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Daily Mass Schedule: Wed & Fri 9:00a

Reconciliation: Sat 10a or by apt.

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MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

March 22 10 - 11a Reconciliation

March 22 5:30p Mass †Rita Sokolowski by Devon Swiat

March 23 8:00a Mass †Bernice Zeman by Dcn. David & Jane Guido

March 23 Coffee and Donuts after each Mass

March 23 9:30a Religious Ed - Adult Study Group

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

March 24 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr.

March 25 5:30p Lenten Series: Commandments Six, Seven, & Eight with Fr. Jim Morris

March 26 9:00a Mass +Fritz and Rose Coppens by Mike Coppens

March 26 6:30p Adoration at St. Martin

March 27 7:00p OCIA

March 28 8-9a Adoration

March 28 9:00a Mass for Doris Huey for her 100th Birthday by Dcn. Tom & Pam Thamann

March 28 6:00p Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Soup and Bread Dinner

March 29 10 - 11a Reconciliation

March 29 5:30p Mass for the Intentions of Larry & Jeanne Lawrence by Donald Axline

March 30 8:00a Mass †Diana Jonas by Dcn. David & Jane Guido

March 30 NO Religious Ed - Adult Study Group

March 30 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

March 30 1:45p Youth Ministry Bowling

March 30 3:00p Penance Service at St. Martin

"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the grounds around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down."

Luke 13:8, 9

The Vine Dresser and the Fig Tree
by James Tissot, circa 1890s



3RD SUNDAY OF
LENT

This Week at St. Martin:

3/23 - Coffee and Donuts after each Sunday Mass

3/24 - Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin at 6:00 pm

3/25 - Lenten Series: Commandments 6-8 at 5:30 pm

3/28 - Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Bread at 6:00 pm

Want more info? Please contact the Parish Office!

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Hannah and Family	Ronan LaGuardia
Harry	Dennis Lorenz
Jack	Debbie McLoud-Delaney
Linda and Don	Vickie Pearl
Little Luke and Anna	John Polasek
Madalyn	Mike Q
Marlene	Kim S
Maureen	Margot Schick
Miguel	Ed Sehy & Intentions
Ross	Anne Shank
Ryan	Jenni Swager
Michael Bockstanz	Carol Whitfield
Mike Coppens	Connie Zablocki

IN OUR PARISH AND IN OUR AREA**Please see the west-end cork board to sign-up for Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers. There are still some spots available! Stations of the Cross begins at 6:00 pm followed by these delicious suppers that support engagement with our parish during Lent.****Annual Lenten Series 2025:** Beginning Tuesday March 11 and running each Tuesday until April 8, 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. Tuesday March 25 features Fr. Jim Morris, Retired Priest of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, who will talk on the Commandments 6-8.**2025 Kalamazoo Area Lenten Penance Services:** Everyone is invited to come to the location that best suits your needs in this effort to have more opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this holy season of Lent. Some of the upcoming dates are: St. John Bosco Mattawan on Sunday March 23rd at 3:00 pm; **St. Martin of Tours on Sunday March 30th at 3:00 pm**; St. Thomas More Kalamazoo on Monday March 31st at 6:30 pm; St. Ambrose Parchment on Tuesday April 1st at 6:00 pm; St. Monica Kalamazoo on Thursday April 10th at 6:00 pm; St. Augustine Cathedral on Sunday April 13th at 3:00 pm; St. Mary Paw Paw on Sunday April 27th at 3:00 pm.**Want email/text from St. Martin about news & events? Sign-up for Flocknote by texting "SMARTINTOURS" to "84576"****South County Community Services** food pantry requests for March: cereal, condensed tomato soup, peanut butter, jelly, Hamburger Helper, canned kidney beans, shampoo. Thank you for your continued support!**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 or call 381-1234 to learn more about how you can support Caring Network!**

REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: We are all sinners and are in need of repentance. And while it is easy to find examples of “this person has done way worse things than me”, the fact remains that in one way or probably multiple ways not a single one of us is perfect in our relationship with God. We each need a savior to heal us, make us whole, and help us through this beautiful gift of life.

