

SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY

The Scourging at the Pillar

SECOND 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 05 at 9:30a

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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



†Tom Kelley
by Vickie Kelley

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Mar 11 5:30p **Lector:** Pam T

Ushers: Ken & Gail D, Doug & Deb S

Raise Rite: Doorlag

Mar 12 8:00a **Lector:** Priscilla S

Ushers: Melissa C, volunteer, Larry & Judy L

Raise Rite: Bloom

Mar 12 11:00a **Lector:** David S

Ushers: Mike & Kris B, 2 volunteers

Raise Rite: Goldsmith-Moore

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- Mar 04** 5:30p **Mass** †Leo Swiat
by Mike & Kathy Walsh
- Mar 05** 8:00a **Mass** †Tim Kosacek by Barb Sanders
- Mar 05** 9:30a **Rel Ed Classes & Adult Study**
- Mar 05** 11:00a **Mass** For the people of St. Martin
- Mar 06** 6:00p **Bible Study**
- Mar 07** 5:30p **First week of Lenten video series. Supper at 5:30p followed by video at 6:00p in parish hall**
- Mar 07** 6:30p **Penance Service @ St. Catherin's**
- Mar 08** 9:00a **Mass** †Fritz VandeMaele
by Jay & MaryAnn Smith
- Mar 08** 6:30p **Holy Hour of Adoration** at St. Martin
- Mar 09** 7:00p **RCIA**
- Mar 10** 8:00a **Friday Adoration** till 9:00a
- Mar 10** 9:00a **Mass** †Joe Thamann
by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann
- Mar 10** 6:00p **Stations of the Cross** followed by
Soup and Bread supper in Parish Hall
- Mar 11** 7:30a **Men's Group**
- Mar 11** 5:30p **Mass** †Dan Ramlow
by Dcn Tom & Pam Thamann
- Mar 12** 8:00a **Mass** For the people of St. Martin
- Mar 12** 11:00a **Mass** †Leo Swiat by Henry & Anne Sehy
- Mar 12** 3:00p **Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner**



40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN goes until Apr 2 in Kalamazoo Mon-Sat; 8a-8p. We pray outside of Planned Parenthood at 4201 W. Michigan. All are welcome to join us at any time. Please sign in one of three ways:
1. <https://www.40daysforlife.com/kalamazoo>
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THE NEXT BIBLE STUDY WITH MSGR IS ON MARCH 6TH AT 6:00P All are welcome. We meet in the Manning Center each Monday to read and discuss the scripture readings for the coming weekend.

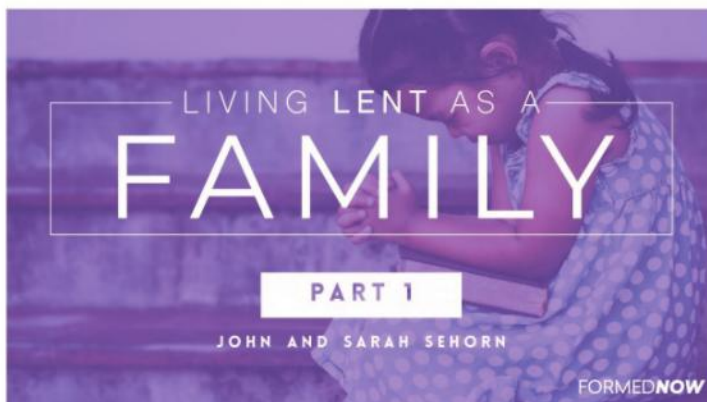
LENTEN VIDEO SERIES - Your Adult Education committee, with the suggestion of Msgr. Tom is presenting a 5-week video series in the parish hall. The first date is this Tuesday, March 7th at 5:30 p.m. We will have a simple supper along with the video presentations. There will be a brief discussion after if there are questions. This weeks video is from Formed, Episodes 1 & 2 of Eternal Rest There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. All 5 dates are on the sheet. Please check which dates you plan to attend.

CORNER BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER IS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 12, sponsored by the St. Martin Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the Youth Group for Catholic Heart Work Camp Mission trip this summer. Tickets are on sale every weekend after Mass and in the Parish office. Tickets in advance please so we know how much to order. Carry out available.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION AND BENEDICTION DURING LENT - We will be having Adoration and Benediction every Wednesday evening during Lent, including the Wednesday of Holy Week from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The first Wednesday of each month will be at St. Edward's on March 1st and April 5th. The remaining Wednesdays will be at St. Martin's on March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

SERVING MEATLESS SOUP & BREAD SUPPER AFTER STATIONS OF THE CROSS till Fri, March 31. We need donations of soup and bread please. There is a sign-up sheet on the west bulletin board. If you can make a pot of meatless soup or donate bread, please sign under the date. Stations start at 6:00p and all are invited to join for the simple meal.

