

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 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!

Mar 25 No Bible Study w/ Msgr.

Mar 27 9:00a Mass For the Intentions of Mac & Hana Lee by S. Kim Lee

Mar 27 6:30p Adoration at St. Martin

Mar 28 6:00p Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper For the People

Mar 29 12:00p Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Mar 30 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Mar 30 9:00p Easter Vigil Mass †Janet Haas by Dave & Sue Maneikis

Mar 31 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

Mar 31 No Sunday Morning Adult Study Group

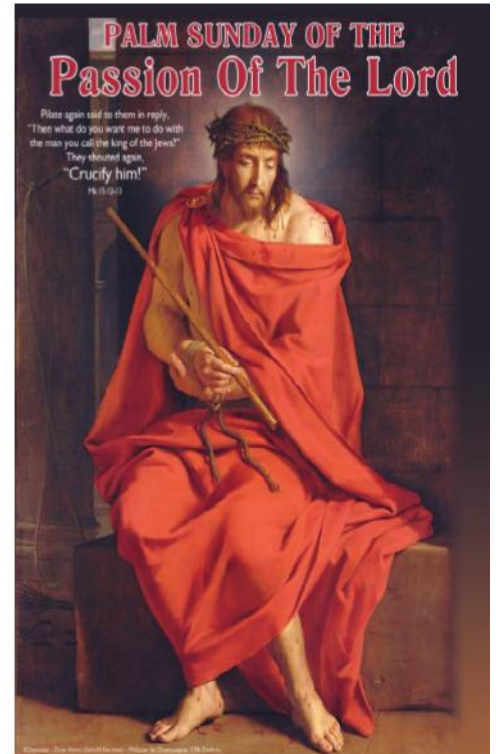
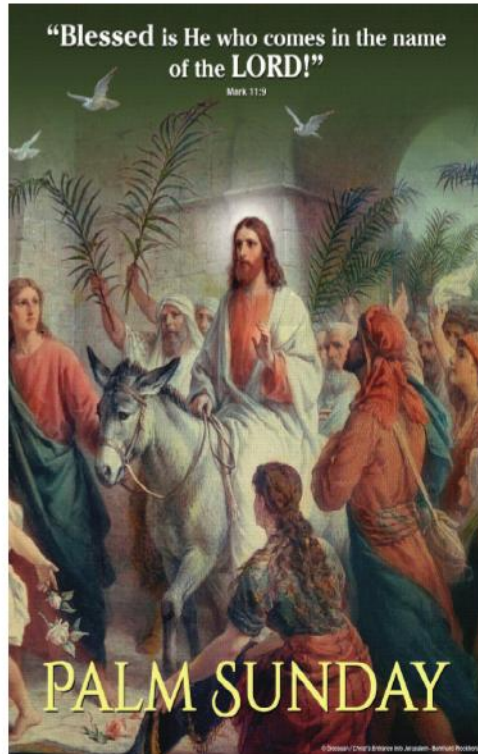
Mar 31 11:00a Mass †For the Deceased Members of Council #13305 by Knights of Columbus Council #13305

Adoration and Benediction - A reminder that we will have Adoration and Benediction Wednesday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Please join us on March 27!

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SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY
(3/28) @ 6:00 PM
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GOOD FRIDAY
(3/29) @ 12:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

HOLY SATURDAY
(3/30) @ 9:00 PM
EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY (3/31) @ 8A & 11A

INSIDE OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK! YOUTH NIGHT (3/24 @ 5P), SVDP MTG (3/25 @ 6P), CHRISM MASS @ ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL (3/26 @ 2P), ADORATION @ ST. MARTIN (3/27 @ 6:30P), EASTER EGG HUNT (3/30 @ 9:30A) NEED MORE INFO? CONTACT OFFICE!

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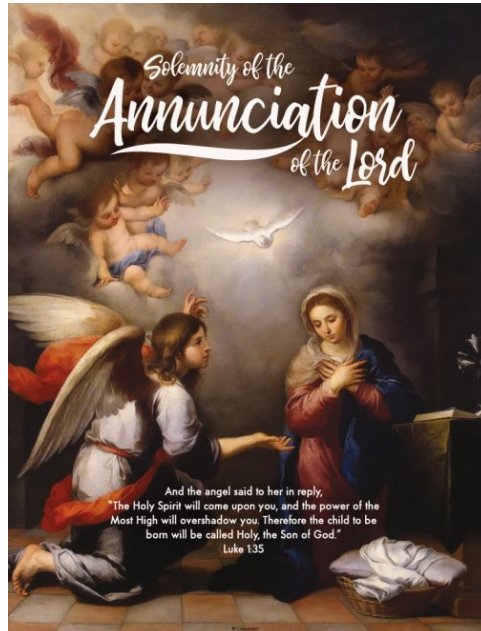
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**FOR IMMEDIATE AND
CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS**

Email deena.christine@yahoo.com
or Call the prayer line @ 269-303-8016.

IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Rolls Benefit will be sold after each of the Masses today for Palm Sunday. Please be sure to have your change and cash money ready 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! Thank you for your kind consideration and God bless!

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! God bless you!

PALM SUNDAY MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.

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.

Chrism Mass set for March 26th at 2 p.m. at Cathedral: The annual Diocesan Chrism Mass with Bishop Edward M. Lohse will be held on Tuesday, March 26, at 2 p.m., St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo. All are invited to attend.

Pray for the men who will be ordained in the coming weeks (Ordinations will be live streamed on the diocesan Facebook and YouTube channels):

April 13 – Pray for the 13 men preparing to be ordained by Bishop Lohse as permanent deacons. Ordination Mass will take place at St. Augustine.

May 18 – Transitional Diaconate Ordination, 10am, St. Augustine Cathedral - **June 1** – Ordination to the Priesthood, 10am, St. Augustine Cathedral.

Vocations office will host Quo Vadis Days retreat June 10-13, St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt: The diocesan Office of Vocations will offer a three-day camp experience for young men ages 15-19 at the Bethany House, St Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, Mich. The days will include talks by local priests, seminarians and others on the vocations to the priesthood and to marriage. Its goal is to challenge young men to begin asking themselves, "Quo Vadis – Where are you going?" for discernment regarding their life vocation. Registration and more information: diozkoo.org/quo-vadis-days; contact Sarah Catherine Jeffries, sjeffri2@nd.edu.

REFLECTION FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION: In our readings for Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week, we have an opportunity to play a part by assisting in the Gospel which details the drama of Jesus' last week before His death and resurrection. As we have seen before, a common spiritual and prayerful practice when reading the Bible is to put yourself in the scene of what you are reading.

The Passion account of Jesus' arrest, imprisonment, maltreatment, and death provides us with an ample story in which we can place ourselves as various people and in various scenes. For example, perhaps we can relate with the Apostles, wanting to be with Jesus in the garden and knowing that we should be saying our prayers, we get tired and go to bed instead. By putting ourselves in this scene, we get a sense of Jesus' disappointment and His call to wake up and keep watch with Him.

So, I think a good exercise for us all is to find where our attention is drawn during these readings of Palm Sunday and to ask ourselves, "Why do I see myself in this person or this scene? What does God want me see? How does this help or hurt my relationship with Jesus Christ? What can I do to continue to grow closer to Jesus?" Hoping you/your family have a blessed Holy Week.

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! To all who supported the Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner in anyway. What a great event that would not have been possible without your support. Please stay tuned for more information on the great outcome of this important event. Thanks again!

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!

Bowling!!! Sunday April 7 (in lieu of Youth Night). \$5 per student. RSVP to Michelle please!

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

March 30 9:00p Lector: Nancy H&St. E Vol

Ushers: Volunteers

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March 31 8:00a Lector: Angela P

Ushers: Joe R, Judy & Larry L, Joe S

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March 31 11:00a Lector: Laura M

Ushers: Volunteers

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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!



IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

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

Creative Connections: The focus is to build fellowship, have fun, reflect on the Sunday Gospel and pray together. To learn more or to register go to [Connections Registration | Catholic Charities \(ccdok.org\)](https://ConnectionsRegistration.CatholicCharities.ccdok.org) or contact Lisa Irwin at 269-381-9800 x 227 or lisairwin@ccdok.org. Zoom link will be sent to those who register. 2024 remaining dates are: May 19, July 21, September 15, November 17

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 5-7, 2024. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

Diocese seeks Chief Financial Officer The Diocese of Kalamazoo seeks a seasoned finance professional for its Chief Financial Officer (CFO) position. The CFO holds a canonically required position and under the direction of the bishop and in consultation with the Diocesan Finance Council, directs all financial affairs of the diocese. The ideal candidate will have more than 10 years experience with supervisory and decision-making positions. As required by Canon Law the CFO must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Visit diokzoo.org/employment for the full job description. Interested candidates should send cover letter and resume to Tammi Wachterhauser, HR Director, twachterhauser@diokzoo.org.

Volunteers needed! The diocese is seeking volunteers to assist with various office tasks at its Diocesan Pastoral Center located in downtown Kalamazoo. Volunteers should be available during diocesan office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (various partial, half and full day shifts available); should be knowledgeable about the Catholic Church; and proficient in standard office procedures (mailing, answering phones, etc.). Please complete the volunteer submission form at diokzoo.org/volunteer for consideration.

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 OF EACH MONTH.**