



**THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN**
IS AT HAND

This Week at St. Martin:

12/7 - Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

12/8 - Caring Hands at 10:00am

12/8 - No Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin

12/8 - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting at 6:30pm

12/10 - Giving Tree Wrapping from 11a-5p

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The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics to observe as the Church celebrates Mary, whom from the moment of her conception in her mother Anne's womb was miraculously kept free from the stain of Original Sin. Mary is thus the pure and holy woman in which Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, could enter our human situation free from sin himself and ultimately save us from sin and death, the terrible effect of sin. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us!

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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COLLECTION FOR NOV 30

Envelopes: 56

Weekly Goal: \$7,885.00

Collection envelopes:
\$3,277.00

Mailed in envelopes:
\$680.00

Total Collection:
\$3,957.00

Purchase Raise Right cards Mass
and in the Church Office.

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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

Dec 7 - 13 for Tom Kelley

By Vickie Kelley

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 this 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

- 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 08** 9:00a Mass for the People of St. Martin of Tours (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)
- Dec 08** No Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin
- Dec 08** 6:00p Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at St. Edward—Mendon
- Dec 10** 9:00a Mass +Alice Mary Annis-Gula by Devon Swiat
- Dec 10** 11a-5p Giving Tree Gift Wrapping
- Dec 11** 7:00p OCIA Class
- Dec 12** 8-9a Friday Adoration
- Dec 12** 9:00a Mass for the Intentions of the S. Kim Lee Family by S. Kim Lee
- Dec 13** 10 - 11a Reconciliation
- Dec 13** 5:30p Mass + Rita Sokolowski by Devon Swiat
- Dec 14** 8:00a Mass + Doni & Ben Hoevel by S. Kim Lee
- Dec 14** Farmer's Breakfast after each Mass
- Dec 14** 9:30a Adult Study & Rel Ed
- Dec 14** 11:00a Mass for the People of St. Martin of Tours

*IN OUR PARISH AND
IN OUR AREA*



Knights of Columbus Farmer's Breakfast for December on Sunday the 14th will benefit Holy Family Radio. Please mark your calendars and remember you can donate at the breakfast with cash or check or now via Venmo (QR Code is above)

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.

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 session will be 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. 18th.** 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

All Affected by Suicide	Mike H and Wife
All Facing Job Loss	Matthew Izzi
Abbey - Family Peace	Len Jaworski
Amelia	Christina Kelley
Aminta	John Polasek
Anna & Marie & Adolfo	Merle Shelling
Dan	Bernadette Soyza
Hannah and Family	Tom Swiat
Harry	Karen Szwaja
Jenny	Dick Thompson
Joe	Carol Whitfield
Little Luke and Anna	Dr. Tom Willmeng
Patrice	Connie Zablocki
Toni	Rest of Larry and for his wife and family
Lori Burnham	Rest of Ed Sehy & Peace for Sue & Fam
Mike Coppens	
Zeke Escamilla	
Mike Gergely	

REFLECTION: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Our reading from Isaiah, while a familiar reading for the Advent season and is often referenced in Religious Education classrooms for those preparing for Confirmation, offers us a glimpse into the Holy Spirit and how we can come to know Him and grow in relationship with Him.

In the beginning of verse 3, Isaiah speaks of “his delight shall be the fear of the Lord”. This delight, or what we might call devotion and piety towards God and the things of God, can often be a sign that the Holy Spirit is present and active among an individual or a situation. Being devoted to God and having a healthy sense of respect for Him opens us up to further understand how God, our all-holy Dad, wants us to encounter Him and to grow closer to Him. I think when we realize this devotion to God, over and above anything else and is placed at the center of our lives, we come to know God a little more deeply while also coming to grow in our own understanding of ourselves more clearly. Come, Holy Spirit, come!

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

-Our last Youth Night until the New Year is Sunday December 14th from 5-7:30pm in the Teen Center. Ladies Retreat (overnight) is this weekend 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!

Facebook: facebook.com/stmartinofoursofvicksburg

LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Dec 13 5:30p **Lector:** Kathie D
Ushers: Gail & Ken D, Deb & Doug S
Raise Right: Salayer

Dec 14 8:00a **Lector:** Karen S
Ushers: Judy & Larry L, Melissa & Dominic C
Raise Right: Koenigsknecht

Dec 14 11:00a **Lector:** Audrey S
Ushers: Coleen V, Cindy J, Bill C, Mike L
Raise Right: Van Dalen

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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. 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)

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 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 on December 7th. We'd love to have you join us and other caregivers for reflection and support!**

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!

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 Jan 30-Feb 1, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$240 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

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