Try to be like the fig tree in Luke 13. Maybe you haven't been particularly good in the things you think, say, and do and you have only been producing bad and sinful things. Jesus loves you and wants to be your savior; he wants to be the best you that He created you to be. Give Him today, this Lent, this year; let Him cultivate and care for your heart and life and give Him your imperfections and sinful ways. Let Him tend to your life like a gardener tends to her plots and the fruit of the divine life within you will flourish and continue to be the food for your incredible life you've been given.

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

-Bowling at Airway Lanes Sunday, March 30. Cost is \$10 per student, meeting there 1:45pm. Contact Michelle for more information, plus permission form.

-Next Youth Night will be Sunday, April 6.

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LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

March 29 5:30p Lector: Pam T
Ushers: Jim & Monica R, Sharon Z, Sue K
Raise Right: DeWolff

March 30 8:00a Lector: Kathleen W
Ushers: Ron & Jan G, Joe S, Volunteer
Raise Right: Volunteer

March 30 11:00a Lector: Amy S
Ushers: Coleen V, Cindy J, Steve & Kathie D
Raise Right: Musselman

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IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Today we are taking up a second collection to benefit Caring Network, a pro-life program of Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo. The program is available to expectant mothers in need and their families throughout the nine counties of the Diocese. In 2024, Caring Network served 1,216 families, provided material items from the Caring Closet with over 858 visits from participants and educated 420 participants through classes. Caring Network receives funding solely through individual contributions and donated material items. You may also give online by accessing the QR code found in the bulletin insert. Thank you for generously supporting this important program.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR FAITH-FILLED COLLEGE STUDENTS-The Keeping the Catholic Faith Scholarship Fund held at the Catholic Foundation of Michigan provides scholarships to graduating seniors who desire to live, grow, and share their Catholic faith after high school. Thanks to the generosity of a local Kalamazoo family, the fund will provide a \$1,000 financial scholarship. To learn more and apply, please visit <http://www.bit.ly/KTCF>

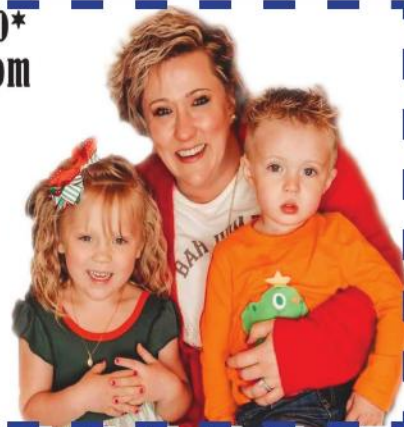
Circle of Friends is a gathering for adults with cognitive/developmental disabilities and a time of fellowship, activities, and reflection on the Sunday readings along with a simple dinner. We gather on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room in the Stanley Center at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Portage (except for November and December when it will be the 3rd Wednesday due to the holidays). All are welcome. **Our next date is: March 26.** For more info, contact Veronica: 269.349.8714, x1240.

Caregiver Connection: Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability? Do you sometimes feel alone or overwhelmed? We invite you to join us for our virtual gathering to build relationships, share experiences, and create a supportive community. We'll spend some time getting to know each other and share a brief reflection on the Sunday scriptures. We gather via ZOOM, usually on the first Sunday of the month from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. REGISTER ONLINE: diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities OR contact Veronica Rodriguez at 269-349-8714, Ext. 1240 or via Email: vrodiguez@diokzoo.org **Our next gathering is April 6th. We'd love to have you join us and other caregivers!**

From [March 5 to April 13](#), you're invited to join other Christians across the globe for **40 Days for Life**. This involves 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of the Planned Parenthood building at 4201 W. Michigan in Kalamazoo on Mondays through Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. When you participate in 40 Days for Life, you are making an appointment with God in prayer. And you are also changing the hearts of people through the Holy Spirit. To sign up: Email to 40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com or Sign up directly at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/kalamazoo>

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