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Following both the bright star in the western sky and centuries of wisdom from their tradition, the magi traveled from distant lands to search for the newborn king. What had been revealed to only a few nearby shepherds had now been made manifest to people from foreign nations. Today, two thousand years later, and here, many thousands of miles from Bethlehem, we celebrate that the Lord's birth has been made known all around the world for all time. O come, let us adore him!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH						
Mon. (1/6)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin				
Tues. (1/7)	9:00 AM	Mass ♥ David Sedlarik (Cliff & Mary Lou Jepsen)				
Thurs. (1/9)	9:00 AM	Mass ♥ Vincent Klein (The Pluester Family)				
Sat. (1/11)	2:30-3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confession  Mass † Dennis Komarck  (The Komarck Family)				
Sun. (1/12)	9:30 AM 10:35-11:45 AM	Mass For the People Religious Education; K-8				

#### **WORD OF LIFE**

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

.....USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary".....

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Grieving the death of a spouse? Or know someone who is? The daily emotions and challenges can seem very hard to bear. Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena Parish. This 2-hour seminar will take place on Sunday January 12 from 12:30-2:30 pm at St. Catherine. There is a \$10 cost that includes the program book which will be available during the session. For more information or to register, go to www.griefshare.org or contact Paula White, RN, at 269.330.3762 or <a href="mailto:pwhitento@mac.com">pwhitento@mac.com</a>.

## HEALING MASS AT ST. MARY, KALAMAZOO

All seeking healing are invited to a Blessing of Saint Maurus Over the Sick With a relic of the true Cross at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 15 at St. Mary Church, Kalamazoo. There will be an optional dinner at 5:00 PM; RSVP for dinner by January 13 at 269-342-0621. A solemn Mass will follow the Blessing of the Sick. Innumerable facts attest that where the blessing of St. Maurus has been received with a lively faith, sincere contrition, and firm confidence in God, persons have been relieved of their bodily ills, sicknesses have been cured, and evident miracles have been wrought.

## MAKING A REPORT OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

To comply with the policies and procedures set forth by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo Office of Safe Environment, the information below is run once per month in parish bulletins: The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the report number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: 844-324-3374.

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR) has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

Next Week's:	Readers	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat. (1/11)	George/Rita Phillip	George/Rita Phillip
Sun. (1/12)	Barb Hornacek	Jack/Cindy VanderKley

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, 4:00 pm Sunday, 9:30 AM Weekdays: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 AM Confessions: Saturday, 2:30-3:30 PM

**LIVESTREAMING...**9:30 AM Mass is Livestreamed weekly and available for viewing on the St. Martin of Tours of Vicksburg Facebook Page.



Coffee & Rolls on the lower-level after Mass TODAY!! Please come down and join us for some fun conversation and sweet treats!

### Let Us Pray For Those Who Are Sick Or Have Special Needs

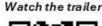
Terry Collins Phil Kramer Oliver Ray

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The Rescue Project:
The next five-week
series begins Jan. 26,
at St. Martin of Tours
Parish Hall





The series runs for five consecutive Sundays, Jan 26, Feb 2, Feb 9, Feb 16, Feb 23 (snow day Mar 2) starting at 4:00 pm and running until 7:15-7:30.

# There are still openings available.

Sign-up forms are in the St. Martin Narthex and office, and in the St. Edwards vestibule.

Continuity is important; please commit to attending all five sessions if you sign up.

MEAL | EPISODE | DISCUSSION

<b>Collection: Dec. 27-28, 2024</b>	37 Env.	
Weekly: \$2,118/\$3,135		
Y-T-D Needed:		\$ 84,645.00
Y-T-D Collected:		\$ 87,396.00
Surplus		\$ 2,751.00
Christmas		\$ 2,980.00
Preservation Fund		\$ 100.00
Religious Education		\$ 100.00