

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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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Feb 24 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Feb 24 5:30p Mass †Katherine & John
Dennony by Janice Vella

Feb 25 8:00a Mass For the People of St.
Martin

Feb 25 Coffee & Donuts after Masses

Feb 25 9:30a Sunday Morning Adult
Study Group

Feb 25 11:00a Mass †Jack Kelley by
Christine Kelley

Feb 25 5:00p Youth Night!

Feb 26 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr.

Feb 27 5:30p Dinner & Lenten Series

Feb 28 9:00a Mass † Bruce Fleck by
Len Jaworski

Feb 28 6:30p Adoration at St. Martin

Feb 29 7:00p OCIA

Mar 01 8-9a, 9:30a-6p Adoration

Mar 01 9:00a Mass For Conversion of
America to Faith in God by S. Kim Lee

Mar 01 6:00p Stations of the Cross
followed by Soup & Bread

Mar 02 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Mar 02 5:30p Mass †Brandon Large by
Judith McWatters

Mar 03 8:00a Mass †Otto Decker by
Dcn. Tom & Pam Thamann

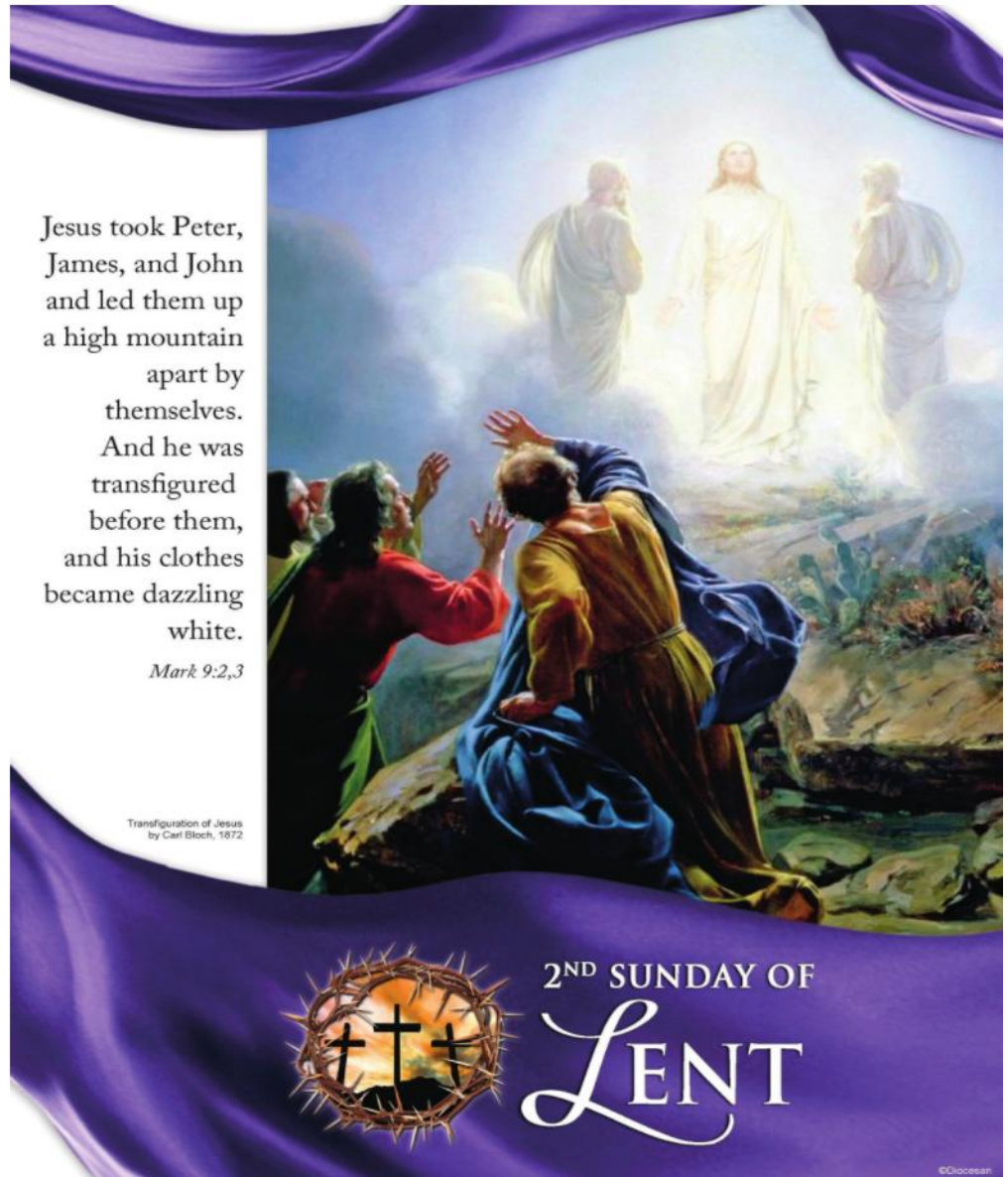
Mar 03 9:30a Sunday Morning Adult
Study Group

