

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Jesus teaches us today about the kingdom of God, our eternal hope. There, those who are now poor or hungry or grieving or maligned will be rewarded. Luke adds that Jesus warns the people who came to listen to him that those who are rich and satisfied will suffer later. God's values are not society's values. Whose values do we imitate? Let us pray that we may align our values with those of God's kingdom and live them out in bringing Jesus' Good News to those in need.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon. (2/17)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (2/18)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Byron Moser (The Klein Family)
Wed. (2/19)	6:30-7:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at St. Martin
Thurs. (2/20)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Vincent Klein (The Pluester Family)
Sat. (2/21)	2:30-3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confession Mass ☩ Allan Kramer (Mike & Lyn Wilson)
Sun. (2/23)	9:30 AM 10:35-11:45 AM	Mass For the People Religious Education; K-8 AND Server Training

WORD OF LIFE

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”

.....USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”
respectlife.org/navigating-infertility...

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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 4th 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 3rd Wednesday due to the holidays). All are welcome. Our next date: February 26. For more info, contact Veronica: 269.349.8714, x1240.

ST. MARY PARISH MISSION

St. Mary Parish in Kalamazoo will hold a Parish Mission February 23-27 from 7 to 8 p.m. Each day will have a different topic focus centered on the theme of "Sin, Conversion, and the Call to Holiness: A Message of Divine Mercy" with guest mission preacher Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM. For more information go to www.stmarykazoo.org

KALAMAZOO DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN

KDCCW will host a Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection at St. Augustine Cathedral. Your pilgrimage day will also include Mass, Adoration, Confession, Rosary, Recitation of the Prayers Associated with the Jubilee Year Indulgence, Lunch, and more. The Cathedral is a Pilgrimage site, women will receive Indulgences just as if in Rome. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

Next Week's:	Readers	Ushers
Sat. (2/22)	Ed Culp	S. Opalewski/D. Riley
Sun. (2/23)	Mike/Lyn Wilson	T. Klein/J. Condon

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 at www.stedwardmendon.org or on the St. Martin of Tours of Vicksburg Facebook Page.

Religious Education for grades K-8 after Mass today!!

Altar Server training continues today at 10:35 AM. This is a 3-week training for those in grade 4 and older interested in becoming an Altar Server for our 9:30 AM Mass.

FATHER/SON BREAKFAST

All men and boys are invited to the Father/Son Breakfast on Sunday, March 2, after Mass. If you don't have a son or he can't attend, you are a son and should join us! Don't forget the grandpas too! A sign-up sheet is in the entrance of the church to aid in planning. Please sign-up by Sunday, February 23. We hope you can join us!

OLD PALMS NEEDED

Please bring your old palms to the basket in the vestibule. They will be burned for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS ANYTHING GOES PARTY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! To any adult, our annual Anything Goes Party is scheduled for Saturday March 1st. Please join us for this last hurrah before we observe Lent. Stay tuned for more info! If you have any questions, please contact Tim Baker at 269-816-3140 Thank you each and God bless!

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT AT ST. MARTIN

Men's Lenten Retreat that will be for all adult men of St. Martin and St. Edward parishes is scheduled for Saturday March 8, 2025. Retreat will start at 8:30 am and be complete around 3:30 pm. Funding for this retreat is provided by the Knights of Columbus Council 13305.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION...

Mark your calendars and join us at the 19th Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner at St. Martin!
Where: Monsignor Martin Parish Hall at St. Martin of Tours
When: Sunday, March 16th
Time: 3:00-5:00PM
Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$7 for children 4-12, \$80 immediate family maximum. (Tickets will be available at the door with a price increase of \$8) Knights will have tickets for sale after weekend Masses starting February 16th.

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

Terry Collins Phil Kramer Oliver Ray
Pat Kramer Jane Evans Patti Watters

MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

Men—Live a Cursillo Weekend No better way to “Jump Start” your Lenten Pilgrimage than living a Cursillo Weekend. Informational flyers and forms are available in the vestibule or on our website. <https://kalamazoocursillo.com/forms>
Questions? For more information contact Michael Metzger, Lay Coordinator, English Cursillo mlm1976nd@gmail.com 269-849-5453

Collection: Feb 8-9, 2025	43 Env.	
Weekly: \$2,945/\$3,135		
Y-T-D Needed:		\$ 103,455.00
Y-T-D Collected:		\$ 108,148.40
Surplus		\$ 4,693.40
Religious Education Fund		\$ 55.00
Three Churches Collection		\$ 570.00
Preservation Fund		\$ 250.00