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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 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

March 31 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr.

April 01 5:30p Lenten Series: Commandments Nine & Ten with Fr. Jack Pfeiffer

April 02 9:00a Mass +Harry McCloud by St. Vincent de Paul Society

April 03 7:00p OCIA

April 04 8-9a, 9:30a-7:00p First Friday Adoration

April 04 9:00a Mass for a Special Intention by S. Kim Lee

April 04 6:00p Stations of the Cross followed by Lenten Soup and Bread Dinner

April 05 10 - 11a Reconciliation

April 05 5:30p Mass †Rita Sokolowski by Devon Swiat

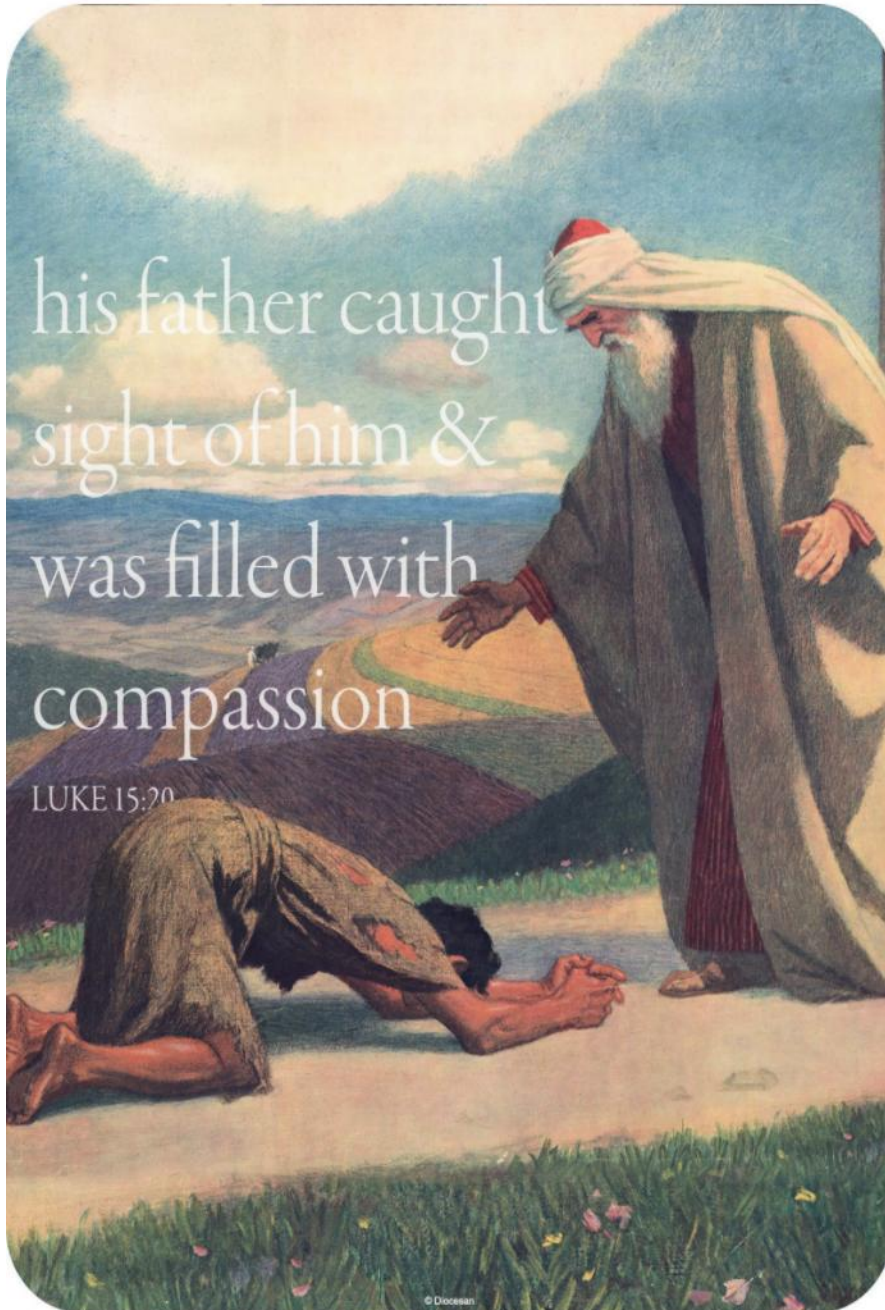
April 06 8:00a Mass †Bob Pefley by the Curtis Family

