

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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This Week at St. Martin:

12/1 - Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin at 6:00p

12/2 - Adult Education Meeting at 6:00p

12/3 - Praying Grandparents at 9:45a

12/4 - Morning Joe Men's Prayer Breakfast at 5:45a

12/5 - Advent Day of Reflection for Diocesan Staff

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Mass Schedule: Sat 5:30p Sun 8:00a & 11:00a

Daily Mass Schedule: Wed & Fri 9:00a

Reconciliation: Sat 10:00a or by apt.

Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00a-4:00p

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PARISH SUPPORT

Financial information was not available at the time this bulletin went to print.

We'll catch you up next week!

Purchase Raise Right cards after all Masses in the narthex and in the Church Office

Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm



The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns to declare that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the tabernacle. The candle for our Sanctuary Lamp is provided this week in memory of

**Nov 30 - Dec 6 for Tony Sokolowski
By the Sokolowski Family**

St. Martin's Giving Tree: This St. Martin tradition has helped relieve holiday stress for the many families we have adopted from South County Community Services over the years. We try to allocate \$40 for each family member. When we make the gift tags, a family member may receive more than one gift tag that will total the \$40. So please purchase only what is on the tag if possible. All gifts and gifts cards are due back the weekend of December 6th/7th. Gift wrapping elves needed December 10th (1p-3p). For much more information, please see the flyers on the narthex bulletin boards. Thank you each very much!

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Nov 29 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Nov 29 5:30p Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours

Nov 30 8:00a Mass + Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #13305

Nov 30 NO Adult Study & Rel Ed

Nov 30 11:00a Mass + Elizabeth Lowe by Pam & Dcn Tom

Dec 01 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin

Dec 02 6:00p Adult Education Committee Meeting

Dec 03 9:00a Mass for the Intentions of Sue & John Stockman by S. Kim Lee

Dec 03 9:45a Praying Grandparents

Dec 03 6:30p Holy Hour at St. Edward Mendon

Dec 04 5:45a Sharing Joe Men's Prayer Breakfast (MPB)

Dec 04 7:00p OCIA Class

Dec 05 8-9a, 9:30a-7:00p First Friday Adoration

Dec 05 9:00a Mass + Gladys Gilding by Margot Shick

Dec 06 10 - 11a Reconciliation

Dec 06 5:30p Mass + Tony Sokolowski by Sokolowski Family

Dec 07 8:00a Mass + Tom Pyret by S. Kim Lee

Dec 07 9:30a Adult Study & Rel Ed

Dec 07 11:00a Mass for the People of St. Martin of Tours

Dec 07 Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

*IN OUR PARISH AND
IN OUR AREA*

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CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS**

Email deena.christine@yahoo.com
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All Affected by Suicide	Mike H and Wife
All Facing Job Loss	Matthew Izzi
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Aminta	John Polasek
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Dan	Bernadette Soyza
Hannah and Family	Tom Swiat
Harry	Karen Szwaja
Jenny	Dick Thompson
Joe	Carol Whitfield
Little Luke and Anna	Connie Zablocki
Patrice	Repose of Larry and for his wife and family
Toni	
Lori Burnham	
Mike Coppens	
Zeke Escamilla	
Mike Gergely	

Christmas Deadline: The last day that we can place a Raise Right Order so that the cards will arrive in time for Christmas is Monday, December 15th. The cards will arrive in the parish office by Dec. 17th or 18th. Because we will not be selling cards on December 20/21st, any special orders will need to be picked up in the parish office by no later than December 19th. In-stock cards will be available in the office during regular business hours through December 19th. Thank you for supporting our parish through your Raise Right card purchases!

Keep Christ in Christmas yard signs are available in the narthex for \$15 each. All proceeds from the sign and Christmas Card sales will go to our St. Vincent DePaul chapter. Talk to our Knights of Columbus rep after Mass to learn more.

South County Community Services food pantry requests for November are instant mashed potatoes, gravy jars or cans, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, biscuit mix, Kleenex. Thank you for your generosity!

Praying Grandparents A NEW grass-roots group will be meeting for prayer, positive discussion and active planning for the purpose of strengthening the Catholic participation of OUR children / grandchildren. Shared experiences as well as printed materials will be used to facilitate discussion. We will meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m. in the Manning Center. Our next sessions will be December 3rd and December 17th. All are welcome! Call or text Annette Janofski at 1-269-998-7604.

