

# ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

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**Mass Schedule:** Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Reconciliation:** Sat 10a or by apt. **Office Hours:** Mon—Fri 9a-4p

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HAPPY SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT! MAY PEACE RULE  
OUR HEARTS AND MINDS  
KNOWING THAT OUR MER-  
CIFUL GOD IS NEAR!



**2023 Kalamazoo Area 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 eight services throughout the area, and priest 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. Martin of Tours - Sun. Dec. 10 at 3:00 pm**

**St. Thomas More - Mon. Dec. 11 at 6:30 pm**

**St. Joseph Kalamazoo - Wed. Dec. 13 at 6:00 pm**

**St. Monica - Thurs. Dec. 14 at 6:00 pm**

**St. Ambrose Parchment - Tues. Dec. 19 at 6:00 pm**

## MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- Dec 09 10:00a** Reconciliation until 11:00a  
**Dec 09 5:30p** Mass †Jim Murray by Mike & Maureen Gergley  
**Dec 10 8:00a** Mass †Robert N. & Adele Shook by Kathleen Waldron  
**Dec 10 9:00a** **Farmer Breakfast until 1p**  
**Dec 10 9:30a** **Sunday Morning Adult Study Group**  
**Dec 10 11:00a** Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours  
**Dec 10 3:00p** **Penance Service - St. Martin of Tours**  
**Dec 11 6:00p** Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin  
**Dec 13 9:00a** Mass †Marge Rice by Tom & Kay Doherty  
**Dec 14 7:00p** OCIA  
**Dec 15 8:00a** Adoration until 9:00a  
**Dec 15 9:00a** Mass †Barb Smith by Mike & Deena Anderson  
**Dec 16 7:30a** **Men's Group Reunion**  
**Dec 16 10:00a** Reconciliation until 11:00a  
**Dec 16 5:30p** Mass †Larry Houghtaling by Jackie Houghtaling  
**Dec 17 8:00a** Mass †Judy Hansford by The Hansford Family  
**Dec 17 9:30a** **Sunday Morning Adult Study Group**  
**Dec 17 11:00a** Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours

## *A bulletin announcement regarding the bulletin!*

*Please note that the next 4 bulletins need to be submitted earlier than usual. The bulletin for 12/16-17 & 12/23-24 are both due on Thursday December 14th. The bulletin for 12/30-31 & 1/6-7 are due Thursday December 21. We wanted to pass along this heads-up. Thank you each and God bless you and your fam!*

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns to declare that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the tabernacle. The candle for our Sanctuary Lamp is provided this week in memory of

**Dec 10 - Dec 16 †Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley**

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## INSIDE OUR PARISH

**THIS WEEK: PENANCE SERVICE (12/10 @ 3P), CARING HANDS (12/11 @ 10A), ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MTG (12/11 @ 6P), ADULT EDUCATION MTG (12/12 @ 6P), ADORATION (12/15 @ 8A) WANT TO JOIN? CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE!**

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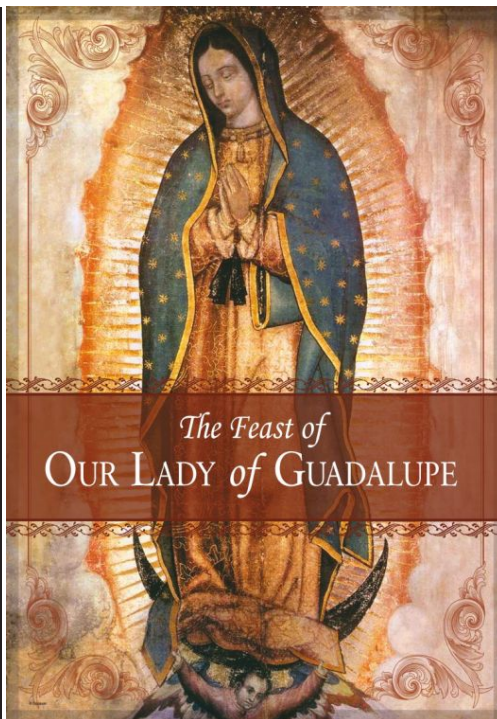
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Christina Kelley	Kassidy
Bill Loveland	Walt Wesoloski
Lucy	TJ Williams
Marilyn	Aiden Woodard
	Connie Zablocki

*IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA*

**South County Community Services Food Pantry** requests for December are elbow macaroni, condensed tomato soup, canned beans (kidney, great northern, etc.), canned diced tomatoes, pancake mix & syrup. Household needs are shampoo and Kleenex. Thank you for your generous support of our pantry!

**Knights of Columbus:** The next Farmer's Breakfast is today Sunday December 10th and proceeds from this breakfast will go towards families that are in need. Thank you very much for your support and please continue to keep all families in our parish family community in your prayers. God bless our Knights Council 13305!



