

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

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Pastor: Msgr. Thomas A Martin

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

Mar 09 8:30a Men's Lenten Retreat

Mar 09 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Mar 09 5:30p Mass †Joe Thamann by Dcn. Tom & Pam Thamann

Mar 10 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

Mar 10 Farmers Breakfast after Mass

Mar 10 9:30a Sunday Morning Adult Study Group

Mar 10 11:00a Mass †Tom Kelley by Vickie Kelley

Mar 10 3:00p Penance Service

Mar 10 5:00p Youth Night!

Mar 11 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr.

Mar 12 5:30p Dinner & Lenten Series

Mar 13 9:00a Mass For †Mario & Yolanda Sirotti by the Sirotti Family

Mar 13 6:30p Adoration at St. Martin

Mar 14 7:00p OCIA

Mar 15 8-9a Adoration

Mar 15 9:00a Mass For the Intentions of the S. Kim Lee Family by S. Kim Lee

Mar 15 6:00p Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Bread

Mar 16 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Mar 16 5:30p Mass †Jack Kelley by Christina Kelley

Mar 17 8:00a Mass †Edna Jaworski by Len Jaworski

Mar 17 9:30a Sunday Morning Adult Study Group

Mar 17 11:00a Mass For the People

Mar 17 3 - 5p Corn Beef & Cabbage

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

John 3:14,15

The Brazen Serpent
by James Tissot, circa 1900



4TH SUNDAY OF
Lent

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

Adoration (6:30-7:30p): March 13, 20, 27 at St. Martin of Tours

Stations and Soup & Bread: Fri March 15 at 6:00p (see inside bulletin for more info)

Lent Lecture Series: Tues March 12th at 5:30p (remaining date is on 3/19)

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! More info inside!*

UPCOMING PENANCE SERVICES:

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

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

St. Joseph (Kzoo): Wed March 13 @ 6:00p

St. Monica: Thurs March 14 @ 6:00p

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INSIDE OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK! PENANCE SERVICE (3/10 @ 3P), CARING HANDS (3/11 @ 10A), DINNER & LENTEN SERIES W/ MSGR. MARTIN (3/12 @ 5:30P), VICKSBURG MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE (3/14 @ 11:30A) NEED MORE INFO? CONTACT PARISH OFFICE!

PARISH SUPPORT MARCH 3

Envelopes: 110

Weekly Goal:\$6,826.92

Collection envelopes:

\$8,685.00

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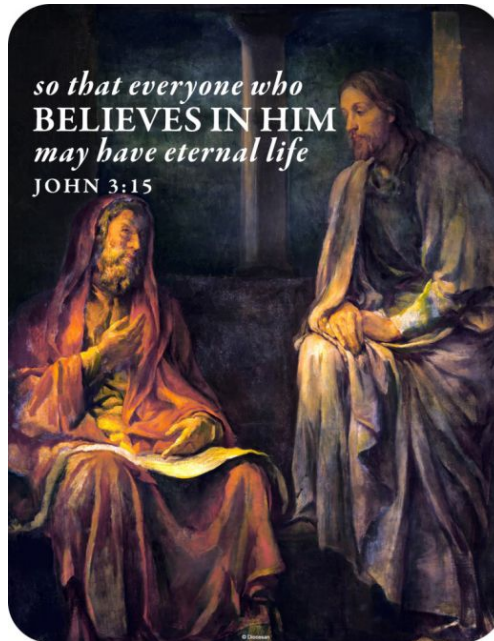
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Jeanie	Lucas
Karen Garcea	Paul Sehy & Oliver
Meaghan & Family	Soltis Family
Frank/Sara/Mike	Jennifer Stocki
Maureen	Kassidy
Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs	Carolyn & Mike V
Jean and Dennis	Walt Wesoloski
Jerry	TJ Williams
Anna and Marie	Aiden Woodard
Christina Kelley	Connie Zablocki
Bill Loveland	Bernice Zeman

IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA

Adoration and Benediction - We will have Adoration and Benediction every Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Join us!

