

When forty days had passed since Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple to consecrate him to the Lord, as was required by the Law. While they were there, the Holy Spirit guided the elderly Simeon and Anna to the baby, whom they recognized as Messiah and Savior. Exultantly they testified to his destiny. Gathered here today by the Holy Spirit, may we too encounter Christ in this place of worship, recognizing him in the breaking of the bread.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH		
Mon. (2/3)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (2/4)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Allan Kramer (Mike & Lyn Wilson)
Wed. (2/5)	6:30-7:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
Thurs. (2/6)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Dennis Komarck (The Komarck Family)
Sat. (2/8)	2:30-3:30 PM	Confession
	4:00 PM	Mass ☩ Mark Klein (The Pluester Family)
Sun. (2/9)	9:30 AM	Mass For the People
	10:35-11:45 AM	Religious Education; K-8

WORD OF LIFE

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

.....Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick
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2025 ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCHES IN AFRICA, EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA

The Annual Collection for the Churches in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America supports the needs of the rapidly growing Church in Africa, the recovery and rebuilding of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the strength and stability of the Church in Latin America. *Please give generously to today’s second collection.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPELLING BEE AT ST. CATHERINES, FEBRUARY 8TH

Students in grades 4 through 9 are invited to compete in a spelling bee sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Portage on Saturday, February 8. Level I for students grades 4-6 will be held at 1 p.m. Level II for students in grades 7-9 will immediately follow. Register, and download rules and a list of words at: <https://mikofc.org/resources/state-spelling-bee>

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

9th-12th Grade Families: Join us for Our Open House! Knights of Our Lady Chesterton Academy offers a joyful, classical education in the Catholic tradition. Knights of Our Lady is recognized by the Kalamazoo Diocese and supports its vision for a unified education that benefits all our academic institutions. What are we about? Come and see at our open house on February 6th at 6:00pm. We'll have a presentation about our program, a tour of our facilities, and time to meet our teachers, students, parents, and board members. Light refreshments will be served. We will meet in the Church building on St. Margaret's campus at 766 S Farmer St, Otsego. To RSVP or ask any questions, reach out to info@chestertonknightskzoo.org. We look forward to seeing you there

Next Week’s:	Readers	Ushers
Sat. (2/8)	Dale Eickhoff	J. Zubryd/K. Wesoloski
Sun. (2/9)	Amy Cupp	Mike/Lyn Wilson

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.

**ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST TODAY
FOLLOWING MASS!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARRIED COUPLES
CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT
ANNIVERSARY DURING 2025!!**

Chuck & Sue Opalewski55 years

Tom & Margie Klein50 years

Gary & Sandy Klein45 years

Tony & Jannette Campbell40 years

Fred & Jayne Medich35 years

Greg & Amy Cupp30 years

Bob & Karen Hensell25 years

Ely & Sharon Klein25 years

Mark & Renee Wilson25 years

Marc & Heather Bowers10 years

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

Terry Collins Phil Kramer Oliver Ray

Pat Kramer Jane Evans Patti Watters

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FARMERS BREAKFAST

Please join our Knights of Columbus Farmers Breakfast at St Martin next Sunday, February 9th from 9am-1pm. There is no better way to celebrate Super Bowl Sunday then to begin with Mass and this breakfast! And even better, proceeds from this breakfast will support the Knights of Columbus initiative “Refund Support Vocations Program or RSVP” (got to the www.kofc.org website for more information). This breakfast will support Deacon Paul Thuantho, a Theology IV student whose home parish is St. Joseph in Battle Creek. Deacon Paul will be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, God willing, this summer for the Diocese of Kalamazoo. Please come out to support Deacon Paul, our seminarians and our council!

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.

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Weekly: \$2,455/\$3,135		
Y-T-D Needed:		\$ 97,185.00
Y-T-D Collected:		\$ 102,396.25
Surplus		\$ 5,211.25
Preservation Fund		\$ 476.00
Three Churches Collection		\$ 20.00