Mar 03 11:00a Mass For the People

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What is happening during Lent at St. Martin of Tours? Please see below:

Adoration (6:30-7:30p): Feb. 28, March 13, 20, 27 at St. Martin; 3/6 at St. Edward

Stations and Soup & Bread: Fri March 1 at 6:00p (see inside bulletin for more info)

Lenten Lecture Series: Tues Feb 27 at 5:30p (see flyer insert for full schedule online)

Men's Lent Retreat (sponsored by Knights): Sat March 9 (see inside bulletin for more)

St. Martin of Tours Penance Service: Sunday March 10 beginning at 3:00 pm in church

Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner: Sunday March 17 from 3:00-5:00 pm in the Parish Hall*

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the Youth Group for Catholic Heart Workcamp Mission Trip in summer. Buy tickets after each Mass today! More info inside!*

INSIDE OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK! YOUTH NIGHT (2/25 @ 5P), BIBLE STUDY W/ MSGR. (2/26 @ 6P), DINNER & LENTEN SERIES W/ TIM MCNAMARA (2/27 @ 5:30P), ADORATION (2/28 @ 6:30P & 3/1 @ 8-9A, 9:30A-6P) NEED MORE INFO? CONTACT PARISH OFFICE!

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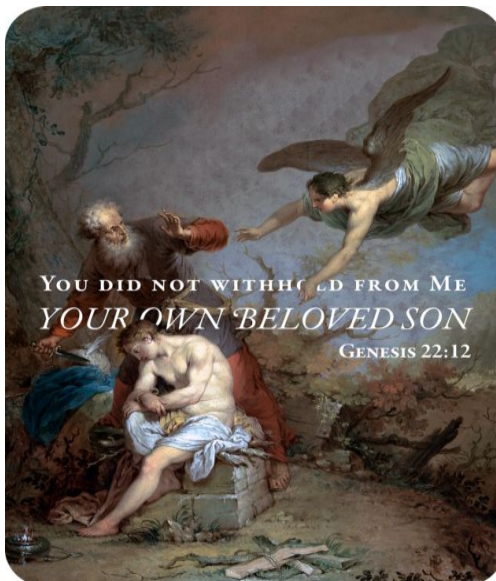
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**UPCOMING PENANCE SERVICES:**

St. Catherine: Wed March 6 @ 6:30p

St. Martin: Sun March 10 @ 3:00p

St. Thomas More: Mon March 11@6:30p

St. Ambrose: Tues March 12 @ 6:00p

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Scott	Loretta Nichols
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Email deena.christine@yahoo.com

or Call the prayer line @ 269-303-8016.



†Bernice Zeman
February 16, 2024
Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord

IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA

New reader & usher schedules will be prepared soon. If you anticipate any changes in your availability between April 6 & June 16, please call the Parish Office or email Sue & let us know by no later than Wed, March 6. Schedules will be available in the narthex by March 16. Sign-up sheets for Holy Week & Easter will be in the narthex by March 16 as well. Please volunteer if you can. Thank you for your service to St. Martin of Tours!

Adoration and Benediction - We will have Adoration and Benediction every Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, with the first Wednesday of March (3/6) being at St. Edward's. All other Wednesdays will be at St. Martin's.

Lent is a perfect time to further engage our relationship with Jesus! Join us Friday March 1 at 6 pm and continuing each Friday after until Holy Week, we'll have Stations of the Cross in the church followed by Soup & Bread dinner in the Parish Hall. Sign-up sheets for the soup and bread can be found on the bulletin board near the west entrance. God bless!

Lent Lecture Series-There will be a five-week lecture series offered for Lent. They will be on Tuesdays starting with a simple supper at 5:30 p.m. and a speaker around 6:15. The Tuesday dates are February 27, March 5, March 12, and March 19th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. A flyer is available with speakers and subjects. Any questions, please ask in the office.

Lenten Men's Retreat: Sat. March 9. Go "Into the Desert " with Deacon Dave Guido for a day of prayer in preparation for the Lord's suffering and rising. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council. This retreat is open to all men of the Parish and their guests.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT OVERCOMING HUNGER In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

South County Community Services Food Pantry requests for February are crackers, boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, au gratin), pasta (elbows, penne, rotini, etc.), ramen noodles, canned chili. Household needs are toothpaste and toilet paper. Thank you for your generous support!

REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: We are all looking to be accepted and to be heard. Until we are accepted and heard, it feels like we are outsiders, living out on an island and away from others. When you look at the cast of characters present in this weekend's readings we see these characteristics portrayed:

In the first reading, we find Abraham, who must have felt on the outside, faithfully believing that God was going to make of him a great nation & to be richly blessed. Further, to take up his only son, whom he waited for some time to lovingly receive, & march him out to be sacrificed... I don't think that Abraham had a lot of humanly support.

