

# ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

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**Daily Mass Schedule:** Wed & Fri 9:00a

**Reconciliation:** Sat 10a or by apt.

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## MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

**Feb 22** 10 - 11a Reconciliation

**Feb 22** 5:30p Mass †Deceased Members of the LeVan Family by Larry & Judy LeVan

**Feb 23** 8:00a Mass †For All the Deceased Members of the S. Kim Lee Family by S. Kim Lee

**Feb 23** Coffee & Donuts after each Sunday Mass

**Feb 23** 9:30a Religious Ed - Adult Study Group

**Feb 23** 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

**Feb 23** 5:00p Youth Night

**Feb 24** 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr

**Feb 26** 9:00a Mass +For the Living Members of the S. Kim Lee Family by S. Kim Lee

**Feb 27** 7:00p OCIA

**Feb 28** 8-9a Adoration

**Feb 28** 9:00a Mass +Helen Bult by Dr. Roger & Susan Vanderbeek

**March 01** 10 - 11a Reconciliation

**March 01** 5:30p Mass †B.J. Wesoloski by Walt & Jane Wesoloski

**March 01** 6:30p Anything Goes Party

**March 01** 8:00a Mass †Peter DeLilla by Karen Szwaja

**March 01** 9:30a Religious Ed - Adult Study Group

**March 01** 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

### This Week at St. Martin:

2/23 - The Rescue Project at 4:00 pm

2/23 - Youth Night at 5:00 pm

2/24 - Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin at 6:00 pm

2/25 - Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:00 pm

3/1 - Anything Goes Party at 6:30 pm

**Want more info? Please contact the Parish Office!**

**South County Community Services** food pantry requests for February are oatmeal, pancake mix, canned fruit, tuna, cake mixes, deodorant. Thank you for your continued support of our local pantry!

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*IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA*

**ANYTHING GOES PARTY!!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! To any adult, our annual Anything Goes Party is scheduled for Saturday March 1st. Please join us for this last hurrah before we observe Lent. Tickets are on sale after each Mass this weekend!**

***If you have any questions, please contact Tim Baker at 269-816-3140***

**Thank you each and God bless!**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE AT THE  
RIGHT AND FOR THE REPOSE OF  
ALL GONE BEFORE US:**

**Baby Miles repose & peace for his family**

**Harry**

**Marilyn**

**Alice Mary repose & peace for her family**

**Joey's repose & peace for wife Joann**

**For those facing job loss/job change**

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All Affected by Suicide	Barbara Gaddy
Anna and Marie	Gary&Marilynne Gauthier
Anne	Mike Hendrick
Baby Miller	Jackie Houghtaling
Cody	Len Jaworski
Dan	Steve Klein
Hannah and Family	Ronan LaGuardia
Jack	Dennis Lorenz
Linda and Don	Debbie McLoud-Delaney
Little Luke and Anna	Vickie Pearl
Madalyn	John Polasek
Marlene	Mike Q
Maureen	Kim S
Miguel	Margot Schick
Ross	Ed Sehy & Intentions
Ryan	Anne Shank
Michael Bockstanz	Jenni Swager
Mike Coppens	Carol Whitfield
Mary Ennis	Connie Zablocki

**Annual Lenten Series 2025:** Beginning Tuesday March 11th and running each Tuesday until April 8th, St. Martin of Tours Adult Education committee is proud to offer a speaker series on the 10 Commandments. Each night will begin with a meal at 5:30 pm, followed by a presentation from our speaker at 6:15 pm, and closing with question and answer. Mark your calendars for Tuesday March 11th in which we welcome Mr. Jamin Herold, Executive Director of the Office of Parish Life & Lay Leadership and Director of the Office of Worship, to talk on the Commandments 1-3. **Also, sign-up for Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers is on the West Cork Board (starts 3/7).**

**Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner:** Sunday March 16th from 3:00-5:00 pm. Proceeds support our youth in raising funds for their mission work at Catholic Heart Workcamp (CHWC). Ticket sales begin this weekend and can be purchased after Mass or in the Parish Office. Prices are as follows: \$19 for adults, \$7 for children ages 4-12, and \$50 for immediate-family. Come enjoy food, music, and fun together!

**Fully Alive Meeting Jesus in the Eucharist - 2025 Men's Lenten Retreat on Saturday March 8th** Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus invites all men of St. Martin and St. Edward to take intentional time to more fully embrace this great season of Lent, which the Church offers for us to grow closer to our Leader, our King, our Savior! The retreat will start at 8:30 am and will run until around 3:30 pm.