"Sharing Joe" – Men's Prayer Breakfast – Meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the Month, 5:45am-7:00am. St. Martin of Tours Parish. **Our next offering is Thursday, Dec. 4th.** A time and place for men to talk to men about our faith and help us grow to become Missionary Disciples. Men need men with similar values to grow and build authentic friendships. Questions? Contact Ed Lambrix at 734-755-6941 or lambrix@gmail.com

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS TODAY!

Let's try to "Keep Christ in Christmas" by the following (*thanks to our contributors for their help in making this list possible!*):

- Purchase and send/give religious Christmas cards (the Knights are selling them after Mass)
- Assemble and pray with an Advent Wreath before your meals during Advent
- Pick up a "Word Among Us" or "Magnificat" meditation book from the table in the Narthex and pray with daily scripture readings
- Take a tag or two off the Giving Tree and help local families have a joy-filled Christmas also
- Check with reliable Catholic resources such as Dynamic Catholic or EWTN or our parish "Formed" account (www.formed.org - **Visit [signup.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and select St. Martin of Tours**) to see what else you might be able to incorporate into your individual/family preparation for Christmas

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

-Our next Youth Night is tonight Sunday, Nov. 30 from 5-7:30pm in the Teen Center. Ladies Retreat (overnight) is Dec. 5-6 (Friday to Saturday). Contact ym@stmartinvicksburg.org for more information!

-Thank you to our team of adult chaperones who help make our youth ministry events happen!

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LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Dec 06 5:30p **Lector:** Sue M

Ushers: Monica & Jim R, Brian C, Leandro F

Raise Right: Doorlag

Dec 07 8:00a **Lector:** Priscilla S

Ushers: Jan & Ron G, Judy & Larry L

Raise Right: LeVan

Dec 07 11:00a **Lector:** Jackie P & Emma P

Ushers: Coleen V, Cindy J, Nick P, Alex P

Raise Right: Musselman

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IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2025 Kalamazoo Area Advent Penance Services: Priests in the Kalamazoo area parishes are working together during the Advent season to offer a schedule that meets the needs and convenience of many people. Rather than every parish having its own service and trying to find priests to assist at each one, we are going to offer ten services throughout the area, and priests will be available at the end of each service for individual confessions. Everyone is invited to come to the location that suits your needs! The full list of these dates are as follows (please see the bulletin boards in the narthex for the full list of dates as well): St. Augustine Cathedral (Sunday Nov. 30th @ 3:00p); St. Thomas More (Monday Dec. 1st @ 6:30p); St. Catherine of Siena (Wednesday Dec. 3rd @ 6:30p); St. John Bosco (Sunday Dec. 7th @ 4:30p); St. Ann Gull Lake (Wednesday Dec. 10th @ 6:30p); St. Mary Paw Paw (Sunday Dec. 14th @ 3:00p); St. Ambrose Parchment (Tuesday Dec. 16th @ 6:30p); St. Monica (Wednesday Dec. 17th @ 6:30p); **St. Martin of Tours (Sunday Dec. 21st @ 3:00p)**; St. Joseph Kalamazoo (Monday Dec. 22nd @ 4:00p)

MSU Jazz Artist in Residence Concert: Hackett Catholic Prep is honored to host acclaimed jazz vocalist René Marie in concert with the Michigan State University Jazz Orchestra I, the Hackett Jazz Band, and the Kalamazoo Central H.S. Jazz Band. Join us Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 7pm in the Hackett Catholic Prep Auditorium. Tickets: \$10 Adults / \$5 Students (K-12). Advance tickets can be purchased at: hackettband.ludus.com and available at the door. All proceeds support Hackett Bands.

Hackett Catholic Prep Theatre Presents *Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle* Join us for a delightful stage adaptation by Hackett senior **Parker Hosner!** Performance dates: Friday, December 12 at 7pm and Saturday, December 13 at 2pm & 7pm Tickets: \$10 Students/Seniors, \$12 Adults. Scan the QR code or visit hacketttheatre.ludus.com for tickets. All are welcome—come support our students!

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