

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

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

Mar 18 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr.

Mar 19 5:30p Dinner & Lenten Series

Mar 20 9:00a Mass For the Intentions of the S. Kim Lee Family by S. Kim Lee

Mar 20 6:30p Adoration at St. Martin

Mar 21 7:00p OCIA

Mar 22 8-9a Adoration

Mar 22 9:00a Mass †Jay Smith by Mike & Deena Anderson

Mar 22 6:00p Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Bread

Mar 23 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Mar 23 5:30p Mass For Doris Huey (99 Birthday) by Dcn. Tom & Pam Thamann

Mar 24 8:00a Mass †For the Deceased Members of the S. Kim Lee Family by S. Kim Lee

Mar 24 No Sunday Morning Adult Study Group

Mar 24 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

Mar 24 5:00p Youth Night!

Adoration and Benediction - A reminder that we will have Adoration and Benediction every Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Please join us for the remaining dates of March 20 & March 27!



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

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

Stations and Soup & Bread: Fri March 22 at 6:00p (see inside bulletin for more info)

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

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. Augustine Cathedral: Sun March 24 @ 3:00p

St. Mary Paw Paw: Sun April 7 @ 3:00p

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INSIDE OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK! CORN BEEF & CABBAGE FUNDRAISER (3/17 @ 3P), BIBLE STUDY W/MSGR (3/18 @ 6P), HALOS MTG (3/19 @ 1P), DINNER & LENTEN SERIES W/ MSGR. HAZARD (3/19 @ 5:30P), STATIONS (3/22 @ 6P) NEED MORE INFO? CONTACT OFFICE!

PARISH SUPPORT MARCH 10

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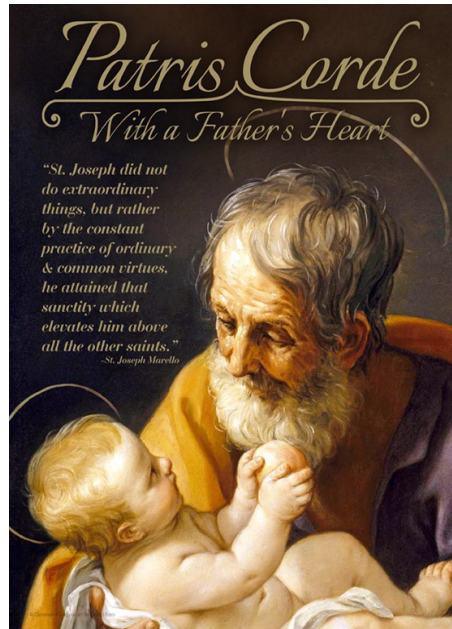
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or Call the prayer line @ 269-303-8016.

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Scott	Vickie Pearl
Jody Cunningham	Mike Q
Jeanie	Lucas
Karen Garcea	Paul Sehy & Oliver
Meaghan & Family	Soltis Family
Frank/Sara/Mike	Jennifer Stocki
Maureen	Kassidy
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Jean and Dennis	Walt Wesoloski
Jerry	TJ Williams
Anna and Marie	Aiden Woodard
Christina Kelley	Connie Zablocki

IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Rolls Benefit will be sold after each of the Masses for Palm Sunday. Please be sure to bring your change and cash money to support this great cause that benefits our sisters and brothers with physical disabilities. And enjoy a Tootsie Roll on your way to your car!

Lent is a perfect time to further engage our relationship with Jesus! Join us Friday March 22 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-This five-week lecture series has been offered during Lent for our spiritual and practical engagement. The evening consists of a simple supper at 5:30 p.m. and a speaker around 6:15 p.m. The final Tuesday date is March 19th with Msgr. Michael Hazard. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. A flyer is available with speakers and subjects. Any questions, please ask in the office.

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.

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.

All are invited to join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena at St. Monica Church, 534 W. Kilgore, Kalamazoo, beginning Easter Sunday. Novena Schedule: 12:15pm Sun, March 31; 7pm Mon thru Sat, April 1-6. On Sun, Apr 7, the Divine Mercy schedule will be: Exposition & Confessions 3-4pm; Litany, Chaplet & Rosary 3-3:30pm; Homily by Fr. Homic 3:30pm; Benediction 4pm.

REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Jesus rose from the dead. If this isn't enough to convince us that this man Jesus wasn't just some teacher or idea but is actually the Son of God in the flesh... We have to ask ourselves why wouldn't we follow Him and seek to mold our lives after His example?

However, the Gospel of John chapter 11 and the rising of Lazarus helps us to see that the finality of death, at least looking at death from just the physical perspective, is the end that we don't get to come back from. It is the final event of our earthly life and that is that. In John's account of this story, he uses the word "believe" 8 times, I think to both stress how difficult it is for humans to accept this while also getting to the reality that with Jesus, and our belief in Him, He can do anything and this includes even conquering death.

I think this exhortation to believe from the Gospel is meant for you and I this day. Believe in Jesus that He can raise us from our tombs of worry, sadness, fear, sickness, etc. and show us the glimpse of our future of heavenly peace and joy of eternity with Him who is the resurrection and the life.

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

March 23 5:30p Lector: Mike C
Ushers: Ken & Gail D, Doug & Deb S
Raise Right: DeWolff

March 24 8:00a Lector: Angela P
Ushers: Al & MaryAnn K, Joe S, Volunteer
Raise Right: Bloom

March 24 11:00a Lector: Amy S
Ushers: Lilli C, Jack C, Volunteers
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): 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 \$23, children (4-12) are \$11, and children under 4 are free. Purchase the family maximum for \$50. Carryout available as well. Prices increase \$5 at door. Thanks & God bless!

Youth Night is next up Sunday March 24th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm... Easter Egg Hunt is Sat March 30 from 9:30-11:00am. Teens be ready to set-up at 9 am and to help clean-up after!

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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!

Aquinas College Open House – Saturday, March 23 (9 a.m. to noon) Aquinas College invites all high school students and their families to our Open House on Saturday, March 23! Discover everything Aquinas has to offer – all at once! Explore our academic programs & student life opportunities, connect with our faculty, staff & students, and tour our wooded campus. Register here: aquinas.edu/openhouse

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

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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