



# THE COMING OF THE LORD IS AT HAND

JAMES 5:8

## **This Week at St. Martin:**

- 12/14 - Farmer's Breakfast after each Mass
- 12/15 - Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin at 6:00pm
- 12/16 - HALOS Meeting at 1:00pm
- 12/17 - Praying Grandparents Meeting at 9:45am
- 12/18 - Sharing Joe Men's Prayer Breakfast at 5:45a
- 12/19 - Parish Office Closes at 10:30am

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

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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

**Website:** [www.stmartinvicksburg.org](http://www.stmartinvicksburg.org)

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**COLLECTION FOR DEC 07**

Envelopes: 151

Weekly Goal: \$7,885.00

Collection envelopes:  
\$10,185.00

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\$1,471.00

Total Collection:  
\$11,656.00

Purchase Raise Right cards Mass  
and in the Church Office.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Jared and Healing from Post-Surgical Pain
- Vickie Pearl - For Diagnosis and Peace
- Audrey Seilheimer - For Healing and Rest
- Jane and Walt Wesoloski - For Healing

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

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

***There is no Adoration on Wednesday  
December 17th in the evening. We'll return  
to our regularly scheduled Wednesday  
Adoration prayer times after the start of the  
new year. Thank you each and God bless!***

**MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE**

- 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
- Dec 14** 11:00a Rite of Acceptance for OCIA Folks
- Dec 15** 6:00p Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin
- Dec 17** 9:00a Mass +Raymond LeZotte by Pam & Dcn. Tom
- Dec 17** 9:45a Praying Grandparents
- Dec 18** 5:45a Sharing Joe Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Dec 18** 7:00p OCIA Class
- Dec 19** 8-9a Friday Adoration
- Dec 19** 9:00a Mass + Judy Hansford by Brey Hansford
- Dec 20** 10 - 11a Reconciliation
- Dec 20** 5:30p Mass + Rita & Tony Sokolowski by Sokolowski Family
- Dec 21** 8:00a Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours
- Dec 21** No Adult Study & Rel Ed
- Dec 21** 11:00a Mass + Alice Mary Annis by Pam & Dcn. Tom Thamann
- Dec 21** 3:00p Advent Penance Service at St. Martin

*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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:lambrix@gmail.com)

**REFLECTION: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** - Joy! This Third Sunday of Advent is a day in which we joyfully rejoice as we are getting closer and closer to the cause of all of our joy: the coming of Jesus Christ into our world who will go to battle for you and I against the powers of sin and death. This day, and truly the whole liturgical calendar of Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, and back into Ordinary Time, should draw you and I closer to Jesus and His Church because of His great love for us.

While not the Gospel reading for this weekend, back on December 9<sup>th</sup> of the Second Tuesday of Advent we heard from Matthew 18:12-14, in which we get these wonderful words from Jesus regarding one sheep that goes away from Him: "And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he *rejoices* more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost." That is how much Jesus loves you – He will risk everything for you because you are worth the fight as a child of God. So, let yourself be found by Him. Your joy will be complete and the Creator of the Universe will rejoice right alongside you.

**ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!**

-Our last Youth Night until the New Year is tonight Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30pm in the Teen Center. Contact [ym@stmartinvicksburg.org](mailto: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 20** 5:30p **Lector:** To Be Announced  
**Ushers:** To Be Announced  
**Raise Right: No Raise Right Sales**

**Dec 21** 8:00a **Lector:** To Be Announced  
**Ushers:** To Be Announced  
**Raise Right: To Be Announced**

**Dec 21** 11:00a **Lector:** To Be Announced  
**Ushers:** To Be Announced  
**Raise Right: To Be Announced**

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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. Mary Paw Paw (Sunday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00p); St. Ambrose Parchment (Tuesday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30p); St. Monica (Wednesday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30p); **St. Martin of Tours (Sunday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 3:00p)**; St. Joseph Kalamazoo (Monday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:00p)

**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 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 (except for November and December when it will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday due to the holidays). All are welcome. Our next date is: December 17<sup>th</sup>. For more info, contact Veronica: 269.349.8714, x1240.

**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](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), email [reflect.michigan@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.michigan@gmail.com), or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

**MEN- LIVE A CURSILLO WEEKEND** What a great way to enhance your Lenten journey by living a Cursillo Weekend. This 3 day "short course" in Christianity, with Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and presentations by Clergy and Laity is perfect to energize your spirituality. Please join us! **Men's Cursillo Weekend: February 26-March 1, 2026** – Men's #81 Cursillo weekend, Amigo Center Sturgis. Informational flyers and forms are available on our website. <https://kalamazoocursillo.com/forms> Questions? For more information contact Amy Hackman, Pre Cursillo Coordinator, 269-625-1512, [ahackman85@yahoo.com](mailto:ahackman85@yahoo.com) or Deacon Andy Boyd, Rector, 260-350-8597, [dcnandyboyd@gmail.com](mailto:dcnandyboyd@gmail.com)

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