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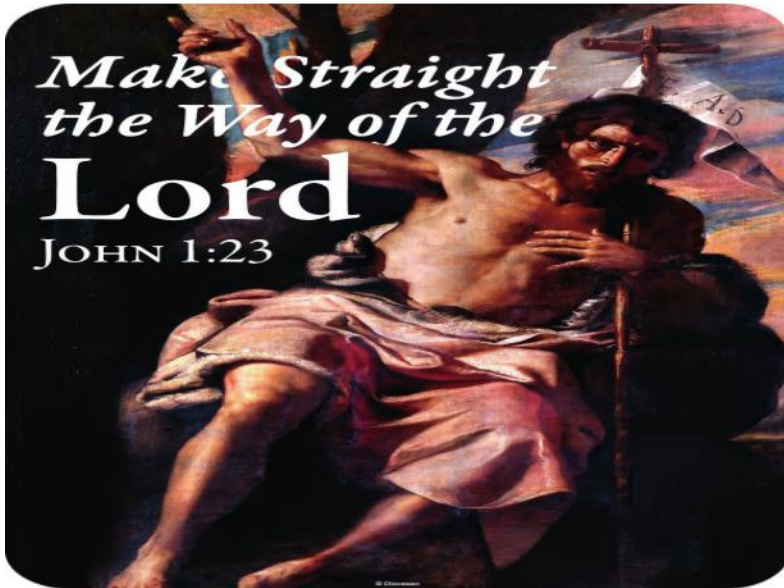
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**Mass Schedule:** Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a Wed & Fri 9:00a **Reconciliation:** Sat 10a or by apt. **Office Hours:** Mon—Fri 9a-4p

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HAPPY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT! REJOICE, OUR SAVIOR JESUS IS NEAR! PREPARE A NEW SPOT FOR HIM IN YOUR HEART!



**2023 Kalamazoo Area Penance Services:** Priests in the Kalamazoo area parishes have worked together during the Advent season to offer a schedule that meets the needs and convenience of many people. If you haven't been to Reconciliation yet during the Advent season, there is one service left:

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

If you can't make this Penance Service, please remember we have individual Confession on Saturdays from 10:00 - 11:00a.

## MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- 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**
- Dec 17 Youth Christmas Caroling!**
- Dec 18 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin**
- Dec 20 9:00a Mass †Ron Feist by Mike & Deena Anderson**
- Dec 20 6:30p Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction at St. Martin**
- Dec 21 NO OCIA**
- Dec 22 8:00a Adoration until 9:00a**
- Dec 22 9:00a Mass †Timothy Shook by Kathleen Waldron**
- Dec 22 Parish Office Closes at 12 pm**
- Dec 23 10:00a Reconciliation until 11:00a**
- Dec 23 5:30p Mass †Tony Sokolowski by Rita Sokolowski**
- Dec 24 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours**
- Dec 24 NO Sunday Morning Adult Study Group**
- Dec 24 NO 11:00 AM MASS**

PLEASE SEE RIGHT FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE!



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023

- 12/24: 3:30 pm - Christmas Nativity Play at St. Martin**
- 12/24: 4:00 pm - Mass at St. Martin of Tours**
- 12/24: 6:00 pm - Mass at St. Edward**
- 12/24: 10:00 pm - Mass at St. Martin of Tours**
- 12/25: 8:00 am - Mass at St. Martin of Tours**
- 12/25: 9:30 am - Mass at St. Edward**

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 17 - Dec 23 †Tony Sokolowski by  
Rita Sokolowski**

## INSIDE OUR PARISH

**THIS WEEK: YOUTH CHRISTMAS CARLOING (12/17 AFTER 11 AM MASS), HALOS MTG (12/19 @ 1P), HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION (12/20 @ 6:30P), ADORATION (12/22 @ 8A) WANT TO JOIN? CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE!**

**PARISH SUPPORT DEC 10**

Envelopes:136

Weekly Goal:\$6,826.92

Collection envelopes:

\$7,920.00

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\$8,611.00

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Email [deena.christine@yahoo.com](mailto:deena.christine@yahoo.com)  
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

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Jeanie	Loretta Nichols
Karen Garcea	Vickie Pearl
Meaghan G. & Family	Mike Q
Frank/Sara/Mike	Paul Sehy
Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs	Soltis Family
Jerry	Jennifer Stocki
Christina Kelley	Kassidy
Bill Loveland	Walt Wesoloski
Lucy	TJ Williams
Marilyn	Aiden Woodard
	Connie Zablocki

*IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA*

**Readers and Ushers:** We will need you for the Christmas and New Year's Masses! Sign up sheets are in the narthex for Dec. 23/24, Dec. 24/25 and Dec. 30/31. Please sign up for your Masses of choice. Thank you and God Bless you for your service! Also, your new schedules are available in the narthex.

**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 very soon. Please be on the lookout for the next step in this journey coming soon. Thank you each again and God bless you!

**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!

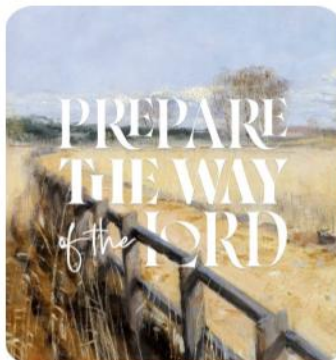
**American Red Cross Vicksburg Community Blood Drive** is returning to St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church on Friday January 5 from 11:00 am - 4:45 pm. Please, if you are able and willing, schedule an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code "VC" or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

*Attention! Lost & Found is located in Manning Center 2 (across from the Parish Office). If you are missing anything, please check it out. Things not claimed by 12/19/23 will be donated. Thanks!*

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**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:** We hear a lot of the word “rejoice” in our readings for this Third Sunday of Advent, and it is for good reason. Our Lord Jesus Christ is near! We get to celebrate his birthday soon and are reminded during this season that we must constantly invite Him into every corner of our life, thus preparing ourselves to meet Him when He comes again. This rejoicing that we do in our coming Lord is not meant just for you and I to hold onto; rather we are meant to share this Good News of Jesus with the people that we meet each and every day. Like John the Baptist in the Gospel reading, we must let our thoughts, words and deeds cry out and make way for Jesus, giving others a share in the peace and joy that is ours as Catholic Christians!

### LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

**Dec 23 5:30p Lector:** Volunteer

**Ushers:** Volunteers

**Raise Right: No Raise Right Sales**

**Dec 24 8:00a Lector:** Volunteer

**Ushers:** Volunteers

**Raise Right: No Raise Right Sales**

**Dec 24 11:00a Lector:** NO MASS @ 11A

**Ushers:** NO MASS @ 11A

**Raise Right: NO MASS @ 11A**



### ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

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

**Youth Ice Skating Event - Saturday January 6th - Contact Michelle for Details**

**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!

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### IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**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)**

**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!

**The Diocese of Kalamazoo will be hosting the annual Men's Cursillo Weekend**, February 22-25, 2023, at the beautiful Amigo Center in Sturgis Michigan. This is a great opportunity for all of us Catholics to Spiritually Renew our Faith. The weekend is geared to those over 18 years of age. Come, and encounter Christ! Please visit <https://kalamazoocursillo.com/womens-weekend> for more information. Please feel free to contact Angela Martin, 269-208-5192 with any questions regarding the weekend or Cursillo.

### *A bulletin announcement regarding the bulletin!*

*Please note that the next 3 bulletins need to be submitted earlier than usual. The bulletin for 12/23-24 was 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 family!*

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