**Also on hand will be the traveling Sacred Heart of Jesus icon from the K of C! Let us be nourished with food for eternal life!**



**REFLECTION FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** The readings for this weekend are challenging because they really cause us to do the right thing that we just know to do (if someone is kind to you, be kind back to them) but then extends us to the next level (if someone is unkind to you, *be kind back to them*). This is truly beyond what we would consider to be a normal response to things.

In order to live well this next level teaching of Jesus, we need to be like Him. We need to stay close to God and ask with faith in the Holy Spirit to give us the gift to love beyond what is comfortable. We need to truly pray for the gift to see and to listen and to understand how to best respond kindly to another whom we would view as being less than a friend.

Perhaps the best source of comfort is the words from St. Paul: "Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one" (1 Corinthians 15:49). Jesus does not leave us alone in following His teachings; this Heavenly One that is Jesus gives us the ability to be kind to those whom we find most difficult. In faith and confidence, may we sincerely ask God for this gift to be kind to all...and watch what happens!

### ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

- Our next **Youth Nights** will be today Sunday, Feb. 23 and Sunday, March 9. All 6-12th graders welcome! We meet from 5-7pm in the Teen Center, food included.
- Corned Beef and Cabbage Fundraiser** for CHWC is March 16. More info in the bulletin!
- If any high school students (as of the Fall of '25) are **interested in attending NCYC** in Indianapolis November 20-22, money is due by March 31st. Cost is \$100 per person or \$200 per family. Contact Michelle for more information or check out the NCYC website.
- Thank you** to all our adult volunteers and donors who make our ministry possible!
- Facebook:** facebook.com/stmartinofoursofvicksburg

### LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

**March 01 5:30p Lector:** Marilynne G  
**Ushers:** Jim & Monica R, Sandy Y, Brian C  
**Raise Right:** DeWolff

**March 02 8:00a Lector:** Priscilla S  
**Ushers:** Ron & Jan G, Bill Z, Volunteer  
**Raise Right:** LeVan

**March 02 11:00a Lector:** Ellen C  
**Ushers:** Will C, Jack C, Meredith C, Dan C  
**Raise Right:** Goldsmith-Moore

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### IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**St. Martin of Tours** will be sponsoring **Caring Network's Parish Playpen** during the month of March. The Diocese of Kalamazoo's pro-life agency serves pregnant women of all ages, faiths, and marital status, who need support in their life-affirming decisions! **The following items are in low supply in the Caring Closet: boys and girls pajamas sizes 12-24 months, 3T-4T; girls tops 12 and 18 months; girls pants 3T-4T; boys tops 18 months and 3T; boys pants 18-24 months, 3T-4T; diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6; socks for 1-5 year olds; onesies 6 months and up; baby wash and baby lotion. All donations are appreciated.** Please visit [www.ccdok.org](http://www.ccdok.org) or call 381-1234 to learn more about how you can support Caring Network!

**40 Days for Life Kick-Off:** There will be a 40 Days for Life kick-off rally on Wednesday, February 26, at 6 pm at Jac's Cekola's Pizza in Portage. The rally will consist of food (pizza, salad, and cake) prayer, songs, and videos. 40 Days for Life promotional material will be available. All Pro-Lifers are welcome to join us for the kick-off event, even if you can't come out to Planned Parenthood during the campaign. Please RSVP by emailing [40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com](mailto:40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com). Please consider bringing items needed by Caring Network listed above or in the graphic on our bulletin boards.

**Circle of Friends** is a gathering for adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities and a time of fellowship, activities, and reflection on the Sunday readings along with a simple dinner. We usually gather on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room in the Stanley Center at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Portage. Welcome all! **Our next date: February 26.** For more info, contact Veronica: 269.349.8714, x1240.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT** To comply with the policies and procedures set forth by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo Office of Safe Environment, the information below is run once per month in parish bulletins: The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: 844.324.3374. The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

**Diocesan Priests Retirement Collection Sunday, March 2, 2025** During his years of priestly ministry, a diocesan priest is supported mainly by a parish community. Retirement years can be difficult for these men, many of whom dedicate as many as 50 years or more of their lives to caring for and ministering to others. Priests of the Diocese of Kalamazoo typically retire at the age of 70 and receive a pension which is used for basic needs such as food, housing and transportation. Most priests live independently during their retirement unlike priests of religious communities who live together during their senior years and are cared for by their religious institutions. Your contributions to the Diocesan Priests Retirement Collection go directly to the Diocese of Kalamazoo's Good Shepherd Fund and our priests.

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