Lent is a perfect time to further engage our relationship with Jesus! Join us Friday March 15 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 remaining Tuesday dates are 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.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT INCREASING DISASTERS, INCREASING RESILIENCE Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how—with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours—Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

Are you well-versed in video recording & livestreaming & willing to volunteer your skills @ St. Martin? Contact the parish for more info!

Synod 2021-2024 – For a Synodal Church: The Synod of Bishops, which met last fall in Rome, has asked for an additional small round of consultations with two new questions. The Diocese of Kalamazoo will host **public Conversations in the Spirit** following a process very similar to the listening sessions held in 2022. All are welcome to participate. Two upcoming sessions are:

Sunday, March 17, 1 - 3 pm at St. Joseph Parish in St. Joseph [Rose Center, 301 Wayne St.] and Thursday, March 21, 6:30 – 8 pm at St. Thomas More Student Parish in Kalamazoo.

Lenten Reflection with Dr. Ray Guarendi: Sat March 16 at St. Augustine Cathedral from 8:45 am—1:00 pm, please RSVP by sending an email to parishoffice@stakalamazoo.org and enjoy this morning for prayer, insight, and reflection with this well-known presenter!

REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Light is a common theme in this week's Gospel, and truly throughout much of the Bible. Jesus is our light, who not only shows us how to live the life God the Father asks of us but also to protect us from darkness and sin. While Jesus is available to us all – He wants a relationship with everyone – we each need to take on an active role in receiving the light and letting this light shine through all that we think, say, and do.

We each have to give Jesus permission to be our light. And this is not always easy, as it probably means we will need to make some changes so the light of Jesus doesn't get blocked out by something in our life. An example here might be that we like to talk negatively about people when they are not around. This is not being kind and certainly places the person we are talking about, and ourselves, in the darkness. We need to give Jesus permission to shine on our negative talk, change around what we are saying to the kind words of Jesus and the light of Jesus will shine ever brighter as we act like Him and grow closer in our relationship with Him.

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

March 16 5:30p Lector: Tammy R
Ushers: Jim & Monica R, Brian C, Volunteer
Raise Right: Doorlag
March 17 8:00a Lector: Karen S
Ushers: Ron & Jan G, Joe R, Volunteer
Raise Right: LeVan
March 17 11:00a Lector: Kathi L
Ushers: Mike & Kris B, Zachary S, Volunteer
Raise Right: Musselman

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 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. Thanks & God bless!

Youth Night is next up tonight Sunday March 10th from 5-7pm and also March 24th (5-7pm).

Easter Egg Hunt is Sat March 30 from 9:30-11:00am. Teens be ready to set-up/clean-up!

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IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

South County Community Services food pantry requests for March are cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup. Household items needed are dish soap and deodorant. In January, parishioners donated 348 lbs. of food and 30 lbs. of household supplies! May God bless you for your generosity!

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!

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 April 7, May 5, June 2

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 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

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

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.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo invites you to the 2024 Mission Possible Fundraising Breakfast on Wednesday, May 22, at the Kalamazoo Country Club (1609 Whites Road in Kalamazoo). We invite you to enjoy breakfast, learn about our programs and services, the impact on the lives of the families we serve, and be a part of expanding our mission throughout the Diocese of Kalamazoo. As you may recall, Mission Possible has been a cornerstone event for Catholic Charities and its ministry outreach to the nine counties of Southwest Michigan. Through this event we bring together individuals, businesses and organizations with a shared commitment and compassion to making a positive impact in the lives of struggling families, teenagers and children in Southwest Michigan. Mission Possible has not only raised vital funds for Catholic Charities but it has also fostered meaningful connections and collaborations among community and business leaders.

Please let us know if you will attend by registering at <https://ccdok.org/mission-possible/>, emailing info@ccdok.org, or calling 269-381-9800. 2024 Mission Possible Fundraising Breakfast-Wednesday, May 22, 2024-Registration 7:30am, Breakfast and Presentation 8 – 9am.

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