

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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Each year on the first Sunday of Lent we hear how Jesus was tempted by the devil three times during his forty days in the desert. Each time, Jesus resisted the devil, finding strength in God's word. As we embark on these forty days of Lent, we will encounter temptation as well. Our temptations will vary, but each will sound attractive in its own way. This Lent, let us keep in mind Jesus' responses to the devil in the desert and pray for the strength we need to resist temptation and to repent of the times we fail to do so.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon. (3/10)	6:00 PM	Bible Study at St. Martin
Tues. (3/11)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Allan Kramer (Mike & Lyn Wilson)
Wed. (3/12)	7:00 PM	Altar Society Meeting
Thurs. (3/13)	9:00 AM	Mass ☩ Happy Culp (Mary Klein)
Sat. (3/15)	2:30-3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confession Mass ☩ Vincent Klein (The Pluester Family)
Sun. (3/16)	9:30 AM 10:35-11:45 AM	Mass For the People Religious Education; K-8

WORD OF LIFE

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life"
(The Gospel of Life 28).

DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETIREMENT COLLECTION

Last weekend, our parish and all parishes throughout our diocese took up a special collection to support our Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. To date, our parishioners have contributed \$2,756. In the name of our Diocesan priests, we thank you for your generous support.

SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE TRAINING

Sidewalks Advocates for Life is a "sidewalk counseling" program that uses a peaceful, prayerful, very compassionate, woman-oriented, law-abiding method of sidewalk advocacy to help women and men entering the abortion center to choose life and offer more life-affirming options. More information about Sidewalk Advocates for Life can be found at www.sidewalkadvocates.org.

To be trained how to help women in unplanned, crisis pregnancies choose life at the abortion center, please call or text Mary Jeske at 219-393-0644 to register for the training. The next training will be held on Tuesday, March 25th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Ms. Jeske's home in Oshtemo. A \$20.00 fee to cover the cost of materials is payable at the door in cash or check. Coffee, tea, water, refreshments and lunch will be provided.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From March 5 to April 13, you're invited to join other Christians across the globe for 40 Days for Life. This involves 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of the Planned Parenthood building at 4201 W. Michigan in Kalamazoo on Mondays through Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. When you participate in 40 Days for Life, you are making an appointment with God in prayer. And you are also changing the hearts of people through the Holy Spirit. To sign up:
Email 40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com,
or go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/kalamazoo>

Next Week's:	Readers	Ushers
Sat. (3/15)	Ed Culp	Cliff/Mary Lou Jepsen
Sun. (3/16)	Barb Hornacek	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 at www.stedwardmendon.org or the St. Martin of Tours of Vicksburg Facebook Page.

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

ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society will meet this Wednesday, February 12th at 7:00 PM, in the lower level of the church. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join.

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

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

ADORATION DURING LENT

We will be having Adoration and Benediction every Wednesday during Lent from 6:30 - 7:30 PM; all Wednesdays are at St. Martin, except Wednesday, April 2nd, which are at St. Edward. All are welcome at both parishes!

We will again have Stations of the Cross & Benediction followed by a Soup Supper on Thursdays during Lent at 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is posted if anyone can bring a pot of soup for one of the suppers. Thank you very much!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus breakfast is today, March 9! Proceeds will support the K of C Disaster Relief Fund. The fund is for disasters such as California fires, Hurricane relief, Ukraine War and any disaster either natural or man-made in the United States or throughout the world. Your generosity is appreciated.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration...Mark your calendars and join us at the 19th Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner at St. Martin! When: Sunday, March 16th Time: 3:00-5:00PM
Knights will have tickets for sale after weekend Masses or available at the door.

ANNUAL LENTEN SERIES 2025

Beginning Tuesday March 11th and running each Tuesday until April 8th, St. Martin of Tours Adult Education committee is proud to offer a speaker series on the 10 Commandments. Each night will begin with a meal at 5:30 pm, followed by a presentation from our speaker at 6:15 pm, and closing with question and answer. Mark your calendars for Tuesday March 11th in which we welcome Mr. Jamin Herold, Executive Director of the Office of Parish Life & Lay Leadership and Director of the Office of Worship, to talk on the Commandments 1-3. Also, sign-up for Lenten Soup & Bread Suppers is on the West Cork Board (starts 3/7).

Tuesday March 11 - Mr. Jamin Herold on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Commandments

Tuesday March 18 - Msgr. Mike Hazard on the 4th, 5th Commandments

Tuesday March 25 - Fr. Jim Morris on the 6th, 7th, 8th Commandments

Tuesday April 1 - Fr. Jack Pfeiffer on the 9th, 10th Commandments

Tuesday April 8 - Fr. Max Nightingale on the 7 Deadly Sins

Collection: March 1-2, 2025	44 Env.	
Weekly: \$2,010/\$3,135		
Y-T-D Needed:		\$ 112,860.00
Y-T-D Collected:		\$ 114,229.47
Surplus		\$ 1,369.47
Preservation		\$ 670.00