 2 - Mar 5, at the beautiful Amigo Center in Sturgis Michigan. This is a great opportunity for us Catholics to Spiritually Renew our Faith. The weekend is geared to those over 18 years of age. Come, and encounter Christ! For more info please visit <https://kalamazoocursillo.com/mens-weekend-1>.

**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](http://diokzoo.org/diocesan-synod).

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN KDCCW** Lenten Day Retreat Mar 18. All women of the Diocese are invited to join their sisters in Christ to Encounter Jesus in a deeper way through the Eucharist & Reconciliation Saint Augustine Cathedral--Crowley Center. The day begins with Mass at 8:45a, preceded by the Rosary in the Cathedral & Confessions are available in the Crowley Center during the day. The cost is \$25/ includes lunch. Doors open 7:45a & ends at 3p (after the Divine Mercy Chaplet). REGISTER NOW: Ann Vrablic (517) 812-3727 or [annie.vroom@gmail.com](mailto:annie.vroom@gmail.com). Provide your name, email, phone, & your Parish name & city. Please, register before March 6. Mail checks before March 1st to: Treasurer Ann Vrablic 387 Progress Drive, Coldwater, MI 49036. Please, call to register even if you are paying at the door before March 6. Scholarships available with prior approval. Bring your mom, adult daughters, sisters, & friends for a beautiful day of ENCOUNTERING THE LOVE AND MERCY OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR! Questions? Contact KDCCW President Becky Borglin at [becky.borglin@gmail.com](mailto:becky.borglin@gmail.com) or call (269) 325-1354 and leave a message.

## THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:14-16*

We've all experienced a time when the lights went out and we were in darkness. In this case, if you were to light a candle and place it in the center of the room, its light would make quite a difference. One candle in a darkened room transforms that room, making it a more comfortable dwelling place.

Using that image, consider the first line in Jesus' metaphor above. "You are the light of the world." Try to see yourself as that single candle in the darkness. That is your mission. Just as a single candle can give light to an entire room, so you are capable of being a source of light for many others.

One of the primary missions we have all received in life is to allow the light of God's grace to "shine before others." The result of fulfilling this mission is that others will see our good deeds that were inspired by God, and they will, in turn, glorify the Father in Heaven. Thus, your mission of radiating the light of Christ for others results in God being praised and glorified.

This full statement of Jesus is especially helpful to consider when we struggle with pride. Pride is a way of pointing to ourselves. It's an act of selfishness by which we place ourselves in the spotlight as a way of trying to become the object of others' praise. But what Jesus tells us is that when we properly fulfill our role of being the light of the world, when we radiate the Light of Christ, others will be inspired not to praise us but rather to glorify God as He acts through us. This is quite a difference.

With that being said, the beautiful thing about God being glorified is that God often wants us to share in that glory. That means that if you were to do an act of charity for another, and they were deeply grateful to you and thanked you, their "thank you" is an act of glorifying God when it is understood that you acted out of a love of God. God is praised when we, His children, give and receive love and honor between each other on account of our faith.

Reflect, today, upon two things. First, think about those upon whom God has called you to shine His light. Who is it in your life who needs an act of love, charity, mercy, forgiveness or compassion? Commit yourself to becoming God's light for them in their darkness. Second, think about those who have shone the Light of Christ upon you. When this has happened, how did you respond? Hopefully your response was one of a gratitude that not only returns love to the other but also glorifies God through your gratitude. Be the light of the world to a world in need and seek out that light as it shines brightly through others. This is the only way to step out of the darkness that constantly tries to pervade us.

Lord, You are the true Light Who dispels every darkness in life. You are the Light of my life and shine brightly for all to see. Help me to see Your light as it shines on others and to glorify You for that gift. And help me to be an instrument of Your light to those who need it the most. Jesus, I trust in You.

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