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 March 24th 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. **PRAYERS PLEASE:** We have 4 high schoolers at The Presence Eucharistic Retreat this weekend and we have 4 young ones receiving their First Reconciliation on March 18th. Please keep these souls in prayer as they encounter these opportunities to grow closer to Jesus Christ!



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Living Lent as a Family (Part 1 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Augustine Institute Graduate School Professor Dr. Sehorn and his wife, Sarah Sehorn, to discuss liturgical living during Lent.

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THIS WEEKEND ALL PARISHES AND MISSIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF KALAMAZOO ARE HOLDING A SPECIAL COLLECTION TO SUPPORT OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND. This collection directly benefits priests of the Diocese of Kalamazoo and is separate from the annual December collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which supports retired clergy and sisters of religious orders across America. If you receive envelopes from St. Martin's there is an envelope provided for this donation. Thank You.

THE SUN WILL COME OUT.... ON HACKETT'S STAGE PERFORMING ANNIE THE MUSICAL. Tickets can be purchased with the QR code, CSGK website, or at the door. Ticket prices are \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors. Dates are March 10, 11, 17, and 18 at 7:00 and a 2:00 performance on March 11.



CONTINUING THE MISSION

Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Matthew 17:1-3

This was not the first time that the Son of God spoke to Moses and Elijah on a high mountain. Recall that Moses was called up to Mount Sinai (also called Horeb) to be with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, during which time the finger of God inscribed the Law on tablets, given to Moses to give to the people. During that time, the Israelites, from the base of the mountain, saw the summit consumed in fire. Similarly, Elijah, the great prophet, was called up that same mountain to encounter the Lord. He entered a cave and waited. Elijah then encountered a strong and violent wind, an earthquake and a fire. But God was not in any of them. Then Elijah heard a light quiet sound, a whisper, and he hid his face out of reverence as the Lord spoke to him.

In the experience of the Transfiguration, which we ponder today, the Son of God, now in the flesh, allowed His glory to once again shine forth. As He did, He conversed with Moses and Elijah in the presence of three of His disciples. These disciples were in awe, just as Moses and Elijah had been during their first encounters with God on Mount Sinai. These two great Old Testament figures now stand as witnesses of God's unfolding plan, revealing by their presence that Jesus is the fulfillment of all they had been entrusted to teach in their lifetime.

Moses' encounter with God on the mountain provided the foundation of the Law for the people of Israel. This Law guided them for centuries and ultimately came to fulfillment in Jesus, Who transformed the Law and elevated it to a new level by grace and mercy. Elijah's encounter with God on the mountain gave him direction to anoint kings to lead the people and to anoint Elisha as the prophet to succeed him. Elijah and Elisha continually preached to the people, calling them back to fidelity to the covenant God had made with them.

On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus prepared three new disciples to continue the mission He began through Moses and continued through Elijah. Jesus gave these disciples the New Law of grace and mercy that He came to institute. The disciples were also entrusted with the prophetic mission of Elijah to call people to repentance and to fidelity to the covenant.

Today, our Lord calls all of his faithful servants up a spiritual mountain with Him so as to entrust to them the ongoing mission given to these great servants of old. Through prayer, God will manifest His divine presence to each of us if we are willing to make that journey. As He does, He will entrust to us His New Law and inscribe it on our hearts. He will command us to embrace the perfection of the love of God and the bestowal of mercy on others. He will entrust us with the prophetic mission of calling others back to God and will empower us to fulfill that mission in accord with His perfect will.

Reflect, today, upon this glorious scene of the Transfiguration. This image teaches us about the entire plan of God throughout time. Prayerfully ponder the idea that Jesus is inviting you to make the arduous journey up the mountain of prayer, self-discipline, virtue and holiness. Pray that your eyes will be open to see His glory and that this experience will inspire you and strengthen you to continue to fulfill the mission of God started long ago, until it comes to completion when He returns at the end of time.

My Transfigured Lord, You spoke Your divine will to the great leaders of old on a high mountain. You also entrusted Your mission to the disciples on a holy mountain. Please give me the grace and determination I also need to journey with You up the mountain of prayer so that I will be entrusted with the mission You give to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

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