**Also, our Knights of Columbus Council wants to show our support for our men & women serving our country. Please contact the Parish Office with the name & address of your relatives serving and the Knights will send Christmas packages to these brave souls. God bless the men & women of our military. St. Martin, pray for us!**

**The Parish Vitality Survey Committee** would like to thank you all very much for your prayers, participation, and involvement in the survey and/or listening session process! We have gathered all of the information you've provided and will be presenting this to the Parish Council today. Please be on the lookout for the next step in this journey coming soon. Thank you each again and God bless you!

**American Red Cross Vicksburg Community Blood Drive** is returning to St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church on Friday January 5 from 11:00 am - 4:45 pm. Please, if you are able and willing, schedule an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code "VC" or call 1-800-733-2767 (1-800-RED-CROSS). Thank you very much for your kind consideration to this important endeavor!



**Rita Sokolowski**  
**November 11, 2023**  
*Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord*



**Pack The House SAVE THE DATE!**  
Parish Family! Please mark your calendar for **Saturday January 20th** in which our Adult Education Committee is planning our next Pack The House Event! Stay close to the bulletin as further details become available for this faith-engagement opportunity!



**REFLECTION:** “Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace” (2 Peter 3:14). The readings for this weekend continue to build on the attentive watchfulness that Advent calls for but to do so in a state of peace. The demands of the Christian life are just that, demanding and challenging. But they are this way so that we can try, a little bit more each day, to be more and more like our teacher Jesus. Advent gives us that intention time to look at our life, find an area that we need to grow in, and give permission to Jesus to come into that area so we work at and grow more like our Savior. And if we truly give Jesus this chance to work on us, remember to be at peace, for He is with us!

### LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

**Dec 16 5:30p Lector:** Roger V  
**Ushers:** Jim & Monica R, Carol W, Brian C  
**Raise Right: Volunteer**  
**Dec 17 8:00a Lector:** Angela P  
**Ushers:** Ron & Jan G, Joe S, Volunteer  
**Raise Right: Koenigsnecht**  
**Dec 17 11:00a Lector:** Meredith C  
**Ushers:** Mike & Kris B, Ellen C, Volunteer  
**Raise Right: Van Dalen**



### ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

**Youth Christmas Caroling after the 11 am Mass Sun Dec 17 at a Nursing Home!**

**The Presence Eucharistic Retreat** for high schoolers is March 1-3 2024 at Camp Geneva in Holland, MI. Registration is \$135. Meet Catholic youth from around the Diocese, great speakers, time for Mass, Adoration, Praise & Worship, Prayer. Contact Michelle!

**CHWC** registration is on for our trip to New Castle, Pennsylvania (June 9th—15th 2024)! Please email [ym@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto:ym@stmartinvicksburg.org) to register, to gather more information or to learn about more summer opportunities for the youth of our parish! God bless you!

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**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SKIT:** For all ages of children, the Children's Christmas Skit offers an opportunity for our children to encounter the Holy Spirit by reenacting the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. The Skit will take place before the Christmas Vigil Mass (the Mass begins at 4 pm) on Sunday December 24th. **The first practice is today Sunday December 10th after the 11 am Mass in the church.**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS CHOIR:** For 5th through 12th grade children, the Children's Christmas Mass Choir will offer their voices in praise of our newborn Savior Jesus Christ at the Christmas Vigil Mass at 4 pm on Sunday December 24th. Please consider taking part in this terrific way to give worship and praise our God! **To sign-up for the Skit or the Choir, please see the Religious Education table in the narthex. Be on the look-out for practice times for this lovely choir! Thank you each very much and God bless!**

### IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Thank you for all who contribute to the Home Heating Assistance Program!** Your generosity to keep those in your community warm is appreciated. Anyone needing heating assistance should contact the parish for help. The parish heating volunteers will assist all those in need, utilizing all available assistance prior to the home heating funds. The program begins Thursday, January 4th and ends in March or until the funds last. Thank you for your warm hearts!

**Vocations Fundraiser Breakfast for 4 local youth** is being held at St. Clare in Centreville (23126 M-86, Centreville, MI) today Sunday December 10th from 10:30 am—12:00 pm. These “4 local youth” are raising money to attend a discernment retreat/pilgrimage in Rome that is specifically for college-aged young men in the Knights of Columbus. Please pray for and consider attending to support these young men as they discern God's will for them in their life!

**Totus Tuus Marian Consecration:** Presented by the Diocese of Kalamazoo Young Adult Ministry, this consecration for women is an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus Christ through the holy accompaniment of His Mother Mary. An informational meeting is being held on December 12th @ 5:30 pm. Please visit [www.diokzoo.org/totustuus](http://www.diokzoo.org/totustuus) to receive meeting information.

**Looking to enrich your Advent by serving your community? Catholic Charities** has a number of volunteer opportunities to take part in during this holiday season. To see a listing of these offerings and to gather more information on what is available, please visit their website at [www.ccdok.org/view-volunteer-opportunities-here](http://www.ccdok.org/view-volunteer-opportunities-here).

**Advent Resources? Check out what the Diocese of Kalamazoo has put together at [www.diokzoo.org/advent](http://www.diokzoo.org/advent)**

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