April 06 9:30a Religious Ed - Adult Study Group

April 06 11:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin

April 06 12:30p Parish Council

April 06 5:00p Youth Night



This Week at St. Martin:

3/30 - Penance Service at 3:00 pm

3/31 - Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin at 6:00 pm

4/1 - Lenten Series: Commandments 9-10 at 5:30 pm

4/4 - Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Bread at 6:00 pm

Want more info? Please contact the Parish Office!

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Envelopes: 93

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\$5,771.00

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| Anna and Marie | Barbara Gaddy |
| Anne | Gary&Marilynne Gauthier |
| Baby Miller | Jackie Houghtaling |
| Cody | Len Jaworski |
| Dan | Steve Klein |
| 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 |

Stations of the Cross begins at 6:00 pm followed by a delicious Soup and Bread Supper to engage the season of 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 April 1st features Fr. Jack Pfeiffer, Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Catholic Parish (in St. Joseph) & Chaplain of Our Lady of the Lake School, who will talk on Commandments 9-10.

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. 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.

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!

Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday April 19th from 9:30a—11:00a! We are requesting donations of candy for our eggs please! Donations can be dropped off on/by the Religious Education table or in the Parish Office. Thank you very much and God bless!

REFLECTION FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: We find ourselves at about the halfway point of the season of Lent and it is pretty neat that a common symbol we will be seeing and hearing a lot about is that of light. There are so many benefits to light and when applied to our belief in Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church, we are able to see why light is an easy way to help us to better understand who our Savior is and how His Church carries out the mission of the Gospel message so well.

We call ourselves Catholic, we go to church, we say our prayers, we are kind to each other because we desire to be something that we aren't easily; we want to be like God. We want to be fulfilled and happy and peaceful and holy. As we seek after these things, may we invite the light of Jesus into every single moment of our life and allow Him to shine bright so that we ourselves will reflect our Lord that enlightens the hearts of those we meet and find in our Catholic practice and desire the power to be like the One we seek to follow.

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

- A big **THANK YOU** to all who supported **Corned Beef & Cabbage!** Pictures soon!
- 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.**
- Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday April 19th from 9:30a-11:00a. Mark your calendars!**
- Facebook:** facebook.com/stmartinofoursofvicksburg

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

April 05 5:30p **Lector:** Marilynne G
Ushers: Ken D, Doug & Deb S, Volunteer
Raise Right: Doorlag

April 06 8:00a **Lector:** Karen S
Ushers: Al & MaryAnn K, Bill Z, Volunteer
Raise Right: Koenigsknecht

April 06 11:00a **Lector:** Lisa I
Ushers: Mike & Kris B, Zachary S, Mike L
Raise Right: Van Dalen

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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.

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: vrodriguez@diokzoo.org **Our next gathering is April 6th. We'd love to have you join us and other caregivers!**

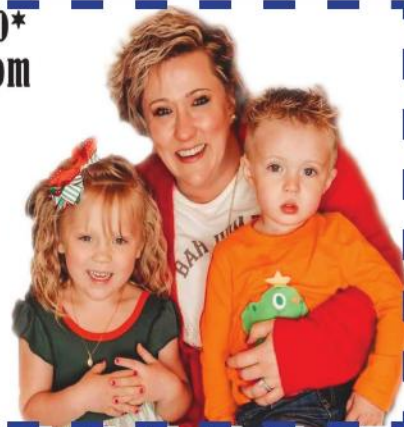
"I was in Prison and you visited me." Mathew 25: 36 The Kalamazoo County Jail Ministry Team of the Diocese of Kalamazoo Jail and Prison Ministry will present an information session on April 10th from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in room 17 of the Bennett Building of St. Joseph Catholic Church. The team provides Bible Studies and visits on Fridays from 1:00 pm to about 2:45, with most volunteers going about twice per month. If you cannot make this session but want more information, please email jailministry@ccdok.org

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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