



The Holy Family

This Week at St. Martin:

12/28 - No Adult Education/Religious Education

12/29 - No Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin

12/31 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Vigil Mass at 4:00pm

1/1 - No OCIA

1/2 - Adoration from 8:00 - 9:00am

1/2 - Red Cross Blood Drive at 11:00am

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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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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



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
- Dan Yonkers - For Management of New Diagnosis

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FOR IMMEDIATE AND CONFIDENTIAL PRAYERS

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

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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 | Mary Ann Smith |
| Jenny | Tom Swiat |
| Joe | Karen Szwaja |
| Little Luke and Anna | Dick Thompson |
| Patrice | Carol Whitfield |
| Stephen | Dr. Tom Willmeng |
| Toni | Connie Zablocki |
| Lori Burnham | |
| Mike Coppens | |
| Zeke Escamilla | |



MASS TIMES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

**DECEMBER 31ST AT 4:00 PM
(AT ST. MARTIN OF TOURS)**

JANUARY 1ST AT 9:00 AM
(AT ST. EDWARD MENDON)

*IN OUR PARISH AND
IN OUR AREA*

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

- Dec 27** 10 - 11a Reconciliation
- Dec 27** 5:30p Mass + Stacie Sokolowski by Amie Aiello
- Dec 28** 8:00a Mass for the People of St. Martin of Tours
- Dec 28** No Adult Study & Rel Ed
- Dec 28** 11:00a Mass + Dorothy Buckmaster by Pam & Dcn. Tom Thamann
- Dec 29** No Bible Study w/ Msgr. Martin
- Dec 31** No Daily Morning Mass
- Dec 31** 4:00p Mass For the People of St. Martin
- Jan 01** No OCIA Class
- Jan 02** 8-9a Friday Adoration
- Jan 02** 9:00a Mass + Bernard Guido by Jane & Dcn Dave
- Jan 03** 10 - 11a Reconciliation
- Jan 03** 5:30p Mass For the People of St. Martin of Tours
- Jan 04** 8:00a Mass + Robert Flanagan by Jane & Dcn Dave Guido
- Jan 04** 9:30a Adult Study & Rel Ed
- Jan 04** 11:00a Mass + Fred Janofski Jr. by Deena Anderson

To our readers and ushers: Our next schedule will begin on February 7th, 2026. Your changes of availability will be needed by Wednesday January 7th, so that the schedules can be prepared right after our Christmas break. Thank you for your dedicated service to St. Martin of Tours parish!

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 January 7th and 21st.** 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. **However, for the month of January, since January 1st is a Thursday, we won’t meet on January 1st, but we will be meeting on Thursday January 15th and on Thursday January 29th (on months with a 5th Thursday, we will offer a Holy Hour of Adoration from 6:00a - 7:00a).** 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.

There are undoubtedly many things going on in each of our lives. Exciting new relationships and the sadness of broken relationships, recoveries from illness and the diagnosis of new medical hardships, the birth of a child and the death of a loved one, freedom from overcoming an addiction and the continual struggle of giving into temptations; these and many other graces and obstacles exist among the busy-ness of our lives.

One of the great gifts that we receive from God and that is held manifest within the Catholic Church is the gift of faith. Believing that God is, always and everywhere, should give us the confidence that we are never alone. And this is a most comforting thought! Faith reminds us that all the good of this life and all the bad and painful and sorrowful and emptiness and ugliness, if we call to mind the presence of God, we are not alone in our walk through life.

And as we walk along with God, we come to encounter what we face with a different lens or perspective that draws us to experience what we go through in a different way. This different way that we experience shows us something that perhaps we didn't see or realize before. We might not be fully healed or get our prayer answered as we had hoped, but we can come to realize that our present God is showing us something that is beyond what we could have come to ourselves and perhaps teaches something that will be most valuable for us or others in the future.

Let us pray for the gift of faith daily. May we each grow in our relationship with God and come to invite Him into all the moments of our life so that we might grow as the children He has called us each to be.

ATTENTION MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUTH!

- Snow Tubing Jan. 3.** Contact Michelle for permission form and more details.
- First Youth Night** of the New Year Sunday, Jan. 11.
- Our service opportunity **Brunch for Seniors** will be held Jan. 25, after the 11am Mass.
- Youth Ministry is taking registrations for **The Presence Retreat** at Camp Geneva in Holland, MI (Feb. 27- March 1, high school only). Contact Michelle for more info and details.
- Thanks for our donors during the iGive Catholic campaign!** We really appreciate it!

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LECTOR & USHER SCHEDULE

Jan 03 5:30p Lector: Pam T

Ushers: Monica & Jim R, Leandro F, Vol

Raise Right: No Raise Right Sales

Jan 04 8:00a Lector: Angela P

Ushers: Jan & Ron G, Judy & Larry L

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Jan 04 11:00a Lector: Meredith C

Ushers: Coleen V, Cindy J, Ellen C, Danny C

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IN OUR DIOCESE AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

American Red Cross Vicksburg Community Blood Drive - Give Something that Means Something! Friday January 2nd 2026 from 11:00 am - 4:45 pm in the St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church Parish Hall. To schedule your appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: VC, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Please see the flyers on the doors and bulletin boards of the parish for more information!

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.

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 or Deacon Andy Boyd, Rector, 260-350-8597, dcnandyboyd@gmail.com

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