Or St. Paul in the second reading, he was nicely situated with the in-crowd until quite literally out of the clear blue sky he is brought to the ground with grace and pivots 180 degrees to supporting those whom he persecuted.

And then the Gospel, in which three fisherman leave their families, careers, and livelihood to follow Jesus (talk about an outsider!) on a three year journey that does not end in what our world would call a happy ending.

But I think that is the whole point. Faithfully, authentically following the plan God has for you in your life will put you on the outside (one look at how unchristian, uncatholic our society has become will tell you this) because you are no longer living with yourself at the center but rather you are living for the One who desires to transform you into someone who is entirely beyond all that you see and to make you heard, accepted, and whole.

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

March 2 5:30p Lector: Marilynne G
Ushers: Jim & Monica R, Carol W, Sandy Y
Raise Right: Doorlag
March 3 8:00a Lector: Angela P
Ushers: Ron & Jan G, Joe S, Melissa C
Raise Right: Bloom
March 3 11:00a Lector: Meredith C
Ushers: Coleen V, Cindy J, Ellen C, Volunteer
Raise Right: Van Dalen

Michelle is looking for more volunteers to assist with the happenings of the youth! Please contact her for what she is looking for and what you'll need to do to make this happen! The youth kitchen is also looking for food donations for their youth nights. Contact Michelle for ideas on what to give and for more information. Thank you much!

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner (Sun. March 17 from 3-5 pm): PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY SO WE HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD!!! Join us for the 18th annual St. Patty's Day Celebration in which the Knights along with our Youth attending CHWC will be setting-up and serving this delicious meal! Bring the family, enjoy the community & some Irish music and support this Christocentric opportunity for our youth going to camp. Adults are \$18, children (4-12) are \$6, and children under 4 are free. Purchase the family maximum for \$45. Carryout available as well. Prices increase \$5 at door. Ticket sales begin this weekend (February 17/18) after all Masses. Thanks & God bless!

Youth Night is tonight (2/25 from 5-7pm) and in two weeks (3/10 from 5-7pm)

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IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign began February 14th (Ash Wednesday) and ends March 23rd. Please see the posters on the bulletin boards for more information on how to sign up for prayer times. Thank you!

THE KALAMAZOO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN in conjunction with **Catholic Charities' Hispanic Ministry office** invites you to a Women's Lenten Day of Reflection: *Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist*, Saturday, March 2, 2024, 8:30 a.m. TO 3:30 p.m. St. Augustine Cathedral Parish, 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo; Register by emailing KDCCW.REG@GMAIL.COM OR CALL ANN VRABLIC AT 517.812.3727. Please see the flyers in the narthex for more information!

Circle of Friends This gathering for adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities is a time of fellowship, activities and reflection on the Sunday readings and a simple dinner. We will gather on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6:00 – 7:30p.m in the Fellowship Room in the Stanley Centre at St. Catherine of Siena, 1150 W. Centre St., Portage. All are welcome! Upcoming gatherings are Feb. 28, Mar. 27, and Apr. 24. Contact Lisa Irwin, lisairwin@ccdok.org or 381-9800 x227 to RSVP or for more information.

Please see the flyers on the bulletin boards in the narthex for more information or contact Lisa Irwin to register at lisairwin@ccdok.org

Caregiver Connections (for caregivers of folks with disabilities, these Zoom sessions offering an opportunity to build relationships, share experiences, and create a supportive community) – 1st Sunday of the month from 1:00-2:00 pm March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2

Hackett Catholic Prep Proudly Presents "Shrek the Musical"! Showtimes are Fridays & Saturdays on March 8-9 and March 15-16 at 7 pm, and also Saturday March 9 at 2pm. Ticket prices are \$10 for students and seniors, \$12 for adults. Please get tickets at <https://hackettheatre.ludus.com>.

St. Paul Street Evangelization Basic Evangelization Training: Want to know what authentic, non-confrontational, joyful evangelization looks and sounds like? Then make sure to attend our upcoming workshop with St. Paul Street Evangelization Vice President Adam Janke on Saturday, March 9, 8:00am – 3:30pm, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Kalamazoo. This non-profit, grassroots organization has mobilized thousands of ordinary Catholics to get out there on the streets and help God save souls.

Our one-day Basic Evangelization Training with SPSE is open to all. Registration is \$20 and includes, lunch and all training materials. You can register online at <http://stpaulse.com/kalamazoo>.

Immaculate Conception Three Rivers School is looking for a part-time custodian: Time commitment would be 10-15 hours per week. Please contact the school office for more information - Sharon Voegel, Principal: principal@iccatholicsschool.com.

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